

MFL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

hello!

shalom!

hola!

salut!

welkom!

namaste!

bienvenidos!

ciao!

Welcome to the fourth edition of the HCC MFL Newsletter! We hope to add to your language learning experience by celebrating student success, promoting language skills, and keeping you up to date with events and activities in the languages department. The Newsletter is written by some of our very talented Language Leaders, as well as MFL teachers.



新年快乐
HAPPY
CHINESE
NEW YEAR
2022
YEAR OF THE TIGER

MFL CLUB – YEARS 7+8 - THURSDAYS - 1.20-1.50pm

FEBRUARY

03.02.22 - L4:
Learn about Chinese New Year. Make a dragon paper craft. Practice calligraphy, Listen to Chinese music

10.02.22 - L4:
Learn about Valentine`s day across the world. Decorate cookies, write poems, make cards.

17.02.22 – C3: Escape Room

MARCH

03.03.22 – C2:
Pancake making - £1

10.02.22 - L4:
Learn about unique Spring traditions around the world.

17.02.22 – L4:
Celebrate St Patrick`s day. Learn Irish, listen to Celtic music and wear something green!

24.03.22 – L4:
MFL themed bake-off – drop off cakes in C2

31.03.22 – Guest speaker Mrs Hay

APRIL

07.04.22 - L4:
Learn about unique Easter traditions around the world. Make cards, learn greetings, eat chocolate and take part in an Easter Egg treasure hunt or game of Easter Cluedo.

28.04.22 - L4:
Guest speaker Mr Woodward.

Meet a Language Leader



Poppy Gryman - year 8

I have always had a passion for other cultures and languages and love helping others.

When I was at Primary School I trained as a mental health ambassador and took on extra responsibilities by helping others in the School.

I'm organised, efficient, take pride in being part of the Modern Foreign Language (MFL) team and hope to be a good representative of HCC.

I always work hard, do my best and hopefully engage others with my enthusiasm for languages.

I also love a challenge, being creative and enjoy designing various posters to help the MFL team.

Tales of Teacher Travels

Miss Blight interviewed by Scarlet Steadman-Hughes (year 10)



Do you speak another language?

No. I studied French as a GCSE but would only feel confident with a handful of words now. I am out of practice!

Have you ever lived abroad? How long for? Where?

I have never lived abroad but have always loved the idea of teaching in Dubai for a year!

Do you often travel to other countries for holidays? If so, which ones?

Prior to COVID, I enjoyed at least one holiday abroad every year. I love the Greek islands and have visited the Canary Islands quite a few times.



Canary Islands.

Do you speak another language at home?

No.

What is your favourite foreign country and why?

Overall, I would have to say Spain. I love Spain because I love the food and it is not too hot!



Costa Brava - Spain.

What is your favourite foreign food/drink?

I love Spanish food. A REAL Paella with lots of seafood and a glass (jug!) of Sangria.

If you could choose to speak a language, what would it be and why?

Definitely Spanish. Lots of the countries I have visited have been Spanish speaking and it would be nice to be able to order my food in their language.

Do you have any future trips planned, and where are you going?

I am going to Florida at the end of July. It has been on my bucket list to go back to Orlando and visit all of the theme parks again!

What your favourite place your travelled to and why?

My favourite place so far must be Bali in Indonesia. I spent 3 weeks here volunteering to teach. It was a great experience; the people were so friendly, and the beaches were amazing! Plus, it is so cheap over there.



Bali - Indonesia.

Quick Revision Tip

Make flash cards – print out a blank table from Word and cut out the rectangles. Write the French on one side and the English on the other.

Student work

by Millicent Morgan-Holloway

QUEL ÂGE A-T-IL?
TRENTE-SIX

D'OU EST-IL?
BELGIQUE

DE QUELS INSTRUMENTS JOUE-T-IL ?
PIANO, BATTERIE ET CHANT

QUEL EST SON NOM COMPLET?
PAUL VAN HAVER

SES CHANSONS LES PLUS POPULAIRES?

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ALORS ON DANSE **TOUS LES MÊMES**

TOUS LES MÊMES **PAPAOUTAI**

LA CHANSON PARLE DE STÉRÉOTYPES CHEZ LES FEMMES. C'EST DIRE PREP PERSPECTIVE DE UN HOMME ET UNE FEMME.

LA CHANSON PARLE DE LA PERTE DE SON PERE DANS LE GÉNOCIDE RWANDAIS. LA CHANSON ARRIVÉ AU NUMÉRO UN.



