



WHAT'S NEW IN 1 + 2.

North Ayrshire Languages Newsletter

March 2017

Our Confucius Hub at Greenwood hosted a very successful day to celebrate the year of the Rooster. A selection of S1 pupils across authorities sampled some Chinese culture by participating in a selection of interesting workshops.



Nursery pupils at St Bridget's Primary ran their very own Gaelic assembly.

Parents were treated to poems, songs and dancing to Bonnie wee Jeannie McColl. The pupils introduced themselves and their pieces and ran the show with complete confidence!

What's going on?

Spanish Breakfast Clubs



Pupils in Ardeer Primary ordering their breakfast in Spanish!

Señora Arneil has been piloting Spanish Breakfast Clubs at St Winning's and Ardeer. Dinner ladies are embracing the language and Stacey is teaching good manners and food vocabulary to all.

A bit o' Scots tongue



Blacklands treated parents and carers to a pure dead brilliant McTivity! Famous Scottish characters i.e. Oor Wullie and the Broons ended up having a wee trip to yon Bethlehem!



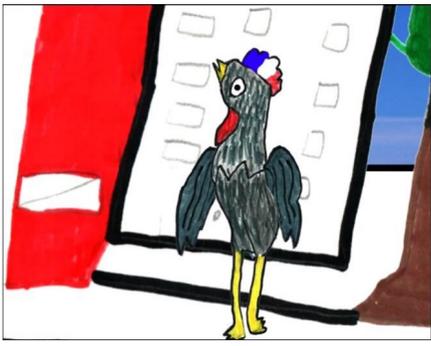
Arran meets Lyon/Saint Étienne



Arran schools have been exchanging Christmas cards and recipes and are moving forward with communications with their partner schools in France. The French teachers came over to meet our children and kick-start the partnership, creating a real reason to learn French!

Kids' Corner - Competition time!

Elderbank pupils were chosen from schools all over Scotland for showing outstanding creativity in their French animation which included English, French and BSL. As winners in the Francophonie competition, they will be awarded a selection of French picture books. **Bravo!** If you haven't yet seen the animation, take a look on our glow page with your pupils (you'll find the animations on the video channel). There is an equally superb Spanish animation called 'Go-go Globe' from St Anthony's Primary but there was no Spanish equivalent competition. I am sure you'll agree, they are all winners!



The Amazing Portal Loo
Elderbank PS with Halo Digital Productions
North Ayrshire Council

Transition topic

P7 pupils at Stanley, West Kilbride, Winton and Dykesmains have written Spanish descriptions of their amazing Pokémon style creatures. iFenomenal!



Training 2017

- Three week crash courses covering Y1-3 are to begin after the Easter holiday. French has moved to a Tuesday and Spanish to a Thursday (dates on Glow Page). The Spanish course is full, Stacey will look at offering another one. Keep an eye on North Ayrshire's CLPL site for dates.
- Virginie and Debbie are offering one off pronunciation classes and in-house training.
- The Erasmus + application is in. 53 places for immersion courses in Lyon and Málaga, as well as shadowing opportunities with partner schools have been applied for, Fingers crossed and thumbs pressed!
- SCILT Next Steps Training and Transition Workshops have received very positive feedback.
- Save the date - there will be a 'Love Languages' celebration for Trainers at Saltcoats Town Hall on the afternoon of Friday 9 June.



St John Ogilvie pupils made books about pets and then donated some to their local library. A clever way of taking language into the community.



Outdoor Learning

Great to see Annick, Glebe, Elderbank and Whitehirst Park apply for their John Muir Awards, incorporating French!

Señora Arneil visited James MacFarlane School and introduced the children to some scents reminiscent of Spain. They smelled olives, coffee, lemons, oranges, melted chocolate, cinnamon, sand and shells and we talked about likes and dislikes. The pupils looked at the colours of the Spanish flag and enjoyed the 'Mover y Parar' colours song.



TOP IDEA: P6 pupils from Pennyburn and St Winning's are teaching each other French and Spanish. What an innovative way to introduce L3!

Theme of the month.

Inter-generational learning!

St Winning's teamed up with Lingo Flamingo to teach Spanish to residents at Buckreddan Care Home.



Pupils led the lovely folk in song, dance and a wee game of Spanish Bingo! The life skills used, created smiles all round and all were engrossed in each others' company.

Pupils recorded residents' evaluations:

'I especially loved it because I went to your school many years ago!'

If any other schools are interested in working with their local care-home or with a chosen group in the community, please let the 1+2 Team know.

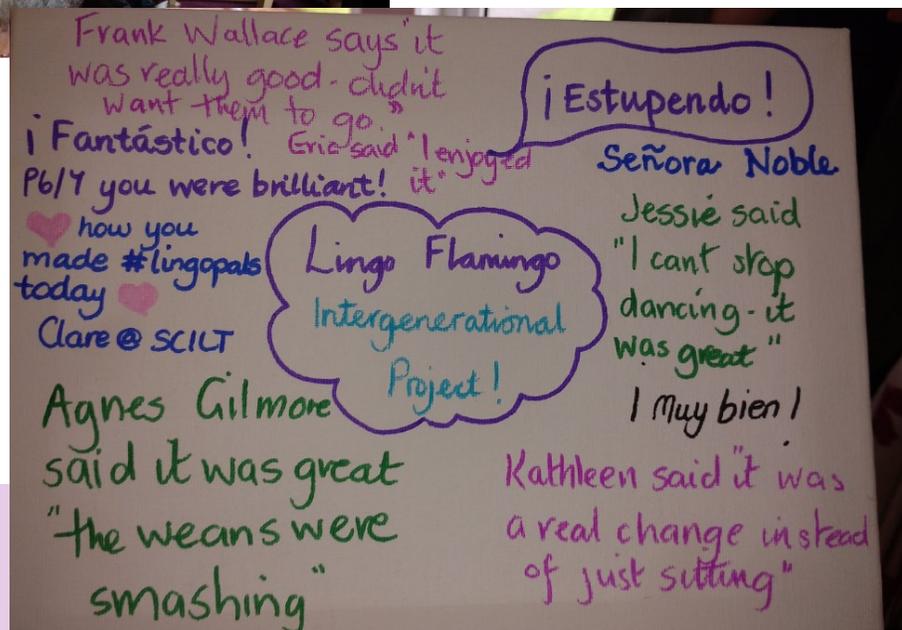
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What's happening next?

- I am currently applying for Foreign Language Assistants for 2017-18.
- Virginie has translated Pokémon topic into French if any teachers in upper school need resources for reading and writing. It is on our Glow Page, in the IDL tile.
- 1+2 Strategy Group Meeting on Friday 24 March, 10am at Greenwood Conference Centre.

Languages give you the ability to make friends all over the world!