

## PowerLanguage Platform Newsletter December 2016

### Bienvenue ! ¡Bienvenidos! Willkommen! Fàilte!

Welcome to the first edition of the PowerLanguage Newsletter!

**Meet the team:** **Elise Gay** in charge of the development of Suggested Planning and Associated Resources, **Nadine Fraize**, in charge of Responsive and From Your Colleagues resources, **Richard Tallaron**, in charge of the training programme, and **Ros Main** in charge of content uploading and administration.

We will be producing our Newsletter on a monthly basis. Should you wish any of your colleagues to be included in the circulation list, please email us at: **info@powerlanguage.net**

### PowerLanguage Conference 2016

We held our annual conference on 27 October in Edinburgh, which was a great success. We had 10 Local Authorities represented, from Shetland to Borders and from East Lothian to Argyll and Bute. We would like to thank everyone who attended, and especially our inspiring presenters who spoke on the themes of:

- “Sharing the Sizzle” : training and supporting primary teachers (Caroline Gordon and Wendy Clark, Perth & Kinross Council)
- A practitioner’s personal journey into languages (James Rodgers, Whinhill Primary School, Inverclyde Council)
- Taking 1 + 2 into the wider community: getting Public Libraries on board (Tamsin Johnston, Fife Council)

Richard Tallaron presented our French on-line course for teachers ([www.pll-online.net](http://www.pll-online.net)), which is currently being used by 500 practitioners around Scotland. Our Spanish on-line course will be available in January. The feed-back from colleagues around the country has been wonderful!

We also spoke about training, transition, responsive resources and progression. Overall, a great day!

## What's New section of the Platform



A new "**What's New**" blue button on the landing page of [www.plplatform.net](http://www.plplatform.net) now contains our Newsletter, Videos and Presentations.

Newsletters will be available to download as a PDF file and going forward, previous versions of Newsletters will be available to view in this section.

The **PowerLanguage Youtube Channel** can be accessed from the "*Videos*" section, and contains the 2015 and 2016 Conference videos.

The presentations from our 2016 Conference speakers are available in "*Presentations*".

## Platform Updates

### Responsive Resources

- For each language, we have created a new **Overview**, which lists all the Responsive Resources (organised by age group) placed underneath the "responsive" title, on the Platform. This document gives you an indication of the targeted age, keeping in mind that differentiated activities are often suggested within the resources, making them suitable for older/younger age groups so please take the time to look through them. It will be **updated monthly**, and you will also be informed of the latest resources available on the Platform via our monthly newsletter.

- Responsive Resources of the month!** Of course, it has to be our **Christmas** dossier! Don't forget to check all the resources available under this heading, as well as Resources available in "*Planning and Associated Resources, Year 1, Block 2*".



- Here is a list of all the **latest additions** to our Responsive section:



### French

- Scottish rocks and fossils
- Plants and trees: trees in Scotland/ autumn theme
- Famous French people: Celebrities interview (speaking and writing practice)
- Science: soluble/insoluble
- South America



### Spanish

- The Franco era
- Science: Light and shadows



### German

- Parts of the body and Songs: Head, Shoulder, Knee and Toes
- Science: Light and shadows

## From your colleagues

Check this section for resources which your colleagues have developed and are happy to share. Don't forget that you can send us resources which we will proofread prior to uploading for all to share.

## Suggested Planning and Associated Resources

- **French Year 4 Block1.** For those of you who are in their 4th year of the platform, we are in the process of developing new Planners and Resources for Year 4, and Block 1 has now been completed. The over-arching theme for Year 4 is "Me and My School", which will include covering language for school uniform, objects in the classroom, places in school and daily routines.
- **Spanish and German Year 3 Blocks 1 and 2.** Year 3 is currently being adapted into Spanish and German, with Blocks 1 and 2 now available on the Platform.
- **Core Language Overviews for multi-composite classes.** Following teachers' feedback, we have added an Overview for multi-composite classes at the start of each "Year". This sits alongside the existing Overview of Topic Areas and Key Language which is still relevant to teachers. Multi-composite overviews are currently available in French (Year 1, 2 and 3), Spanish (Year 1 and 2) and German (Year 1 and 2)
- **Passports.** Passport booklets have been created for each age group, and can be used by teachers and their pupils to record progress in their language learning. Passports are also intended to be used to share the language journey with parents. They are currently available in French (Year 1 and Year 2), Spanish and German (Year 1), with Year 3 French and Year 2 Spanish and German coming soon.

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