After listening in class to songs by the French artist Stromae, year 10 students were tasked with doing some research on the singer.

STROMAE

Santé

Lyrics

Why Learn a Language?

The many cognitive benefits of learning languages are undeniable. People who speak more than one language have improved memory, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, enhanced concentration, ability to multitask, and better listening skills.

Resource of the month

<https://ttsreader.com/>

An excellent way to practise your pronunciation in French, TTSReader is an online text reader. You can set the language, voice and reading speed to your choice. It's totally free. No installation needed. No downloads. No login. Works on any browser and on any device wherever you are..

Hannah Empson

Stromae

Stromae, aussi connu sous le nom Paul Van Haver est un compositeur de Belgique. Il est connu pour sa musique hip-hop, et sa musique électronique comme *Santé*, *L'enfer*, *Alors On Danse* et beaucoup d'autres. Il est né le 12 mars 1985, à Etterbeek, en Belgique. Sa femme, elle s'appelle Coralie Barbier et son parents s'appellent Pierre et Miranda Van Haver. Il a ~~pas les enfants~~ un petit garçon qu'est né le 23 septembre 2018. Il a fait beaucoup de albums comme, *Cheek*, *Multitude* et *Racine Carrée*. Il a arrêté faire de la musique en 2018 à cause de la pression mais il maintenant, il commençait encore.

La Musique Populaire

Il y a beaucoup de musique populaire en français. La musique pop est la musique plus populaire. Exemples incluant *L'Amant du Jour*, *Les Filles de L'Impendable* et *Monde Nouveau* de PNL. *Choukroun* la musique rock est populaire aussi dans chansons comme *Alors on danse* et *Alors on danse*.

La Musique de Français

Le chanson, *Santé*, a écrit de Stromae le 15 octobre 2021 avec le label Polydor. C'est écrit en français et c'est la musique électronique. C'est sur les gens qui ne veut pas célébrer à cause de COVID-19. Comme *pilotes d'avions*, *infinities*, *chauffeurs de camion* et les histoires de l'air. Je l'aime car c'est très moderne et entraînant et bien que je ne le comprends pas je pense que c'est encore bon à écouter. Je vais l'écouter beaucoup dans l'avenir.

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Santé en Anglais

À ceux qui n'en ont pas: To those who don't have one
À ceux qui n'en ont pas: To those who don't have one

Rosa, Rosa: Rosa, Rosa
Quand on fait le bordel When we mess up
tes nettoies; You clean up
Et toi, Albert: And you Albert

Quand on t'arque, tu ramasses les verres: When we toast you pick up the glasses
Céline, betaine: Céline, betaine

Toi, tu t'agrandis des vestes des vestes: You you take jackets into the locker room
Arlette, arrête: Arlette stop
Toi le gèle tu le passes aux toilettes: You party you spend it in the toilet

Et si on célèbre ceux qui ne célèbrent pas: What if we celebrated those who don't celebrate

Pour une fois j'étais là pour moi For once, I'd like to raise my voice
à ceux qui n'en ont pas: To those who don't have one
À ceux qui n'en ont pas: To those who don't have one
Quel les bonnes menasses? What are good menasses?
Pourquoi j'étais ramblant? Why am I rambling?

Tout ça pour ça? You're doing this for my sake?
Tu t'agrandis pour moi? You're taking up space for my sake?
Dans une heure j'aurais qu'à dire: In an hour I'll be back, let's be clear

Qu'on puisse s'embrasser par terre: That we can get on the floor
Trois heures que j'étais ramblant: Three hours that I was rambling
Je les jette dans les poubelles: I'm making them or what
Même quand qu'est-ce que danser? Luckily, oh only 2 drinks
Appelle-moi ton responsable: call me your manager
Et j'ai été elle peut-être se fêter: And he's quickly your car
comme je le connais: could be like this

Oui, célébrons ceux qui ne célèbrent pas: Yes, let's celebrate those who don't celebrate
Encore une fois j'étais là pour moi: Once again, I'd like to raise my voice
à ceux qui n'en ont pas: To those who don't have one
À ceux qui n'en ont pas: To those who don't have one

