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Spanish and French Secondees

Again we have had a very successful term of supporting teaching and learning of French and Spanish in our primary schools. Across North Ayrshire there has been much singing, playing and having fun while learning French and Spanish; for both children and teachers. Evaluations and feedback of their input has been overwhelmingly positive. The team have been working hard to continually add useful links and resources to the 1+2 Primary Language Learning staff site on Glow. We have also begun revamping the site to ensure it stays user friendly. The site is planned to be fully updated before the end of June.



Children at Elderbank Primary.



St Anthony's Primary children.

The team have been working on an exciting new **animation project** at Elderbank Primary and St Anthony's Primary.

The children have excelled as **script-writers**, **artists**, **voice-overs**, **editors** and **producers**. Learners have **improved** their **skills in language**, learned lots about **French and Spanish culture** alongside **developing team work and ICT skills**. The children and the team are very excited about the launch of the finished project when you will see 'Professor Rainy MacIntosh' head down a 'portal-loo' to France! All the children worked very hard and had lots of fun throughout the project which will be shared nationally.

Foreign Language Assistants.

Our foreign language assistants, Lui Wei, Sonia Adel and Susana Martinez Pedreño have been working extremely hard since August to support modern languages within primary and secondary. Susana has really enjoyed her work in our L2 Spanish primary schools and has helped with our Animation project. Both Susana and Sonia have supported our students in secondary to prepare for their exams and have supported the team with CLPL twilight sessions held in the 1+2 Language Base. We are very pleased that both Susana and Sonia will be staying with us for a 3rd year in North Ayrshire, this due to the wonderful experience they have had so far in all our schools.

<u>CLPL</u>

CLPL this session has kept the team busy. We are currently in the middle of the last French and Spanish 6 week block of twilight sessions. The sessions will give teachers support in using year 1, 2 and 3 language as suggested in the framework. Next session there will be an extended course entitled 'Fast Track' which will develop fluency and confidence in French/Spanish from first level to end of second level, in line with North Ayrshire's Primary Language Learning Framework. The course will consist of 14 1 hour sessions which will run from Sept to April. We will also run the second stage of the 6 week block of twlight sessions for years 3 to 5 of the framework. All the courses are now available to book via the CPD site.

Resources

All schools now have access to **High Five French**, **High Five Spanish** alongside **Coffee Break French/Spanish**. The package was launched on 5th of May where all schools were given an explanation of how to best use the resources and their individual school passwords and usernames

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which have to be passed on to all teaching staff. The resource will provide not only language learning support but gives lots of opportunity to learn about real Spanish and French daily life and culture, The LFEE **Power Languages Platform** is being used in many schools to provide responsive resources for Language Learning. This has enabled Spanish and French to be embedded within other curricular areas or form the basis of a programme of study.

Glow PLL site provides a wide variety of resources from sound files to PowerPoints to printable games and environmental print. We have recently updated the site to make it more accessible and endeavour to keep it updated on a weekly basis. We welcome ideas, comments and resources to be shared. There is also a calendar which outlines current and up and coming CLPL opportunities. **North Ayrshire 1+2 Twitter** is followed by many schools and individuals throughout North Ayrshire, Scotland and Europe. Please follow us and tag us in any language/cultural activity or event carried out in school or class so we can share and celebrate good practice.

Excellent Practice



The Irvine Royal Academy Primary Schools Cluster has been busy playing traditional playground games such as Le Béret, La Tomate, Les Mouches in the sun.





Children in Hayocks Primary and Glengarnock Primary taking part in 1st and 2nd level conversations using puppets.

Parent partnerships we are currently producing a North Ayrshire information leaflet and poster campaign for parents. We are also available for parent information workshops or language workshops on request. Glengarnock Primary parents participated with eagerness and excitement during a Spanish workshop. St Luke's Primary embarked on family learning session where children took the lead the teaching and learning of Spanish.

Language Ambassadors

Next session it is hoped that North Ayrshire's young people in secondary schools are given opportunity to support language learning in our primary schools. This will not only be hugely beneficial to our primary learners but also create leadership opportunities for our young people.

European Links St Bridget's Primary has made links with a school in Spain which has created many exciting learning opportunities across the whole curriculum. More information on the successes of this ongoing project will follow shortly along with how schools can get involved.

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