

# MFL NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome

hello!

shalom!

hola!

salut!

welkom!

namaste!

bienvenidos!

ciao!

Welcome to the twelfth 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.



## MFL CLUB – YEARS 7+8+9 - THURSDAYS - 1.20-1.50pm

### NOVEMBER

- 03.11.22 - L4:  
Investigate facts about France part 1.
- 10.11.22 - L4:  
Learn a language through the enjoyment of stories - The tale of Cendrillon (Cinderella)
- 17.10.22 – C3  
Escape Room – French Revolution
- 24.11.22 – L4:  
Guest speaker

### DECEMBER

- 01.12.22 – C2:  
Investigate facts about France part 2
- 08.12.22 - L4:  
French Christmas Kahoot
- 15.10.22 – C3:  
Guest Speaker

### JANUARY

- 05.01.23 - L4:  
Learn about how the French celebrate Epiphany - La fête des Rois
- 12.01.23 - L4:  
Poem writing – Mother Tongue, Other Tongue
- 17.10.22 – C3  
Introduction to Spanish
- 24.11.22 – L4:  
Short French Film

# Tales of Teacher Travels



Mr Kidd,  
music teacher  
interviewed  
by Poppy Gryman  
(year 9)

**Do you speak another language?**

No

**Do you speak another language at home?**

No

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

Yes, Australia 2 years

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

Not often but have been to USA, France, Belgium, Germany, Australia, Egypt - basically anywhere there is good scuba diving opportunities

**When on holiday abroad, do you make the effort to speak a few words in the language, even if just a few words?**

Yes

**Does it make a difference to how you are treated/to how it makes locals feel?**

Yes

**Have you ever been surprised by a cultural difference when travelling abroad?**

Absolutely - In Israel the weekend is Friday and Saturday - Sunday is a normal working day!

**What is your favourite foreign country and why?**

Mexican is always a favourite in our house.

**What is your favourite foreign food/drink?**

I personally like anything Italian, but also French wine!

**If you could live in any country, what would it be?**

I'd happily go back to Australia and live.



Israel



Israel



Australia



Australia



America



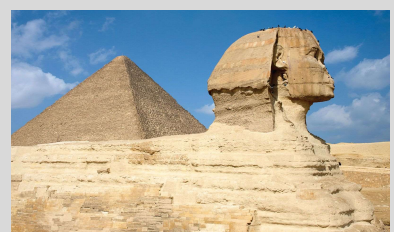
France



Belgium



Germany



Egypt

## Student voice



"I enjoy learning a language because it gives me the privilege of talking to my parents about what I did in French and how they could learn French quite easily if they wanted to.

Another reason why I like learning a language is I can be more and more confident speaking because if I can learn French over a period of time, then surely I can speak in front of a big group of people.

One more reason why I like learning a language so much is it can also give me another privilege of when I go abroad because I can speak more fluently to people."

Isabelle Ashworth - year 8

## Revision tip

Put post it notes around your bedroom with key words from the current topic. Look at them/say the words aloud each time you move past them

# MFL Year 7 Spelling Bee



Year 7 pupils are invited to compete for the French Spelling Bee title.

Tell your teacher if you are interested in getting involved and check your emails for the list of words to learn for the first stage of the competition.

## November MFL competition

### MFL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Research and design a Christmas card (A5) which shows the Christmas traditions of another country. No English please but any other language is acceptable. P1 per entry.

**Deadline for submission is Wednesday 14.12.22. Submit entries to MTH.**



# French Travel Tips

## Avoid being a target for pickpockets.

Like many global cities, Paris and others in France are hotspots for pickpockets and scammers. In Paris, be especially alert around major tourist attractions like the Louvre, along the Champs-Élysées, Notre Dame, the Sacré-Cœur, and the Eiffel Tower.

It's easy to get caught up in the sights, but don't let anyone approach you trying to get you to sign a petition, put a bracelet on your wrist, or give you a ring they "found" on the ground. They're all scams!

Also, never leave your cell phone on a cafe or restaurant table even if it's just a few inches away from your hand.

Thieves are fast and are masters at distracting you so they can grab your phone in the blink of an eye!

## Get out of big cities.

If your schedule allows for it, get out of Paris and other big cities to experience the countryside and smaller towns.

