

MFL NEWSLETTER

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MFL Newsletter Editor:
Poppy Gryman

Welcome

hello!

Shalom!

hola!

salut!

welkom!

namaste!

bienvenidos!

ciao!



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

MARCH

02.03.23 –
C2: Introduction to
Spanish

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

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

23.03.23 – L4: Short
French film

30.03.23 – Talent
Festival

APRIL

20.04.23 - L4: Learn
about unique Easter
traditions around the
world and eat
chocolate!

27.04.23 - L4: French
Cluedo challenge

MAY

04.05.23 – L4: Learn
about French artists
and painters – learn
how to imitate their
technique

11.05.23 – L4: French
Food taster session -
£1 sign up with MTH
in advance (last sign-
up date Friday 5th
May)

18.05.23 – Quiz

25.05.23 – Guest
speaker

Welcome to the sixteenth 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.

Meet a Language Leader



Poppy Gryman- year 9

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 Rew (Humanities) - interviewed by Aieh (year 9)



Do you speak another language?

No.

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

Unfortunately, I have never lived abroad although I did used to travel for my old job and worked in Italy and Croatia.

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

Yes, we usually stay in Europe because it is so quick and easy, I will travel anywhere as long as there is good history to see!



Do you speak another language at home?

No.

What is your favourite foreign country and why?

Italy will always be my favourite foreign country; it is so beautiful and there is so much history and archaeology to see.



Italy - Coastline



What is your favourite foreign food/drink?

Anything! I love trying the local cuisine wherever I go.

Have you ever been surprised by cultural difference?

I love seeing other cultures when I go abroad and try and embrace myself in it as much as possible and learn as much as I can about the ways other people live.

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

I always try to make an effort to learn a few key phrases when I go abroad just in case!

What are your next travel plans?

At the moment the plan is to head to Greece next.



Greece

Quick Revision Tip

by Lily McCance
—
year 10

Flashcards are easy to use and make, so you don't always have to buy them and they are effective, putting a short or large amount of informations can make a difference but if you're trying to save space then use both sides of the flashcard, putting less knowledge on each time makes it quicker and easier to learn.

Things like look cover write check can seem tedious but they really work and let knowledge sink in, there are plenty of ways to make things fun and exciting to use. Like setting a timer and seeing how quickly you can do it or turn it into a competition with family and friends.

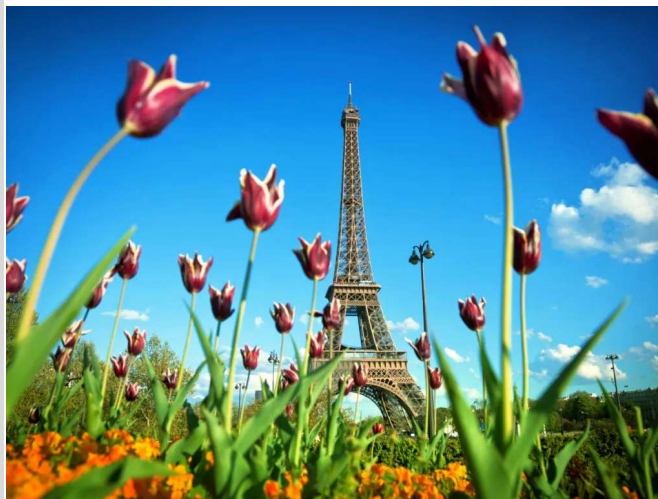
Turning revision into a game can make it more interesting, and make it more inviting to start doing, little but often is the best way to go and it doesn't always have to be writing stuff down, just reading a page of information per day or taking daily quizzes are great ways to get started!

Quiz Of The Month

by Isabelle Ashworth – year 8

1. What day does spring begin and end?
2. How do you say spring in French?
3. How do you say Easter in French?
4. What is the most popular colour in France when it is spring?
5. What do French people tend to eat with there food in the spring?
6. What months does the weather tend to be mild?
7. What is the most common flower when it is spring?
8. What are 3 of the most common places people visit when it is spring in France?
9. Can snow still be seen in the mountains?
10. What is the most common tree in France when spring?

**Email the answers to Ms Theeten to win a
P1 or P2.**



Which Careers Could Language Learning Lead To?