Bravo, bravo: Baby, baby
Mieux vaut ne pas être célèbre: Better not get famous
Frotter, frotter: rub, rub
Si tu n'as rien à dire: If you don't know
Brosser, brosser: brush, brush
Si tu ne respectes pas: If you don't respect
Oui, célébrons ceux qui ne célèbrent pas: Yes, let's celebrate those who don't celebrate

by Hannah Empson

Valentine's Day Vocabulary



Joyeuse Saint-Valentin – Happy Valentine's Day

Je t'ai fait une carte – I made you a card

Ce bouquet de fleurs est magnifique – this flower bouquet is magnificent

Merci pour ce boîte de chocolat, ce sont mes préférés – Thank you for the chocolates, they are my favourite

L'amour donne des ailes – Love gives you wings

Je t'aime de tout mon cœur – I love you with all my heart

Tu es l'amour de ma vie – You are the love of my life

Tu es le soleil de ma vie – You are the sunshine of my life

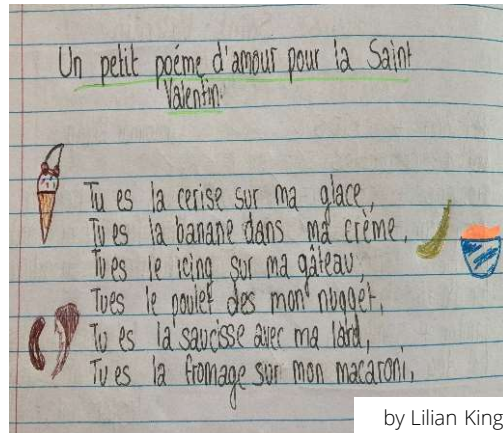
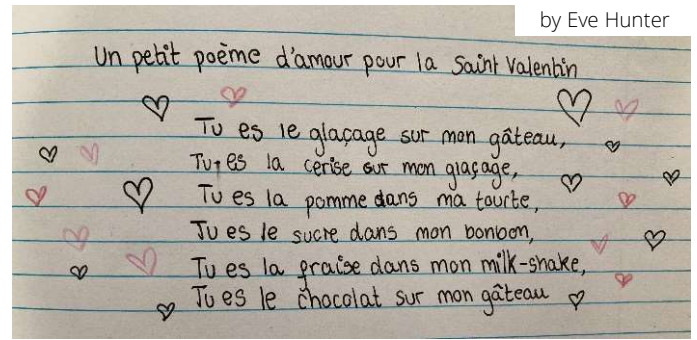
Je pense à toi tout le temps – I think of you all the time

J'ai le béguin pour toi – I have a crush on you.

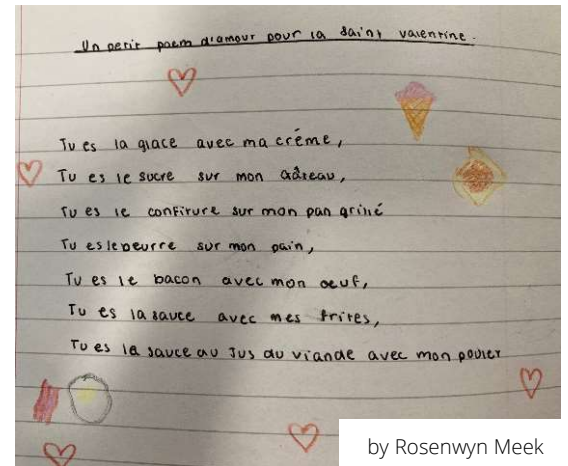
Student work

Year 8 and 9 students were asked to create a Valentine's Day food related poem.

