

PowerLanguage Platform Newsletter May-June 2017

Save the date!!

Our next PowerLanguage Conference will take place in Edinburgh on **Friday 22 September 2017**. More info on the venue and programme to follow. All practitioners, development officers and PowerLanguage users welcome!

PowerLanguage Updates

Launch of French for Families online course

We are currently piloting a newly developed online course entitled **French for families**, in partnership with Fife Council. **Nine Primary Schools** are taking part, with over **1,000 P3, P4 and P5 pupils and their families** registered! We will publish the results of this pilot at the end of the summer.

If successful, we believe that this course could be of interest to schools wanting to use the Pupil Equity Funding to purchase it. The project would allow schools to engage with their parents/wider community, reduce the attainment gap, promote languages, develop literacy, and much more!

New Chinese online course

Our second recent project is linked to **the teaching of Mandarin**. We are piloting 6 lessons in **2 Primary Schools in Angus Council**. The lessons are delivered by the classroom teacher in the first school, who is learning Mandarin along with the pupils! In the second school, the lessons are delivered by a native speaker. Again, all will be revealed at the end of the summer.

You can watch some videos of the launch of our “French Fun for Families in Fife” course at the Alhambra theatre in Dunfermline AND the launch of our Chinese Course on **our YouTube channel** (PowerLanguage Ltd.):

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIb8QdwNhyN5kIolpMokKqw>

Remember that we already offer well established **online courses for French and Spanish Primary Teachers**. More info about any of our online courses can be found at www.powerlanguage.courses.

Training

Following on from the success of our Languages and Literacy/Numeracy workshops, we are already preparing our training sessions for next year: Languages and STEM, Languages and Health & Well Being, and Languages as part of Closing the Attainment Gap.

LFEE Europe and Le Français en Ecosse Updates

Our French, Spanish and German tutors have been busy running the **Primary Language Learning (PLL) programme** this year for Fife and East Lothian Councils and over 400 teachers have been trained!

Many teachers have signed up for one of LFEE Europe's 2017-2018 **Spanish and French Immersion Courses**, with Erasmus+ results to be announced at the end of May. Good luck to everyone! If your school has applied for Erasmus+ funding but you have not yet booked a place on one of our courses, now is the time to contact us.

You might already know that our training programmes in France and Spain have been **accredited by the GTCS**. More and more teachers are deciding to document their learning journey in order to get Professional Recognition: from before attending the course to their experience abroad and the impact on their learning, teaching and leadership after the course. I have been privileged to attend all these presentations and it has been incredibly inspiring and humbling! Well done to everyone!

For further information about LFEE Europe activities, please visit www.lfee.net

Platform Updates

1. **Suggested Planning and Associated Resources**

- **Spanish and German Year 3 Blocks 4** are now available on the Platform
- **Year 3 French passports** have been added to the Platform in the last few days

2. Responsive Resources

Useful Responsive Resources for May & June

May

13 May = World Fair Trade day

French: Fairtrade



June

5 June = World environment day and world Ocean day

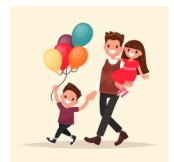


French	Spanish	German
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antarctica • Climate zones in the world • Coastlines • Natural disasters • Plants and trees • Rainforest • Recycling • Continents and oceans • Under the sea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arctic vocabulary • Coastline • Coral reefs • Natural disasters • Rainforest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The snail and the whale

18 June = Father's day

French

- Valentine's day (resources and activities suitable for Father's day in this dossier)



New Responsive Resources

French

- Peppa Pig (Age: whole school)
- Climatic Zones in the Word (Age: 10+) :
- Brown Bear (Age: 3+)
- Circus
- Continents and Oceans (Age: 9+)



- Health Week (whole school): *this dossier contains a range of topics (food groups, balanced meals, healthy recipes, hygiene, physical activity, the human body) with numerous activities, which can be used independently.*
- Parts of the Body: *This resource has been revamped and now includes main organs and bones.*
- Comics: *A new folder, containing additional resources provided by Argyll and Bute colleagues, has been added the dossier.*



German

- In the Classroom (whole school)



Spanish

- From Farm to Table (Age: 6+)
- Songs (whole school) : *An additional song around the rainbow and its colours.*

