

MFL NEWSLETTER

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MFL Newsletter
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Welcome



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

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

JUNE

08/06/23:
Board games

15/06/23: Quiz

22/06/23:
French movie

29/06/23:
Guest speaker

Welcome to the seventeenth 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.

Quick Revision Tip

Cornell notes help you the remember information using key words.

Basically, you write the keywords in the margin and then add the information next to them, you then fold the margin and read one side and say out loud or write down which one it is.

This way you will practice retrieving knowledge in two ways and using a large sheet instead of flashcards and easier to carry with you and write down quicker.

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Quiz Of The Month

<https://www.connexionfrance.com/Mag/Quiz/French-Quiz-April-2019>

1. Who painted the "Liberty Leading the People"?
2. What are April fools called in French?
3. His "nom de plume" was Voltaire; do you know his real name?
4. How do you spell "colonist" and "colon" in French?
5. Name the singer/songwriter and poet born in Sète who was awarded the Grand Prix de Poésie by the Académie française in 1967.
6. Which famous French dish inspired an eponymous animation film in 2007?
7. How many times has France won Eurovision?
9. Christian tradition prohibits the ringing of church bells for 3 days between Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday while mourning Christ. To explain this, French children were told that the bells were sent to Rome to be blessed and would return dropping gifts along the way... What do the bells bring back with them?
10. Which French company is known worldwide for its advertising systems in bus stops, public bicycle rental systems, and billboards?
11. Which cult TV series featuring a dog was made into three films, the first of which came out in 2013?
12. Can you name the popular dating website, designed to empower women, where men pay a fee but women join for free?
13. How many people took part in the European Heritage Days across France in September 2018?
14. The "Fédération Nationale Solidarité Femmes" spoke to over 30 000 abused women in 2017 over the phone or in person. What phone number should you call if you're a victim of abuse?
15. Which wild animal was eradicated from France in the 1930s but made its way back into the country over the Italian border in the 1990s?

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



Where Can Careers Take You With Learning A Language?

- 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 March MFL Competition: Madison Tanner Year 7

On the 29th of March, our MFL Leaders held a baking competition. We had many fantastic cakes of countries they loved, and they all sold out. The students all loved them. Here are some of the cakes below, thank you for everyone who entered.



Madison Tanner Year 7 (1st)



Liam Year 7 (2nd)



Poppy Gryman Year 9 (3rd)

- Runners Up -



Meet a language leader

Daisy – year 9

I was inspired by other language leaders before me to aspire to become one.

As it broadens the cultural knowledge of that country and is fun as well.

If you go abroad to a country that speaks that language that could really benefit you and how your experience in that country is.

I am taking Spanish for my GCSEs as I believe it will benefit me in my future travels.

I usually rewrite all the information that I need to revise 5 times then repeat them out loud 5 times.

Duolingo is my personal favorite it's fun, easy and exciting to use.

Memrise is a language learning app which uses repeated Flashcards to increase the rate of learning, making it an engaging and effective way to learn or continue learning a language!

Memrise helps with pronunciation, listening, reading and writing skills through the flash cards helping you to learn new words and phrases and is mainly free including official courses.

Why Learn A Foreign Language?

When you want to travel, or maybe it's needed for a job then you'll be a step ahead.

Also, it is very important to everyone, because when you are travelling, they find it polite that someone tried to learn about a different culture and language.



An important Christian festival, Easter, is referred to as *Pâques* in French, which comes from the Latin word 'Pasqua' meaning Passover. So if you're going to greet someone on Easter, you'd say *Joyeuses Pâques!*

One of the most popular traditions at Easter in France is the Easter egg hunt. Historically, the eggs used to be hard-boiled and painted in various colours using any available items mainly reddish and onions, but in recent times, they have been switched to decorative chocolate eggs which become treats at the end of the hunt.

For decades, it's been a tradition to have an authentic French meal with the family, which usually involves a **Lamb dish** in light of the spring season or in some places a brioche bread in the shape of a lamb, sprinkled with icing sugar called *Lamala* or *Lammele*. Other Easter foods in France include a cheeseboard and signature desserts which are primarily chocolate-based.

As a sign of respect to Christ and to mourn his death, the church bells are stopped on the Thursday before Easter and are not rung until Easter Sunday. As to why the bells aren't rung, the children are told a legend about how the bells fly over to Rome to get blessed by the Pope. After getting the blessings, the bells would return to France, and on their way, they'd pick up Easter eggs which they scatter in the gardens.

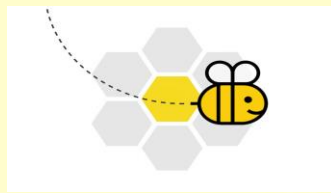
All About French Guadeloupe! (A French Speaking Country)

Guadeloupe, a French overseas region, is an island group in the southern Caribbean Sea. Resembling a butterfly, its 2 largest islands are separated by the Salée River.

Guadeloupe owes them its name, Karukera, which means "the island of beautiful waters" in Carib language. In November 1493, Spanish navigator Christopher Columbus landed in Saint-Mary, on the island he would subsequently call Guadeloupe in honor of the Santa Maria de Guadalupe monastery of Extremadura.

Some of the most famous traditional Guadeloupean dishes include blood sausage, curry, crab soup, avocados, and grilled lobster.

Featuring white-sand beaches, volcanic peaks, and protected parks, along with some of the most impressive dive spots in the world, Guadeloupe is an island hopper's paradise.



The Spelling Bee

The Year 7's had a list of French/English words to revise in the semi-finals. The top 5 people are through to the next round. Well done to all who took part.



Rowan Ryerson



April Abbey



Careers using MFL



Credits To The MFL Newsletter:

Isabelle Ashworth
Year 8

Chloe Real
Year 8

Hallie Bennett
Year 8

Sophie Brown
Year 9

Yelena Stevens
Year 9

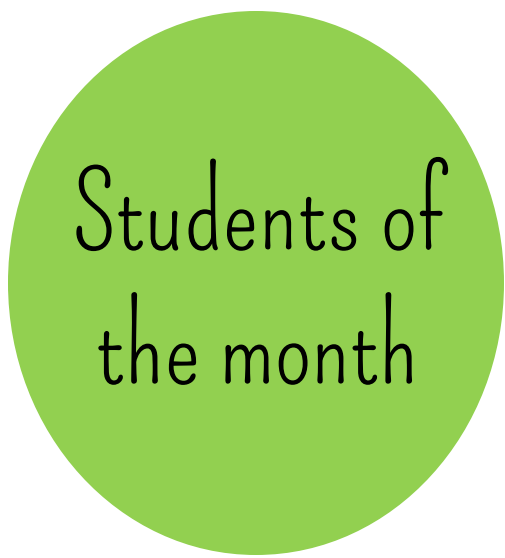
Aieh Alswadi
Year 9

Emily
Year 9

Lily McCance
Year 10

Thank you to all the
above students who
have helped create
the MFL Newsletter.

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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 – Rowan Ryerson

Year 8 – Chloe Real

Year 9 - Hamish

Year 10 – Joseph

Year 11 – Oriana

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