by Eve Hunter

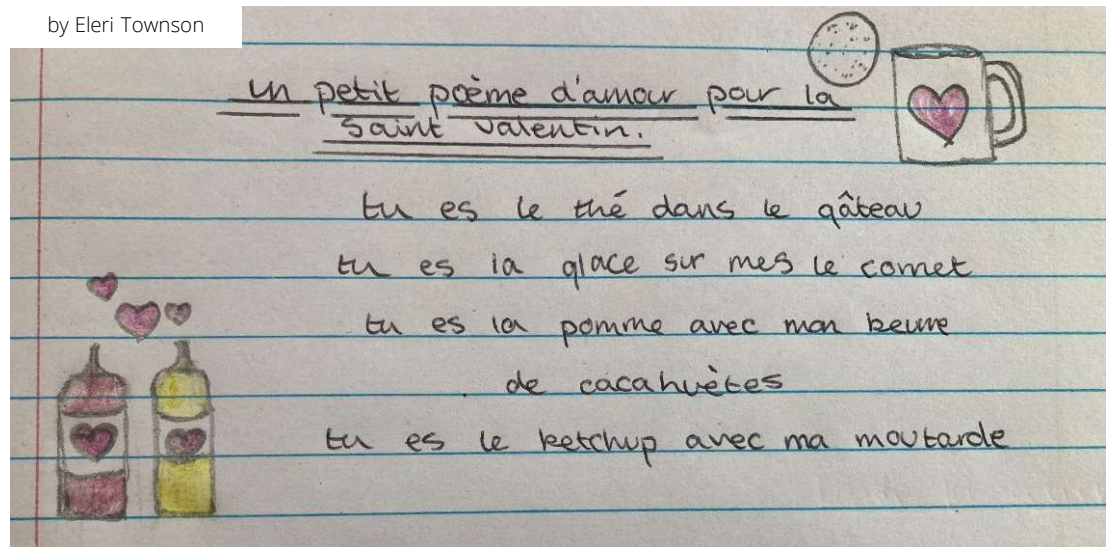


by Lilian King

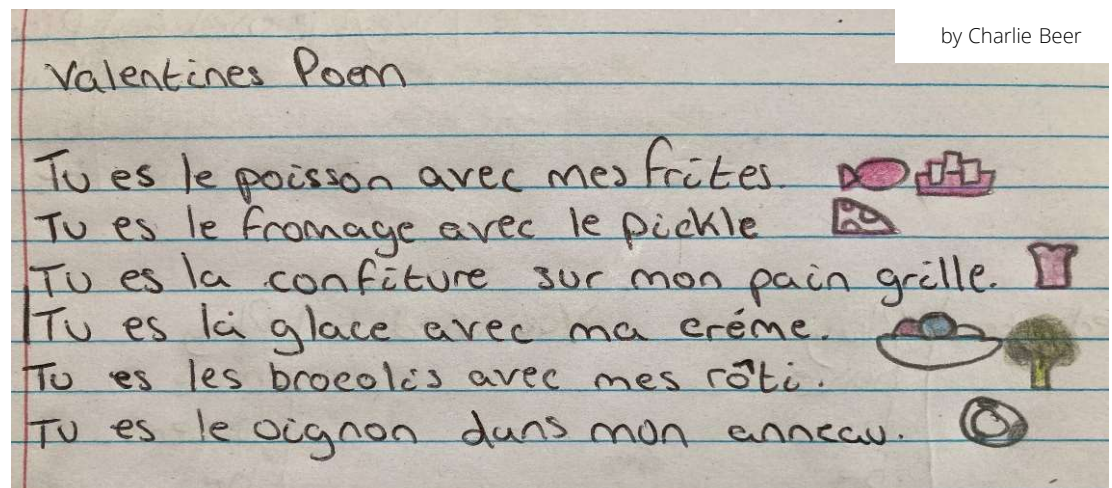


by Rosenwyn Meek

by Eleri Townson



by Charlie Beer

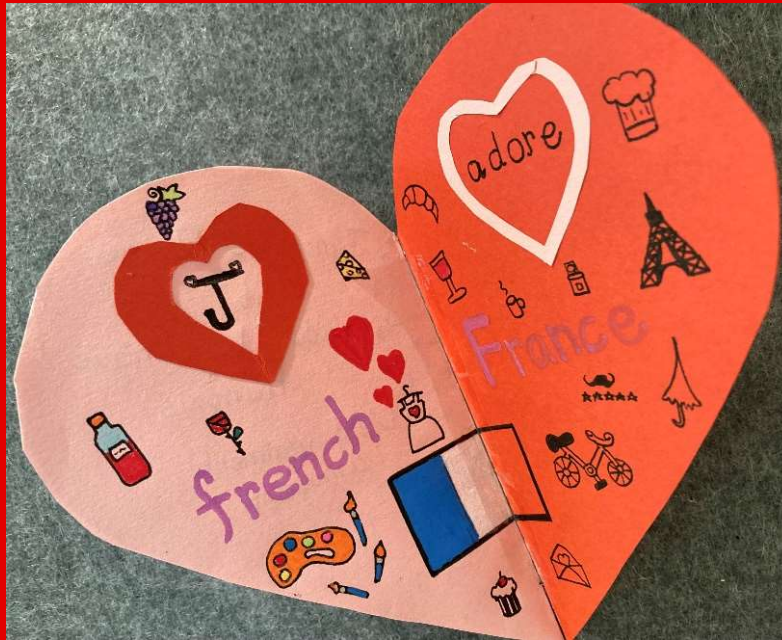


Did you know?



