

ALL Thames Valley Primary Languages Hub Meeting
Via Zoom
12/10/23

15 schools represented.

Introduction

SC welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were teachers from schools in Wokingham, Bracknell, Kent, Reading, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Slough and West Berkshire

Agenda

1. Sharing ideas, successes, concerns
2. News Updates
3. Using technology in primary language lessons

• Sharing Ideas, Successes and Concerns

The attendees shared the following:

- Several schools reported on their activities for the European Day of Languages: Year 11s from the local secondary school visited the Year 5 class and led a lesson; A quiz was set on recognizing flags from different countries, general knowledge and also played Disney songs in different languages; Each year group chose a country and studied the language and culture etc. of that country – this was organized as a carousel; Parents who were speaker of languages other than English were invited into school to share stories and food.
- Ways to support new children were discussed, particularly those who have no knowledge of the language being taught and arrive in upper KS2. The following suggestions were made: using the class language ambassadors to support the children; a sentence builder booklet with translation into English had proved very popular allowing the children to participate quickly in the language learning

• News and Updates

ALL Membership

It costs £50 for a primary school to obtain membership of ALL for a year or £45 for an individual if you are part-time. Everyone is encouraged to join.

ALL Primary Languages Conference Online

The conference will take place on Saturday 4th November 9.00am – 3.00pm and the theme is ‘Moving On’. There will be 8 presentations; a chance to network in breakout rooms; a virtual exhibition of language resource providers and fantastic raffle prizes. You can see the programme here www.tinyurl.com/confprog23 and book a ticket here www.tinyurl.com/plconf23 If you are unable to attend the live conference, the recordings of the presentations will be available for 30 days after the event. The cost is £5 for ALL members/ECTs/Trainees and £25 for Non-Members.

PHOrum meeting

The first termly PHOrum meeting of 2023-24 will take place on Thursday 30th November 4.15-5.30pm. This is for ALL members only. There will be 3 presentations: Noelia Rivas – Games and Stories in EYFS, Emily Marshall – International Arts Week, Liz Lord – Engaging and Motivating Upper KS2 language learners. To book a place: www.tinyurl.com/phorum1123

German Expert Mentors

There is free German Expert advice available from the newly appointed GEMs (German Expert Mentors. They can provide bespoke training, coaching and action planning. [German Expert Mentors \(GEMs\) - Goethe-Institut United Kingdom](#)

Spelling Bee

The 2023-24 Spelling Bee competition is now live. You can register here [Primary Bee | Routes into Languages](#). The Primary Bee is for students in Years 5 & 6 who have started learning a foreign language ab initio in KS2 to practise and improve their vocabulary, pronunciation and memory skills in the target language (French, Spanish and German). The cost is £25 per state school and £50 for non-state schools.

French Pop Video Competition

The French Pop Video Competition is a national competition organised by Francophonie UK supported by TV5Monde for all KS1 to KS5 students of French in the UK. Children write their own song and create an accompanying video. Register by 10th March 2024. [French Pop Video Competition - Institut Français · Royaume-Uni \(institut-francais.org.uk\)](#)

Poésiae

Poésiae is a language recitation competition open to 7 to 18 year olds. A video is made of a poem being recited and entered into the competition. The latest date for entries is the 27th October. [Poem recitation competition | Poesiae](#)

School Links with Spain

The Spanish Embassy Education Office is offering help and support to set up links with schools in Spain. [Contactos entre centros educativos de España, el Reino Unido e Irlanda - Reino Unido | Ministerio de Educación y Formación Profesional \(educacionyfp.gob.es\)](#)

The Language Show

The annual Language Show will once again take place online – 10th-12th November. A ticket costing £11 will give you access to 80+ presentations (some on primary themes). [The Language Show – For language learners, language teachers and everyone who loves languages \(languageshowlive.co.uk\)](#)

French Day of Workshops

The Institut Français is organizing a day of workshops for primary and secondary teachers in London on the 25th November. It is free to attend. [Journée du professeur de français 2022 \(institut-francais.org.uk\)](#)

Keep up to date

A reminder that in between meetings you can always find out what is happening by looking on 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](#). Alternatively, subscribe to the mailing list to receive an email update every 2 months.