<https://www.ouiinfrance.com/france-tips-first-time-travelers/>

Email answers to MTH P1 for taking part P2 if 100% correct

<http://www.freepubquiz.co.uk/france-quiz.html>



## CHRISTMAS QUIZ QUESTIONS - HOW DO YOU SAY THE FOLLOWING IN FRENCH?

- |                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. It is snowing          | 9. The baby Jesus      |
| 2. Winter                 | 10. The Christmas tree |
| 3. Merry Christmas        | 11. Father Christmas   |
| 4. The sleigh             | 12. A present          |
| 5. The Christmas stocking | 13. The Christmas log  |
| 6. Christmas day          | 14. The nativity scene |
| 7. Happy new year         | 15. Holly              |
| 8. The mistletoe          | 16. Ivy                |

KS3 students were asked to choose a foreign country and research the common stereotypes associated with this country

They had to then create a poster that challenges these stereotypes.

Congratulations to Aieh and Casey Fullick in year 8 for winning the competition!

**Japan** 

**Stereotypes Japanese people get:**

- Japanese people eat sushi everyday – this is false because although they do love sushi and is a very common food in Japan but they still don't eat it everyday
- They all love anime - anime is famous in Japan but not all people can be interested in it
- All Japanese people can speak English – this is false because not all may have taken English classes or learn English at school
- Japanese people are very polite – this is true Japanese people think its cool hanging around foreigners so they are always polite to you.
- All Japanese people are good maths – you could find a lot of Japanese people that are good maths but not all of them are someone may not like maths or not good at it
- Baseball is the only sport Japan succeeds in – a lot of Japanese people are good at baseball but its not the only sport they play they do still athletes who play in other sports and countries.



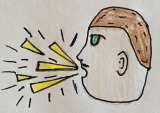



Aieh


# Winners of the MFL October competition

**AMERICAN STEREOTYPES**  
BY CASEY FULLUCK

People think americans are boastful & arrogant because when americans come to different countries they talk quite loud and that kind of sound there laugh to do so people think everyone in america is loud & boastful.



People stereotype americans as being informal but americans believe all people are equal so they are uncomfortable with overt displays of respect e.g. being bowed to. They are thought of as informal because they were taught it.



Americans are stereotyped to be racist. People believe there all racist because of there history in 1700-1800 people of america were racist and now everyone thinks they are racist. People also believe america is racist because of there former president donald trump

**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

Casey Fullick - year 8

# RUNNERS-UP IN THE MFL OCTOBER COMPETITION

## ITALY- AND THEIR STERYOTYPES!

### Some stereotypes of Italy!

- o Italians are obsessed with fashion
- o Italians are habitually late.
- o Italians talk with their hands.
- o Italians love football.
- o Italians love Pasta.
- o Families are most important to Italians.
- o Italians aren't scared of Public Display of Affection.
- o Italians can't live without coffee
- o All Italians are Latin lovers



These stereotypes are not correct, some of them have been Accurate in the past but in the modern day society in Italy most of These (facts) do not apply. These stereotypes are simply assumptions. Sadly No matter how much you educate people they will still believe in common Stereotypes.

Emily Greenland – year 9

### Italians love fashion

Famous for their style, elegance and chic tastes in fashion, Italians take their attire and public image very seriously. Although it's usually the major events like Fashion Week in Milan which dominate the international headlines, everyday life in Italy can often feel like an open-air catwalk. But not all people are like this.



### ITALY

#### Italians talk with their hands

Yes, Italians do talk with their hands but There are many different theories as to why Italians talk with their hands and why it is passed down from generation to generation. One theory is that Italians used hand gestures as a way to stand out and get attention in the crowded streets.



### Italians love the opera

A nation riveted by Puccini, Rossini and Bellini, Italians love the opera. Hordes of people attend outdoor performances in amphitheatres, and it's not surprising to find people discussing their favorite opera composer or the last performance they saw. Italians are very well-versed in opera and have strong opinions about the art form.



Isabelle Ashworth – year 9

## STEREOTYPES

### ITALIANS ONLY EAT PIZZAS AND PASTAS

- Italians enjoy a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, beans, fish, poultry, olive oil, tomatoes, whole grains, dairy, red wine and they eat very little red meat. Therefore, it's not just pizza and pasta.



### ITALIANS ONLY CARE ABOUT THEIR FAMILY AND ARE OBSESSED WITH RELIGION

- Some important values and aspects of Italian lifestyle are family and spending time with them, religion and maintaining Catholic traditions. Although, they do care about other things in their lives.



Ruby – year 9

## French stereotypes:

By Kaitlyn!

