

LANGUAGE COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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Joint Curriculum Project with Spain and Germany



This year we were fortunate to receive funding from the British Council for two exchanges to our partner schools Monte Miravete in Murcia, Spain and Gymnasium i. E. Salzhausen in Salzhausen, Germany. Joint curriculum projects reinforce the concept of school partnerships, bringing an international dimension to the heart of the curriculum. They can revitalise and rejuvenate school studies, motivating staff and pupils alike. In conjunction with our partners we are working on a Citizenship project about Identity and Nationality. Citizenship is a way of behaving, thinking, and learning which supports personal and community development and life-long learning. Very soon you will be able to access blogs and interviews from the first leg of the exchanges on our school website. We look forward to receiving the students from both Murcia and Salzhausen when we return in September and know that you will all give them very warm welcome at Elliott.



Elliott students: 'the face' of the British Council



Elliott School was selected to become the face of promotional material for the British Council in May. A photographer visited the school and worked with a group of Year 8 students to come up with a portfolio of pictures which will be appearing on the British Council website and in their promotional materials. The British Council is a non-departmental public body and registered charity for cultural relations in the United Kingdom. The organisation aims to build mutually beneficial cultural and educational relationships between people in the United Kingdom and in other countries, and increase appreciation of the United Kingdom's creative ideas and achievements. Its overseas network extends to 109 countries and territories. The organisation works with UK schools in developing links with schools abroad and has funded a number of schools trips run by Elliott School such as those to Russia, China, Japan and last summer's French Immersion course.



We Aspire to Excellence



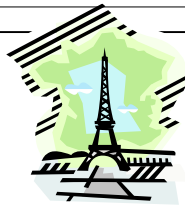
Celebrating Achievement

Well done to Mandour Elmahadi, Hassan Bachir, Fatih Okuyucu, Baris Kavalli, Ana Van-Dunem, Anibal Peel-Antunes, Hugo Borges, Karlson Lee, Jone Tsang, Patrycja Rzepka, Pegah Baradaran, Hannaneh Shariatzadeh, Jannely Boumpoutou and Kamal Safdar who completed GCSEs in Community Languages this term. The languages ranged from Urdu, Portuguese, Chinese and Polish to Arabic, Persian and Turkish. If you have any enquiries regarding GCSEs in Community Languages, please call Ms Bakharia on 020 8394 5630.



French Partner School Needed!

Whilst we are developing our partnerships with Germany and Spain, we would very much like to make a link with a school in France. If any parent or reader of this newsletter can put us in contact with a school in France, we would be very grateful! Please contact Ms Bakharia on 0208 394 5630.



Elliott welcomes international visitors

We are frequently visited by teachers from UK as well as international schools and most recently we welcomed two teachers from the Indian School in New Delhi. They were impressed by the work that they saw and by the enthusiasm of Elliott School students. Thanks to those of you who made them feel welcome.



Why not have a look at the Indian School website at:
www.theindianschool.in

Languages in our Elliott Community



Walidiinta sharafta leh!

This year the EMA teacher has been working with the LEA Somali Home-School Liaison Officer to develop closer links with our Somali parents and to raise the profile of Somali culture and language at Elliott. As part of the programme, we organised three workshops to teach pupils more about Somalia. Activities included listening to Somali music, reading traditional stories and making a poster in Somali. During the last session, parents brought in food to share with pupils and teachers. It was a very positive experience for everyone involved.



Elliott Students in Spain

After the long, long journey we finally arrived in Spain. We spent just under a week in Tossa de Mar on the Mediterranean coast. On the first full day in Spain we visited the Dalí Museum followed by an afternoon in a water park. This was followed by trips to Barcelona where we saw the Parc Güell, the cathedral built by Gaudí called the Sagrada Família and we took a walk down the Rambla to the port area. A day was also spent in the Port Aventura – this is a theme park down the coast past Barcelona which has one of the biggest roller coasters in Europe. During the trip we learnt about the Catalans and the Spanish and we were able to use some of the Spanish we have learnt at school. It was great fun and I really want to go back to Spain again in the future.
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Primary Languages

Come September 2007 Elliott School will have worked with 8 local primary schools for a decade in the teaching of French to Year 6. This successful relationship has grown over the years with Elliott staff teaching a weekly lesson and also with Gifted and Talented Year 6 students attending Masterclasses on Thursday afternoons. As all primary schools are working towards the teaching of languages throughout Key Stage 2 we are also working to support our cluster of schools in this initiative. Most notably we have been working with Albemarle School to introduce the teaching of Spanish which will start in throughout KS2 this coming September.

Evening Classes

French, Japanese & Spanish

Beginners', intermediate and advanced intermediate level language classes start week commencing 1st October 2007 at Elliott School. Japanese is offered at beginners' only. Sessions take place on Tuesday evenings (beginners, advanced intermediate) and Wednesday evenings (intermediate) for 2 hours from 7pm at a cost of £65 for the full course of 23 lessons.

This price is subsidised by funding to promote language learning.

For further details and an enrolment form please contact Elliott School on 020 8788 3421.

¡Que pasar unas buenas vacaciones!

Passe de bonnes vacances

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