1. France is the largest country in the EU and sometimes called the hexagon
2. France is the world's most popular tourist destination
3. French was the official language of England for about 300 years, between 1066 and 1362.
4. Louis XIX was the king of France for just 20 minutes, the shortest ever reign.
5. 'Liberté, égalité, fraternité' or 'liberty, equality, fraternity' is the national motto.
6. The French Army was the first to use camouflage in 1915 (World War I).
7. The French invented tin cans, the hairdryer, and the hot air balloon.
8. France was the first country in the world to ban supermarkets from throwing away food.
9. The first public screening of a movie was by the French Lumière in 1895.

Winner of the February MFL Competition – Reese Tacbas – yr 7



Students were asked to create a Valentine's Day Card on why they love either...

1. France
2. A French speaking country
3. The French Language

MARCH MFL COMPETITION

MFL Bake Off

MFL Bake Off Competition for all students and staff on **Friday 25th March 2022!**

To enter this optional competition, students and staff must decorate a cake with a design based around a European country or language.

Cakes must be dropped off in the MFL department before tutor time.

Cakes will be judged at break followed by a **Great MFL Cake Sale at lunchtime** with all proceeds given to a charity.

If you have any questions, please contact your MFL teacher!



French Fact



Valentine's Day is reserved for lovers in France. That means parents, friends or relatives do not get heart-filled cards, only *les amoureux* (those in love) do.

This also means that February 14th can be quite annoying for singles, especially those living in Paris – which usually is filled with couples from all over the world who have come to the French capital to celebrate their love on that day, and maybe even propose in front of a famous landmark.

This is a day to up the romance a few notches, which means *cadeaux, cartes et compliments* – gifts, cards and compliments – will be expected if you're in a couple.

<https://www.thelocal.fr/20210209/5-things-to-know-about-valentines-day-in-france/>

FÊTE DE LA CHANDELEUR!

Every year on 2nd February in France, it is pancake day. This is known as, La Chandeleur, The day of the crêpe.

La Chandeleur falls 40 days after Christmas on the 2nd February, and apart from eating lots of pancakes stuffed with all manner of scrumptious fillings, it's a day for fortune telling and legend! The golden colour of the delicious round crêpes is a reminder of the sun and the approaching spring.



by Poppy Gryman – year 8

La Saint-Valentin!

Valentine's Day in France, on February 14th is a celebration of love for couples. It was not until the middle ages that it became a day for the celebration of love.

Honouring ancient Roman deities, Fertility Day was celebrated every year from the 13th to the 15th February.



by Poppy Gryman – year 8

Some of the February competition entries



Did you know?



Do you know that cutting and washing your hair during the Chinese New Year is somewhat similar to trim off your prosperity and wealth?

Red is known as the colour of luck in Chinese culture, so everyone will be seen wearing red hues during the Chinese New Year celebration.

The annual largest usage of fireworks on planet earth is during the Chinese New Year celebration.

Buying a pair of new shoes during the Chinese New Year celebration is considered as bad luck, as is crying.

Words like ghosts, death, and poverty should be avoided during the Chinese New Year.

The Chinese New Year is not only celebrated in China only, but it is celebrated in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Vietnam, and Singapore, and in some Asian countries too.

<https://www.chinatravel.com/chinese-new-year/greeting>

In Cantonese, the common way to say 'Happy Lunar New Year' is "Gong hei fat choy" (恭喜发财), which means 'Wishing you happiness and prosperity.'

Chinese New Year

1 February

is Chinese New Year
2022

People in China get

7 days

off work from
31 January to 6 February

16 days

of celebrations -
31 January to
15 February

2022

is the year
of the tiger



The holiday is
also called

**'Spring
Festival'**

It's celebrated
by more than

2 billion
people worldwide

3.5 billion

journeys in China during
the new year period

Billions

of red envelopes
are exchanged filled
with money

Washing hair or clothes is
not allowed on the first day
of the lunar year because
it is seen as "washing one's
fortune away"

MFL Quiz



Email or show your answers to MTH for a chance to earn a P1.