Stereotypes are pretty common around the globe, after thinking for your whole life something is true about another country just to find out it was a lie. Here are some of the top French Stereotypes and whether they are true or not:

- French people are lazy? This is completely false, you can't assume that all French people are lazy!
- The French love Frogs legs? This is somewhat true. It is well-known that the French love a good frog's leg but it's considered more of a luxury.
- French people are romantic? This is true.. In many Movies and kids shows, romantic characters are usually French!



Kaitlyn Hill – year 9

## Cultural Stereotypes- Germany

### Stereotypes include:

- Germans have no sense of humour
- Germans are hard working
- Germans are punctual
- Germans are tall, blond and blue eyed
- Germans love their cars



### Explaining some of the stereotypes

- The stereotype that Germans are hardworking is a common miss conception. Many Germans don't work that much at all. They work an average of 35 hours a week and have lots of holidays.
- Also the stereotype that Germans have no sense of humour is also a false. There are many comedians in Germany but because of this stereotype they aren't recognised.
- However some stereotypes are true. For example Germans being punctual is a part of German culture. It is seen to be very rude to show up late.



Sophia Rose – year 9

## Fact

- o The English love talking about the weather.
- o The English love to drink tea.
- o The English love fish & chips
- o The English are very polite.
- o The English are big football fans.



## Fiction

- o It is always raining.
- o The English are obsessed with the royal family.
- o The English have bad teeth
- o The English all have a 'English accent'
- o English food is terrible.
- o The English all wear hats



Ella Groves – year 9

## Stereotypes of Australia:

- They have kangaroos living in their backyards- False
- They eat vegemite for breakfast-False
- It never rains there- False
- They talk slang nobody would understand- True
- Sydney is the capital city- False

Harry – year 9

## Top 10 French Stereotypes

1. french wear striped shirt and beret... false
2. french people are dirty... false
3. french people are rude... pretty true
4. french people eat alot of baguette... true
5. the french smoke like chimneys... true not all of them.
6. french people drink alot of wine... true
7. The french eat alot of cheese... true
9. The french are nervous... false
10. The french are lazy... false

(France Beer from abroad)

### French Stereotypes

Roxy White – year 8

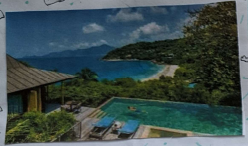





## COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT SPAIN!

BY POPPY GRYMAN 11

- A common misconception is Spanish is the national dish. Spanish is actually the tortilla more popular. Paella is a rice dish cooked over an open fire, like anything else was invented and it exists. Most importantly Spanish, like traditional Spanish.
- Everyone thinks Spain is full of flamenco dancers. There are flamenco dancers in some places in the country but they aren't flamenco dancers and it wasn't there to begin.
- Being a controversial subject many foreigners believe Bull fighting is an everyday activity in Spain. Bull fights are forbidden in some areas of Spain (Castilian) and in recent years only 15% of the population in Spain are at all interested in Bull fighting, there are also more men trying to get it banned.
- Football is Spain's national sport not Bull fighting.
- Obviously Spanish do not speak but many others also speak other languages. French, Basque, Catalan and Galician. Many Spanish also speak French and English very well.
- Sangria is often on the menu for tourists. Spanish will stick to their wine which is red wine mixed with soda, but there is no fruit floating in it. Sangria is not the national drink.
- Most of Spain is nowhere near the beach. For example Madrid is 200 km from the sea.
- Some people think Spanish are lazy and unprofessional always taking siestas. Spanish actually love being outdoors in the morning and come back later. The Spanish work hard to train for being motivated, hardworking and professional. They are very interested in their careers.


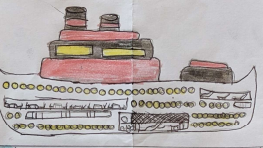


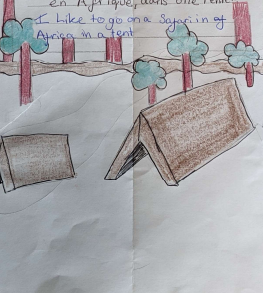
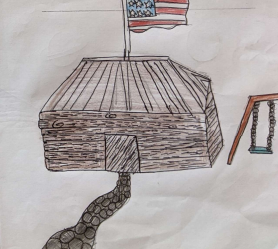
Poppy Gryman – year 9

