



MILBY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Milby family,

Hello! Witam! Hallo! Zdravstvuyte! Merhaba! 你好

Welcome back from what I hope was a lovely halfterm break for you all. It is wonderful to think that across our school community we have so many different languages spoken, including (to name a few) English, Bulgarian, Cantonese, Dutch, Greek, Gujarati, Polish, Turkish and Urdu.

"A different language is a different vision of life"

- Federico Fellini

We always love to be able to guide our young people in learning new skills and developing a genuine interest in languages, and I am very pleased to be able to share so many highlights of MFL learning. From our MFL Day before half term to our French lessons and Spanish Club, everyone has been busy with languages like never before at Milby. Within this newsletter, you may spot some opportunities for the children to show off their foreign language skills, so be sure to click on the  symbol whenever you see it!



À plus tard,

Mr Letts

Subject Leader for Modern Foreign Languages

Featuring:

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DID YOU KNOW?



There are between
6000 and 7000
languages in
the world

INTERESTING FACT

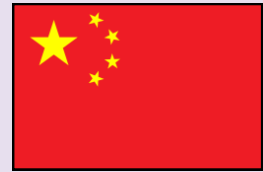


EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURS DAY

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European Neighbours Day is an international festival that has been crossing borders since 1999. At Milby, we decided to celebrate by holding a language afternoon across the school. The children had a wonderful time exploring some new words and phrases in their given language, as well as the culture of different countries.

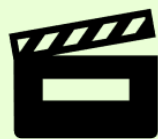
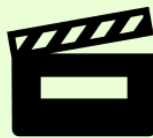
In **Foundation Stage**, the children learned some **Cantonese** by joining in with nursery rhymes and counting to ten. The children also looked on the globe to find countries where Cantonese is spoken.



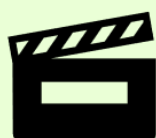
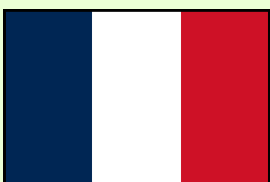
Year 1 children focused on **Shona**, a language which originates in Zimbabwe, and enjoyed hearing about Miss Wonzeri's time in the country and her family connection to the language. The children learned some animal names and used pastels to decorate Zimbabwean flags!



Children in **Year 2** had the chance to learn some **French** in readiness for year 3. They found out how to say lots of different French greetings as well as colours and numbers. What superstars!



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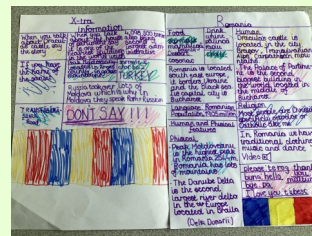
German was the focus in **Year 3**, and the children had great fun by creating abstract art, trying some German biscuits and learning some German greetings.



Mrs Whopples spoke to 3G all about her time living in Germany ... did you know that most children leave school at lunchtime?!



Year 5 had the opportunity to learn some words in **Romanian**, and also benefited from the expertise of two of their fellow classmates. The children found out lots of facts about Romania and made a fact file.



Spanish was the language of choice for **Year 6** children, and they challenged themselves by learning some conversational phrases, colours and even some salsa moves! As well as that, they designed their own Talavera tiles, traditional hand-painted tiles from Mexico.



FRENCH NEWS

Over the last half term, Key Stage Two children have been learning French through a wide range of engaging topics. The children develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills, as well as their intercultural understanding.



Year 3 have had a sweet time learning about ice creams last half term!

Over the last few weeks, they built up their knowledge to be able to ask for ten different flavours of ice cream, in either cornets or pots, and even specify the number of scoops!



Our French superstars **Reuben** and **Victoria** are going to show off their French skills to you all. Fantastique!



Year 4

have been keeping their learning close to home recently, with a topic called 'In the classroom'. They've found great success in naming classroom objects they can spot around them.

Listen to **Jack** and **Evan** as they describe what's in their pencil case... Très bon!

Year 5

have been talking about their homes in their French lessons last half term, naming the rooms that are in their house.



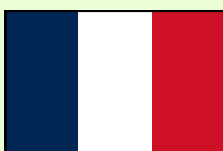
Thankfully, **Felicity** and **Jenson** are here to share some phrases in French with us all. Merveilleux!



Year 6

have combined two skills recently during their 'At the weekend' topic ... telling the time and talking about activities they do at the weekend, from playing football and video games to visiting the cinema and swimming pool.

Harry and **Anna** are going to share how they spend their time at the weekend using their French knowledge. Formidable!



Happy
Weekend



Certificate

This is to certify that
Milby Primary School

has achieved
Foundation level
Introducing internationalism

Scott McDonald
Scott McDonald
Chief Executive, British Council

Back in December, we were very proud to be recognised by the British Council, an organisation which aims to promote cultural relationships and educational cooperation between the UK and other countries. Milby was awarded with the International School Award (Foundation Level) in recognition of our work on internationalism within our curriculum.



Shannon West, Head of UK Schools for the British Council, said: "Milby Primary School's international work has earned the school well-deserved recognition with the International



Spanish Club

Milby's now-annual

Spanish Club has been back

with a bang this year. During the

spring term, children from year 3 and 4

had lots of fun when learning new vocabulary

and practising their foreign language skills! From

creating weather forecast flap books and animal puppets,

to designing a monster and reading a bilingual book, they all

did a great job! A small group of children from UKS2 had the chance

to tailor their experience to their own interests. They played Spanish games

on the playground, went on a walk around the grounds to find some

nouns and chose to create a poster for an ice cream parlour.

I think we may have some future linguists in the making!

School Award - Foundation Certificate. We are delighted and proud that Milby is committed to developing a whole school approach to embedding and celebrating international work. The dedication from everyone is enriching education and supporting globally aware young people and the development of key skills."



Year 4

French Day

Before Easter, 4I and 4J

had 'une bonne journée' when

they celebrated the geography, music,

language and food of France! The children

did an incredible job of singing 'Frère Jacques' in a

round, and tried a variety of traditional French cuisine, such as

quiche, brie and pain au chocolat - the baguette was a particular

favourite though!

