

# MFL NEWSLETTER

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## Welcome

hello!

shalom!

hola!

salut!

welkom!

namaste!

bienvenidos!

ciao!

Welcome to the fifteenth 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 - THURSDAYS - 1.20-1.50pm

### FEBRUARY

02.02.22 - L4:  
Introduction to Spanish

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

23.02.22 – Pancake making – free entry

### MARCH

02.03.22 – C2:  
Introduction to Spanish

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

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

23.03.22 – L4:  
Short French film

30.03.22 – Talent Festival

### 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.

# 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





# Chinese New Year – fun facts

2023 is the year of the rabbit.

Each animal has its own distinct personality; it is believed that yours corresponds to the animal of your birth year!

Many holiday markets pop up around town, selling lanterns and decorations for the home.

Flowers are popular decorations as they represent good luck and fresh beginnings.

Red is a very lucky colour that can be seen throughout Chinese New Year.

People say many lucky greetings to one another during the new year. They write them on red paper and use them to decorate their homes and stores. A popular greeting is “Xīn nián kuài lè,” which is a way to say “Happy Chinese New Year!” in Mandarin.

The lion dance is very popular around this time of year and is performed at many events and businesses. Two dancers in a lion costume perform the movements of a lion in time with loud drum beats. This dance is believed to bring good fortune and is spectacular to watch!

# 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 is the favourite place you have 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.



# Year 7 Pen Pal Project - Reunion Island

## 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.

## 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..



Year 7 students have been writing to their pen pals in Reunion Island – a really exciting way to take languages beyond the classroom and learn about the French speaking world and other cultures.





# 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 9

## 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 9

## Why people love Peru

The **Fiesta de la Candelabra** is not only the largest and most famous festival in Peru, but also one of the largest in South America as a whole.

Peru has one of the most diverse landscapes in the world, and is extremely beautiful. The Andean mountains, the Rainforest and a long coastline. But Peru also offer you rich and diverse cultural.

Around **84%** of Peruvians speak Spanish, the official national language.



by William Parris – year 9

# Famous people with Language Degrees

An aptitude for languages need not define what you do in your career. Spare a thought for the following famous people, who all studied languages:

• **JK Rowling** – studied at the University of Exeter, where she was later awarded an honorary degree for her contribution to children’s literature.

• **Paula Radcliffe** – the long-distance runner has a degree in modern European studies from Loughborough University.

• **Julia Donaldson** – studied drama and French at the University of Bristol before writing award-winning children’s books such as *The Gruffalo*.

• **Huw Edwards** – the presenter of *BBC News at Ten* studied French at Cardiff University.

• **Fiona Bruce** – the newsreader and TV presenter read French and Italian at the University of Oxford.

# Careers using MFL

✈️ Departures		Where studying MFL will take you			
Terminal	Flight	Destination	Time	Gate	Remark
Terminal D	BA117	Study & live abroad	06:45	40	
Terminal B	CX1347	Diplomat	06:50	22	
Terminal A	BA165	Confidence	06:55	10	
Terminal D	BA3925	Memory skills	07:05	41	CHECK-IN
Terminal D	BA872	Lawyer	07:05	42	CHECK-IN
Terminal Z	AA6706	Diplomat	07:10	02	CHECK-IN
Terminal B	AY6554	Resilience	07:15	23	CHECK-IN
Terminal D	AF7651AY	Analytical skills	07:15	43	CHECK-IN
Terminal A	DL8611CO	Problem solving	07:25	11	CHECK-IN
Terminal A	AZ 300AF	See the world	07:35	12	CHECK-IN
Terminal D	AF1007OL	Business person	07:35	45	CHECK-IN
Terminal C	AF1765KL	Make friends	07:40	31	ON TIME
Terminal Z	AZ3635	Cultural awareness	07:45	04	ON TIME
Terminal B	DL7793	Cabin crew	07:50	24	DELAYED
Terminal B	AL5561CO	Pilot	07:55	25	ON TIME
Terminal D	AZ1288	Footballer	08:00	46	ON TIME
Terminal D	LH 424	Sales representative	08:00	47	DELAYED
Terminal A	LH1072AY	Interpreter	08:00	14	ON TIME
Terminal A	EK 050	Scientist	08:10	15	ON TIME
Terminal C	183533LB	Engineer	08:20	33	ON TIME
Terminal D	183533	Listening skills	08:25	48	ON TIME
Terminal D	AB3120	Communication skills	08:30	49	ON TIME
Terminal C	NS 226	Tour guide	08:35	35	ON TIME
Terminal D	NY 120	Youtuber	08:40	40	ON TIME
Terminal D	CS4120	Retail	08:45	42	ON TIME
Terminal A	AY 0980E	Doctor	08:55	16	ON TIME
Terminal A	AC51297EE	Media	08:55	17	ON TIME
Terminal D	BE 669	Journalist	09:00	44	ON TIME
Terminal D	6A102Z	Designer	09:00	45	ON TIME
Terminal D	NN 988AI	Hospitality	09:00	46	ON TIME
Terminal C	AA5671	Enjoyment	09:15	36	ON TIME
Terminal D	6E 561	Personal satisfaction	09:20	47	ON TIME

## HOW LANGUAGES HELP IN YOUR CAREER

creative multilingualism



Arts and Humanities Research Council



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