



MILBY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Milby family,

It is a privilege to write the first subject newsletter of this academic year. As a school, we are very proud of our curriculum offer, and the extensive knowledge and key life skills that the children soak up during their seven years of learning at Milby.

"Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom"

- Roger Bacon

I have always had a deep personal passion for foreign languages, and whilst French lessons are only taught in key stage two, it makes me very proud to have witnessed all children from Foundation Stage up to year 6 being active with languages this term.

Once again, the children have been keen to demonstrate their growing abilities in a range of foreign languages, so be sure to click on the  symbol whenever you see it!



iHasta luego!

Mr Letts

Subject Leader for Modern Foreign Languages

Featuring:

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**DID YOU
KNOW?**



There is a language spoken by only 3 people in the world!

INTERESTING FACT



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

MFL NEWS

Following our very successful European Neighbours Day back in May, we decided to dedicate an afternoon to celebrating the European Day of Languages this year, which is held annually on 26th September.

For over 20 years, this event has been held across dozens of European countries to develop multilingualism, promote intercultural understanding and highlight the rich cultural heritage of our continent. Over 100,000 people across 42 countries are taking part this year, and we are proud to be part of that number.

Every class was tasked with creating a section of a new MFL display in school, in the form of flags of European countries. After lots of patience and quite a few sheets of tissue paper, a masterpiece was born!

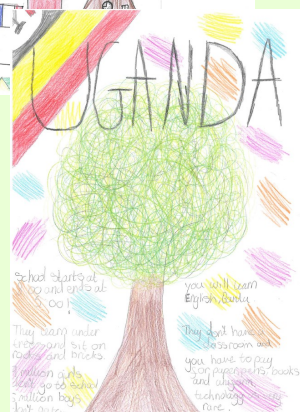
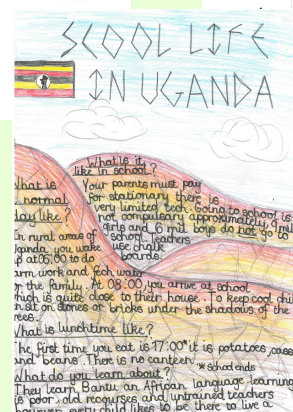
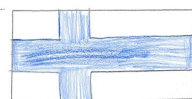
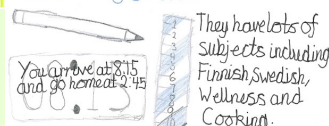
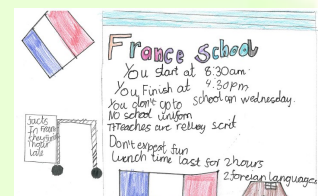
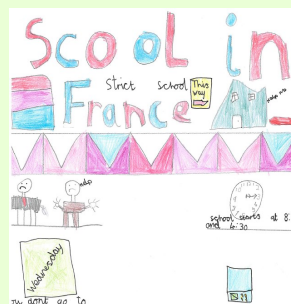
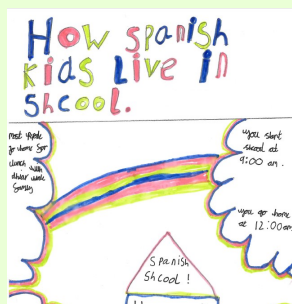


In KS2, the children started their first internationalism work of the year by investigating what life would be like to go to school in a different country. Year 3 found out about schools in France and year 4 explored life in Spain. Finland was the focus for year 5, while year 6 considered rural Uganda. Check out some of their tremendous posters below. Sehr gut!



In KS1, the children used their puppetry skills to create a video.

They were challenged to introduce their character in a foreign language, using phrases such as: "Je m'appelle..." (French), "Me llamo..." (Spanish) and "Mi chiamo..." (Italian). They did a fantastic job, which you can enjoy by clicking on the symbols below.



BRITISH COUNCIL
International School Award

Since then, we have been working hard behind the scenes to prepare ourselves for the Intermediate Level of the award, which is bestowed upon schools which are raising awareness of global issues amongst pupils, and have begun collaborative projects with other schools overseas.

We are currently in the midst of the process of seeking a partner school abroad, and we will keep you updated. The benefits of joining forces with a school from a different country are numerous - the children can develop their language skills and knowledge of different cultures, while teachers and support staff from both schools can share ideas around professional development and teaching strategies. We are very excited to see where this opportunity can take us.

*"French lessons are great because
I enjoy speaking in a French accent with
my friends"*
- Year 4 child



What do the children think about languages?



"I love French because we
play fun games and I like to learn how
to say different words"
- Year 3 child

Spanish club is back! We are very fortunate to be able to offer our Spanish extra-curricular club to more children than ever before. Mrs Abercrombie, a specialist languages teacher with many years of experience, will be delivering our popular Spanish club to children from across the school. Autumn 1 has kicked off with children from year 1 and 2, with further opportunities becoming available for other year groups later in the academic year. For more details, please speak to the school office.

