

Cave Languages

Primary Languages Update – July - August 2024

Teach German with Felix and Franzi

This free online CPD course (pay £25 but refunded on completion of course) is being offered by the Goethe Institut. You will become familiar with the free materials which you can use to teach German in primary schools as well as expand your linguistic knowledge and develop ideas for use in lessons. The registration closing date is the 15th August. You can find out more here [Professional Development: Teaching German to children with Felix & Franzi - Goethe-Institut United Kingdom](#)

Poem Recitation Competition

To take part in this competition for children aged 7 to 18, you can either choose a poem from the Poesiae website here [Guidelines Poésiae | Poesiae](#) or choose your own. Run an in-house competition before the 27th October. Then upload a sound file of the top two competitors to the national competition. The winners will be announced in November 2024.

Primary Languages Conference Online 2024

A date for your diary is the ALL Primary Languages Conference Online which will take place on Saturday 16th November. The programme will be published at the start of the Autumn term.

Give German a go – in Berlin

The Goethe-Institut is offering an exclusive, fully funded trip to Berlin for primary school teachers and headteachers that is geared towards introducing German in schools or strengthening its status. The closing date for applications is 31st August. Find out more here [Pedagogical Training & Incentive Trip : Let's Give German a Go — in Berlin! - Goethe-Institut United Kingdom](#)

Polish Language and Culture Education Pack

This education pack is designed to help mainstream primary teachers introduce aspects of Polish language and culture to their pupils aged 7–11. It contains lesson and assembly plans, factual information and resources to help pupils develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of the rich language, geography and culture of Poland. The materials are designed to be flexible and adaptable for use in a variety of settings. Find out more here https://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/resource/downloads/polish_language_and_culture_pack.pdf

Language Trends Survey Webinar

Join this webinar on the 17th July at 4pm to hear the results of the Language Trends England survey for 2024. Language Trends England is an annual survey of primary and secondary schools, designed to gather information about the situation for language teaching and learning and is funded by the British Council. Register here: [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

Host a teacher from Germany

Through the Host a Teacher by UK German Connection, your school can host a German teacher (in-person or virtually) for one, two or three weeks during the academic year – no costs involved for UK schools. The programme is open to teachers of all subjects and German does not need to be offered at your school; visiting teachers are either teachers of English or have good knowledge of the English language. Find out more here: [Host a Teacher from Germany – Professionals & Parents \(ukgermanconnection.org\)](#)

Primary Teacher - French Language Upskilling

If you are a KS2 level teacher and would like to get more confident in teaching French to your pupils while developing your linguistics skills and intercultural knowledge, the Institut français is offering a 12-week online course starting in September. You can find out more here: [Primary Teacher Language Upskilling - Institut Français · Royaume-Uni \(institut-francais.org.uk\)](https://institut-francais.org.uk)

European Day of Languages

Don't forget that the European Day of Languages takes place on the 26th September. This is an annual event to celebrate languages and language learning. Here is the link to the Council of Europe's webpage with ideas on how to celebrate it [European Day of Languages > Home \(ecml.at\)](https://ecml.at)

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](https://www.cavelanguages.co.uk)

Best wishes
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