- **Using technology in language lessons**

After discussion in breakout rooms. The following ideas and resources were put forward by those in the meeting:

Creating Resources

- Wordwall – pre-made resources as well as being able to make own – popular and enjoyed by the children - [Wordwall | Create better lessons quicker](#)
- Wheel of names – good for creating interactive spinners - [Wheel of Names | Random name picker](#)
- Flippity – create online flashcards - [Flippity.net: Flashcards and Other Resources for Educators and Learners](#)
- Smart Notebook software – download free Lesson Activity Toolkit to create a variety of interactive games - [SMART Notebook | SMART Technologies](#)
- Blooket – create own interactive question and answer games - [Blooket](#)

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- Pixabay - [4.2 million+ Stunning Free Images to Use Anywhere - Pixabay - Pixabay](#)
- Noun Project - [Noun Project: Free Icons & Stock Photos for Everything \(thenounproject.com\)](#)
- Photos for class - [Photos For Class - The quick and safe way to find and cite images for class!](#)

Recording and Assessment software

- Sonar - [Sonar Tracker | Pupil Tracking | Juniper Education](#)
- Insight - [Insight | Online Pupil Tracking for Primary Schools \(insighttracking.com\)](#)

Ready-made resources online

- Light Bulb Languages – over 8000 free resources - [Light Bulb Languages HOME](#)
- Twinkl – subscription required - [French Planning Primary Resources - Language Primary Resources, \(twinkl.co.uk\)](#)
- BBC Bitesize KS2 languages – free - [KS2 Modern Foreign Languages - BBC Bitesize](#)
- Languagegenut – subscription - [Languagegenut | Digital Language Resources for Schools](#)
- TES resources – register for free – some free and some paid resources - [Primary Languages Resources: Language Lessons for KS1 and KS2 | Tes](#)
- ISL collective – free resources - [272 French English ESL worksheets pdf & doc \(islcollective.com\)](#)

Schemes of Work

Various were mentioned below (most are subscription websites) but also look at this comparison site of primary languages SOWs - [Primary Schemes of Work Compared | Scheme Support](#)

- Language Angels - [Languageangels](#)
- Languagegenut - [Languagegenut | Digital Language Resources for Schools](#)
- Twinkl - [French Planning Primary Resources - Language Primary Resources, \(twinkl.co.uk\)](#)
- Primary Languages Network - [Primary Languages Network](#)
- Cave Languages - [Schemes of work - Cave Languages: advice, training courses and support for the delivery of languages in primary schools](#)
- Language Magnet - [Language Magnet - Primary MFL French and Spanish resource platform](#)
- Kapow - [Schemes of work, lesson plans and CPD - Kapow Primary](#)

Songs, Rhymes and Stories Online

- YouTube - [YouTube](#) – For French Alain le Lait - [alain le lait - YouTube](#) For Spanish Bash and Friends - [basho and friends - YouTube](#) For German Rolf Zuckowski - [rolf zuckowski - YouTube](#) and Kinder Lieder - [kinder lieder - YouTube](#)
- Mama Lisa – songs and rhymes from around the world - [Mama Lisa's World of Children and International Culture](#)
- Monde des Titounis – French songs - [Monde des petits - Accueil \(mondedestitounis.fr\)](#)
- Rockalingua – Spanish songs – some free, some not - [Rockalingua](#)

Other

- Sharing ideas online – Padlet - [Padlet: Beauty will save the work](#) and Jamboard - <https://jamboard.google.com>
- AI – for creating language teaching resources and activities - [LingoTeach.ai](#)
- Genially – for designing interactive content - [Genially, the platform for interactive animated content](#)

Also, have a look at the ALL London TiLT webinar by Ellie Chettle Cully on using technology in a primary languages classroom [A TiLT Webinar with Ellie Chettle Cully – ALL London \(all-london.org.uk\)](#)

If you are an ALL member, have a look at the PHOrum presentation by Joe Dale and by Nieves Sadullah on using technology in the primary languages classroom.

Also a huge number of presentations by Joe Dale on YouTube - [Joe Dale - YouTube](#)

We also discussed that although technology can be engaging and motivating for children, there is still a place in the languages classroom for interacting face-to-face with tactile resources.

Thank you to everyone who shared their ideas and thoughts.

Next Meeting: Thames Valley Primary Languages Hub

In keeping with the agreement that the day for the meeting would alternate between Wednesdays and Thursdays, the next meeting will be on **Wednesday 21st February 2024** 4.15-5.45pm via Zoom.

The focus of the meeting will be Recording Progress and Assessment.

Sue Cave

16/10/23