

Cave Languages

Primary Languages Update – September - October 2024

ALL Primary Languages Conference Online

The fifth annual ALL Primary Languages Conference Online will take place on Saturday 16th November 2024 9.00am-3.00pm. The theme of the conference is 'Making a difference'. The invited speakers, who are all involved in the delivery of a high-quality primary languages education, will share how they aim to make a difference through: SEND support; digital empowerment; culture and creativity; transformative transition; supporting non-specialists; using AI; the international dimension. . Rachel Hawkes will deliver the keynote speech. To find out more about the presenters and their presentations, please look at the programme. Here is the link: www.tinyurl.com/confprog24 The price of tickets remains the same as in previous years; £5 for ALL members, ECTs and trainees, £25 for non-members. It is possible to join and leave the conference when you want. The presentations will be recorded and will be available until January 2025 to anyone who purchased a ticket.

European Day of Languages

If you are looking for some ideas to celebrate the European Day of Languages on the 26th September, follow these links for a wealth of resources and ideas:

[The Great Languages Challenge | British Council](#)

[European day of languages | British Council](#)

[European Day of Languages resources and activities \(languageadvisor.net\)](#)

[European Day of Languages > Home \(ecml.at\)](#)

[Some ideas for European Day of Languages – ¡Vámonos! \(lisibo.com\)](#)

[Culture Days with European Languages - NCLE \(ucl.ac.uk\)](#)

French Pop Video Competition

The Institut Français is once again organising the French Pop Video Competition for students of French in the UK from KS1 to KS5. It is designed to encourage students to engage with the French language in a creative way. To find out more [French Pop Video Competition - Institut Français · Royaume-Uni \(institut-francais.org.uk\)](#)

Developing dictionary skills in KS2 course

This free course organised by the Institut Français will take place in London on the 28th September 2024. It will explore ways in which dictionary skills can be developed through the Primary French Project materials. Find out more here [Developing Dictionary Skills in Key Stage 2 Saturday 28 Septembre 2024 / 9h00 - 13h00 \(office.com\)](#)

German Club Starter Pack

If you are thinking of offering a German club at your school, have a look at these free materials being offered by the Goethe Institut. They contain fully planned sessions with interactive media and challenges for different ages.

[German Clubs and Culture Days - Goethe-Institut United Kingdom](#)

Free Japanese Taster Sessions

The Japan Foundation can arrange for a volunteer to visit your school and introduce your students to the Japanese languages. It would be a taster session for schools not currently teaching the language and culture. Schools are asked to pay for the travel costs of the volunteer, Find out more here [PowerPoint Presentation \(jpf.org.uk\)](http://jpf.org.uk)

Funded visit to a German school

UK German connection is offering a grant of £1000 to fund an opportunity for UK teachers to visit a German school in person for one or two weeks in 2024-25. Find out more here [Professional Enrichment Programme – Professionals & Parents \(ukgermanconnection.org\)](http://ukgermanconnection.org)

The Languages Show

This will take place once again online on the 8th to 10th November. It consists of 3 days of presentations on a wide range of themes – many of them aimed at Primary Languages Teachers. I will be giving a presentation this year on the Sunday morning on the subject of teaching phonics in language lessons. Here is the link to find out more: [The Language Show – For language learners, language teachers and everyone who loves languages \(languageshowlive.co.uk\)](http://languageshowlive.co.uk)

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

Best wishes

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