- Taking a language at GCSE or A level can be a great way to open up exciting opportunities for your future.
- Choosing to study a language has also been seen to help develop personal and professional growth as it can teach you several skills that you can use later in life. It not only opens new doors for future careers, but also is a great skill to be used when travelling in any part of the world.
- There are many jobs that can be applied for when knowing another language e.g., interpreter, language teacher and travel guide to even more unusual jobs like becoming a detective, subtitler for films/TV or even an accent coach for actors!

Winner of the February MFL Competition: Kaitlyn Hill in Year 9

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

- France
- A French speaking country
- The French Language

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Hill in Year 9 for winning the competition and well done to all the runners up who have had their work published!



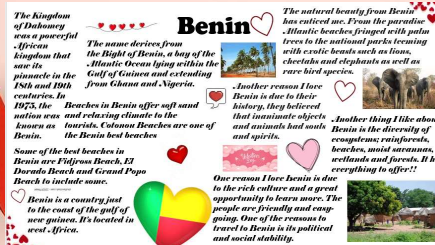
By Kaitlyn Hill - Yr9



By Hamish - Yr9



By Amelia Brake Yr9



By Isabelle Pollard Yr9



By Ella - Yr 9

MARCH MFL COMPETITION

MFL Bake Off

MFL Bake Off Competition for all students and staff on **Wednesday 29th March 2023!**

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!



Resource Of The Month:

by Emily— year 9

Duolingo is a language app which teaches over 50 languages. Duolingo focuses on your weaknesses.

You can earn rewards and build a daily streak. The app is also free.

Why Learn A Foreign Language?

by Eleanor Lane

—
year 8

When you want to travel, or maybe for a job then you won't struggle later on in life.

Also, it is very important because when you are travelling, locals find it nice that someone made an effort to learn about a different culture and language.

Interesting Facts From Around The World

Spring Is Here!

- In Valencia, Spain, people have an unusual take on the term spring clean; by throwing out their old pans or other items from a window! Signaling the arrival of spring and new crops to the area, this traditional festival is called Trencà dels Perols and takes place every Holy Saturday.
- The biggest chocolate Easter egg ever made was in Italy; weighing more than 3 cars and 34 feet high!
- In Switzerland, a large snowman is set on fire while people gallop around it on horses. Its head is stuffed with fireworks and as soon as they explode, this is the marking of spring starting.
- Here in the UK, hot cross buns are an Easter treat signaling the start of spring. In the past people actually believed hot cross buns were magical and would protect against fire, rats and general bad luck.
- In Poland, a symbolic banishing of winter takes place by using a straw figure dressed in white, who is then drowned and carried out of the town, saying goodbye to winter.

By Poppy Gryman Y9

All About St Patrick's Day! March 17th

March 17th marks the anniversary of the death of St. Patrick in the 5th century.

This day in history goes back 1,500 years and commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland and celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish. Many public parades and festivals, Ceilis, take place and the wearing of green clothes or shamrocks is common. The name Shamrock comes from Irish *seamróg*, which simply means 'young clover'.

St Patrick's Day is the start of spring in Ireland, and traditional foods eaten on St Patrick's day are lamb stew and chicken and leek pie.

Children often bake soda bread, cinnamon biscuits and enjoy local festivities.

By Poppy Gryman Y9

All About Martinique! (A French Speaking Country)

by Sophie - Yr9

Martinique is a beautiful french speaking country. The country is known for its natural beauty, including crystal blue waters and scenic vistas, as well as for its French history and Creole culture.

Christopher Columbus discovered the island on June 15, 1502 and Martinique became French under Louis XIII, a colony attached to the French crown marked by an economic and social system based on slavery and framed by the publication of the black code in 1685.

Martinique has the most exquisite food including: Boudin (A tasty local sausage) and Blanc Manger au Coco (dessert made from coconut milk, vanilla, sugar and gelatin)



Examples of Student work in MFL:

By Fay – year 9

By Daisy – year 9

By Sophia Rose – year 9

By Mia – year 9

"Why should I study a foreign language at GCSE or A Level?"

