Cave Languages
Primary Languages Update – September - October 2025

ALL Primary Languages Conference Online

The sixth annual ALL Primary Languages Conference Online will take place on **Saturday 8th November 9am - 3pm** via Zoom**.**

The theme of the conference is '**Excellence for All'**. The invited speakers, who are all experienced in primary languages education, will give presentations which complement each other on this theme. They include creativity, raising expectations, using AI, CLIL, multilingualism, linguistics, storytelling and decolonising the curriculum. To find out more about the presenters and their presentations, please look at the programme. Here is the link.

The price of tickets remains the same as in previous years; £5 for ALL members, ECTs and trainees, £25 for non-members. All the presentations will be recorded so if you can't attend the live event you will have access to the recordings until the end of January. Book a place here.

Celebrating languages with nursery rhymes

Twinkl in collaboration with the Association for Language Learning has produced free resources to celebrate languages using nursery rhymes. As well as the rhymes there are activity packs and games.

https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/twinkl-partnerships/association-for-language-learning-all-partnerships

More ideas for the European Day of Languages – 26th September

In addition to the resources mentioned in the last update, here are some more ideas for the European Day of Languages from SCILT.

https://scilt.org.uk/Portals/24/Library/edl/EDL2025/EDL_EY_Primary%202025%20v2.pdf?ver=Uc0eW8_Qx00lksQzyxgHCA%3d%3d

Don't miss these ideas

https://edl.ecml.at/en/Home/mc_cid/295510e33c/mc_eid/35151aff51

European Day of Languages Competition

ALLNE are once again organising a writing competition on the theme of 'Opening hearts and minds'. Primary learners might explore the theme of hearts by showing in writing and drawing things they carry in their heart and things, people and events which they care about. The closing date is the 9th October.

https://www.all-languages.org.uk/events/competitions/european-day-of-languages-annual-competition-for-schools-in-the-uk-2025/

Free French, Spanish and German Resources

Languagenut are offering free resources for 'Back to school'. They are activity ideas for practising key vocabulary.

https://www.languagenut.com/en-gb/blog/backtoschool2025/

Spanish Days in Coventry

The Consejería de Educación, the University of Warwick, Junta de Castilla y León, Coventry City Council and Coventry City of Languages are organising a Spanish Day in Coventry aimed at primary students of Spanish with 4 different workshops. It will be a face-to-face event on **Friday, 26th of September 2025**.

There will be workshops for students with games. Registration is free for schools, but places are limited (on a first-come, first-served basis). The activities will run from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Only year 5 and year 6 students accompanied by a teacher qualify for this event.

Multilingual Verses

In an associated, collaborative project ALL and Sheffield, City of Languages are inviting teachers with bi- / multilingual pupils in their classes to collect similar verses / texts in languages representing all of our communities.

For each text they would welcome all, or any, of the following:

- A title and indication of language
- A short written version in the original language
- A version in English to help others understand
- An audio or video recording (lasting no more than 60-90 seconds) of a recitation of the text, ideally featuring children's voices

This project encourages intergenerational learning, with family members helping children learn how to perform and write the texts.

https://www.all-languages.org.uk/events/competitions/multilingual-verses/

Online creative tile-maker

The Qatar Foundation International is offering an online interactive tile maker designed for learners aged 10 and up. It invites users to explore the beauty of Islamic art by creating vibrant, geometric tile designs.

https://www.qfi.org/tilemaker?mc_cid=1af1fb99dd&mc_eid=35151aff51

Let's talk about languages

The British Council has produced free resources which could be used as the basis for introducing language learning into the classroom and as a way to start discussions about the value of learning other languages. The resources for primary students include a fun way to introduce words in different languages with activities and songs for practising.

https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find/classroom/lets-talk-about-languages

As always, if you have any queries, please contact me. Remember that if you would like to find out the latest news and information before the next newsletter, keep checking the Sharing Good Practice page of the Cave Languages website

Sharing good practice - Cave Languages: advice, training courses and support for the delivery of languages in primary schools

Best wishes
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