# OUTSTANDING MFL STUDENT WORK







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| <p>Je voudrais me détendre sur une île, aux Seychelles dans un hôtel de luxe.</p> <p>I would like to relax in the Seychelles, in a luxury hotel.</p>     | <p>Je voudrais faire une croisière aux Caraïbes, sur un bateau de croisière.</p> <p>I would like to go on a cruise, in the Caribbean, on a cruise ship.</p>  | <p>J'aimerais faire du trekking, dans la forêt tropicale, dans une cabane dans la forêt.</p> <p>I would like to go hiking, in the tropical forest, in a cabin in the forest.</p>  |
| <p>Je voudrais explorer les planètes, dans l'espace, dans un vaisseau spatial.</p> <p>I would like to explore the planets in space, on a spaceship.</p>  | <p>J'aimerais faire un safari, en Afrique, dans une tente.</p> <p>I would like to go on a safari in Africa, in a tent.</p>                                   | <p>Je voudrais séjourner dans une maison de vacances, près de la mer.</p> <p>I would like to stay in a holiday cottage, near the sea.</p>   |

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Grace Pollard- year 8

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Sophie Fowler - year 8

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Reese - year 8

Year 8 students were asked to create a poster about their dream holiday. They worked really hard to create some fantastic posters.

# LANGUAGE FACTS

## 20 Fascinating LANGUAGE FACTS YOU DIDN'T KNOW

### THERE IS A LANGUAGE SPOKEN BY 8 PEOPLE

**30%**  
ABOUT 30% OF ENGLISH WORDS COME FROM FRENCH.

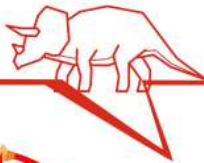
THERE ARE OVER  
**7,000**  
LANGUAGES WORLDWIDE.

ONLY 23 LANGUAGES ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN HALF OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION.

AT LEAST HALF OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION IS BILINGUAL!



Many linguists believe that languages originated around 100,000 bc.



People who speak Chinese use both sides of the brain; English only uses the left side.

**300**

OVER 300 LANGUAGES ARE SPOKEN IN LONDON ALONE.

THERE ARE OVER 231 COMPLETELY EXTINCT LANGUAGES



SPANISH IS THE 2ND MOST SPOKEN LANGUAGE IN THE WORLD.

OVER  
**20,000**

NEW FRENCH WORDS ARE CREATED EACH YEAR.

OTHER THAN ENGLISH, FRENCH IS THE ONLY LANGUAGE THAT IS TAUGHT IN EVERY COUNTRY.

LEARNING A 2ND LANGUAGE CAN IMPROVE YOUR MEMORY AND SLOW THE PROCESS OF AGING.

The average person only uses a few hundred words in daily conversation.

German words can have three genders, Masculine, Feminine, Nuetral



ENGLISH IS SPOKEN BY AN ESTIMATED

**1.8 BILLION**



THE FIRST LANGUAGE SPOKEN IN OUTER SPACE WAS RUSSIAN.

BASQUE IS THE ONLY LANGUAGE IN THE WORLD THAT HAS NO CORRELATION TO ANY OTHER LANGUAGE.



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# THE BENEFITS OF SPEAKING MORE THAN ONE LANGUAGE

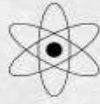
## THE BENEFITS OF BEING BILINGUAL



Bilingual people earn on average £5,000 per year more than their monolingual colleagues.



Has a positive effect on intellectual growth and enriches and enhances a child's mental development.



A bilingual brain is nimbler, quicker and more able to deal with ambiguities or resolve conflicts.



The brain of a bilingual speaker can resist Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia longer.

[www.languagereach.com](http://www.languagereach.com)



## LISTEN UP LANGUAGE LEARNERS:

# 10 Advantages To Being Bilingual



SEE THINGS WITH A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

MASTER MULTI-TASKING

IMPROVE YOUR MENTAL WELL-BEING

EARN MORE MONEY

BIG CROWDS, BETTER FOCUS

HAVE A BETTER MEMORY

BE BETTER PROBLEM SOLVERS

HAVE SUPERIOR LISTENING SKILLS

TUNE OUT NOISE EASIER


MAKE SHARPER JUDGEMENT CALLS

LISTEN & LEARN

For WORLDWIDE language courses visit [listenandlearnaustralia.com.au/](http://listenandlearnaustralia.com.au/)



# FRENCH CLUB

A stylized, black-and-white line drawing of the Eiffel Tower, shown from a low angle looking up. The tower is white with black outlines and is set against a light blue background with radiating lines. The top of the tower is a small, ornate spire.