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By Hallie Bennett – year 8



Credits To The MFL Newsletter:

Chloe Real
Year 8

Hallie Bennett
Year 8

Isabelle Ashworth
Year 8

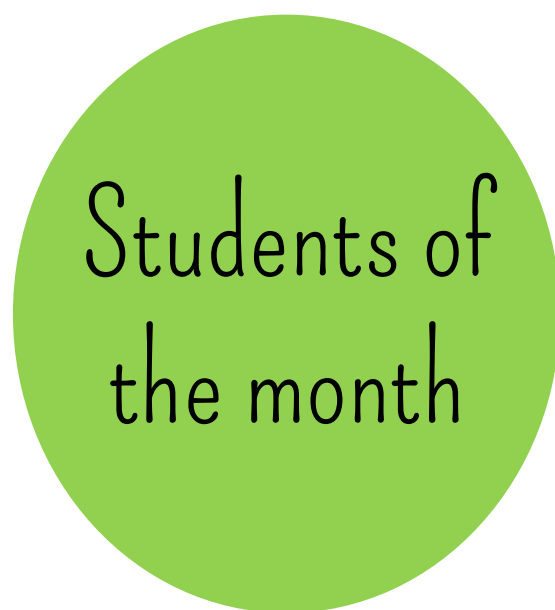
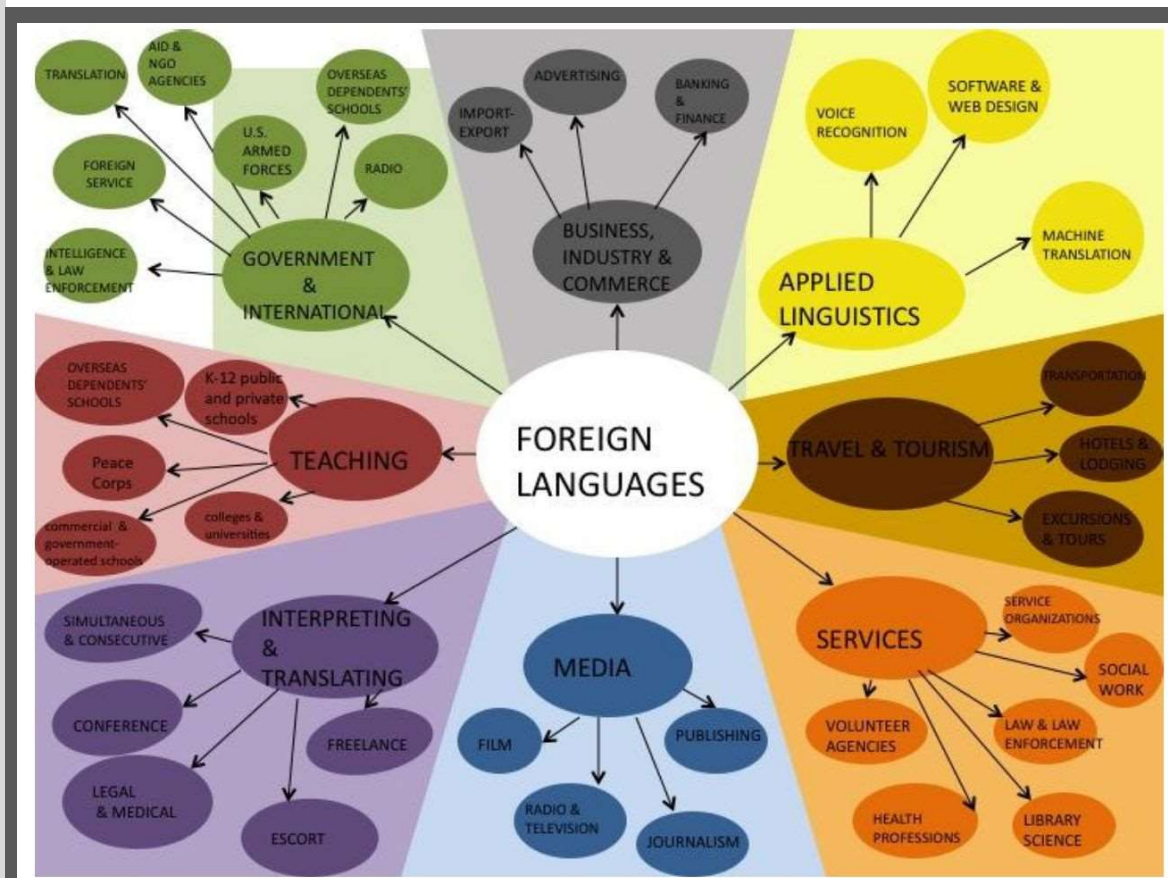
Eleanor Lane
Year 8

Emily
Year 9

Aieh
Year 9

Lily McCance
Year 10

Careers using MFL



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 – Charlie Hardy

Year 8 – Alfie

Year 9 – Sophia Rose

Year 10 – Lily McCance

Year 11 – Millicent

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