Chinese New Year Greetings

Happy Chinese New Year

- In Chinese: xīn nián kuài lè 新年快乐!
- In Cantonese: /sen-nin feye-lor/

Happy Spring Festival

- In Chinese: xīn chūn kuài lè 新春快乐!
- In Cantonese: /sen-ceon feye-lor/

Happy the Year of the Tiger

- In Chinese: hǔ nián kuài lè 虎年快乐
- In Cantonese: /fu-nin faai-lok/

Wishing You the Fullness of the Vigor and Vitality of the Tiger

- In Chinese: hǔ hǔ shēng wēi 虎虎生威
- In Cantonese: /fu2-fu2-saang1-wai1/

Wishing You Happiness and Prosperity

- In Chinese: gōng xǐ fā cái 恭喜发财!
- In Cantonese: kunghei fatchoy /gong-hey faa-chwhy/

CHINESE NEW YEAR TRIVIA

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- Q.1. What is the alternate name of Chinese New Year?
- Q.2. Which festival is celebrated after Chinese New Year?
- Q.3. What is the fifth day of Chinese New Year called?
- Q.4. Which flower symbolizes luck on Chinese New Year?
- Q.5. Which Chinese zodiac year was it in 2002?
- Q.6. What is the meaning of “Gung Hey Fat Choy”?
- Q.7. Why is dragon dances performed on Lantern Festival?
- Q.8. Which fruit represents luck on Chinese New Year?
- Q.9. What are the highlights of Chinese Lantern Festival?
- Q.10. Which Chinese zodiac year was it in 1981 and 2017?
- Q.11. Which season is associated with Chinese New Year?
- Q.12. Which act is extremely important on Chinese New Year?
- Q.13. What is considered bad luck during Chinese New Year?
- Q.14. Which color is believed to keep bad luck away?
- Q.15. Which calendar system does Chinese New year based?

- 2). Lantern Festival 7). To Scare Evil Spirits 12). Cleaning the House
15). Lunisolar 13). Break a Bowl 6). Wishing Prosperity & Wealth
8). Tangerines 1). Yuan Tan 5). Horse 9). Dragons 11). Spring
4). Plum Flower 10). Rooster 14). Red 3). Po Woo



Student Voice



Holly Henwood – year 13

I chose to learn French because I wanted to be able to communicate and connect with lots of people across the world.

Whilst learning the language, you also get to learn about new cultures and new ways of living - this is something that I really find interesting and eye-opening.

In the future I would like to go travelling in Europe and countries all across the globe and knowing more than one language will help me to survive in a foreign place and also enjoy the experience even more!

Also, when I'm competing in different countries for Taekwon-Do I will be able to communicate with competitors from other teams.

When revising French, I find that making flashcards and doing small quizzes really helps me to improve my vocabulary and creating verb tables is a great way to remember new verbs and tenses.

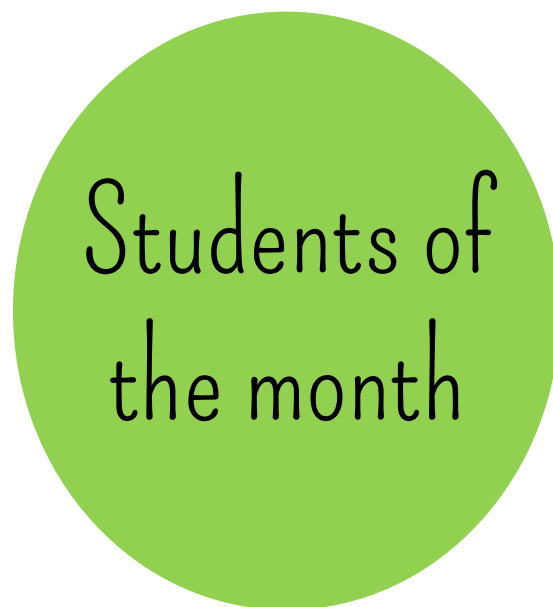
Careers using MFL

JUST SOME CAREER OPTIONS LANGUAGES CAN OFFER YOU!

Everyone Should Do Something They Love!

Languages Are Fun And Open Up So Many More Options!

1. Translator
2. Interpreter
3. Language Teacher
4. Tour Organiser/Operator
5. International Aid Worker
6. Diplomacy/Foreign Service Officer
7. Journalist Abroad
8. Business/Finance Career Abroad
9. Working For International Company
10. Travel Agent



Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated by their MFL teachers as outstanding students of the month.

Well done for all their hard work and effort!

Year 7 – Reese Tacbas

Year 8 – Emily Summers

Year 9 – Sophie Ramsamy

Year 10 – Millicent Morgan-Holloway

Year 11 – Anya Gilbert

If you would like take part in the production of the newsletter then we would welcome your involvement. Speak to MTH to find out more