- » Try different French food
- » Discover the French culture
- » Learn about French music
- » Get extra support with your French!

When? Every Thursday from  
13.20 to 13.50

Where? L4

# Why learn a language?

MFL is really fun but it is also very important.

Learning a new language helps you to understand other people from other parts of the world.

There are lots of wonderful people in this world who don't just live in England.

You might like to talk to people through pen pals in other countries, or go visit somewhere to try new foods and spend some time in a different culture.

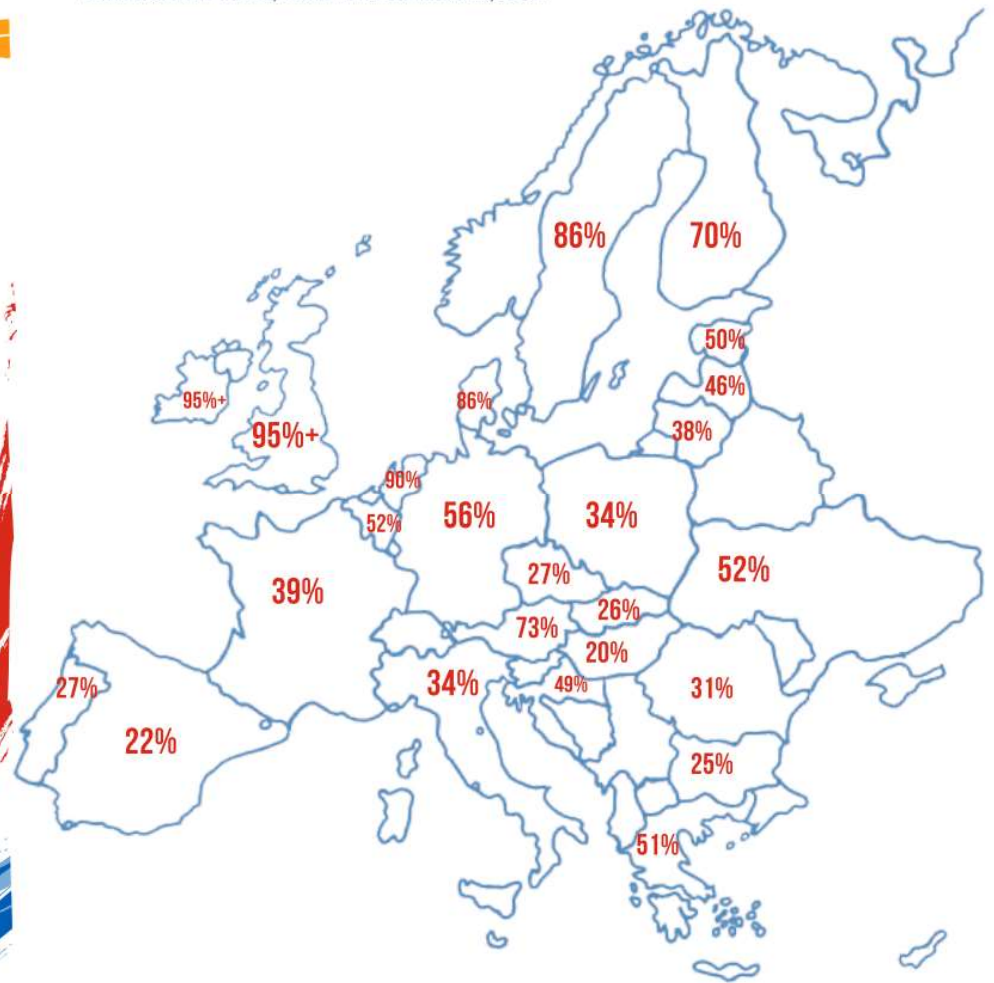
Learning a language also helps to build you communication skills in your brain; unlocking a part of your brain which helps you to learn everything and not just how to speak.

Research shows that learning a second language boosts problem-solving, critical-thinking, and listening skills, in addition to improving memory, concentration, and the ability to multitask.

Children proficient in other languages also show signs of enhanced creativity and mental flexibility.

## PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION ABLE TO HOLD A CONVERSATION IN ENGLISH (SELF-REPORTED)

EUROBAROMETER 286, EUROPEAN COMMISSION, 2012



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**Language skills can be the career gift that keeps on giving: Being able to speak, explain, and negotiate in another language makes you more employable, increases your confidence, and can lead to a higher salary.**

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