

BBC Active Languages Teachers' Email 100

## **Welcome to the 100<sup>th</sup> BBC Active newsletter**

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Hello and welcome to all our new members. I hope this term has gone well and you are looking forward to a well-earned break over the summer. If you have any comments or feedback on the newsletter, please email us at [bbcactive.languages.admin@pearson.com](mailto:bbcactive.languages.admin@pearson.com)

The next newsletter will be sent out in September 2011.

In the meantime, please enjoy this one!

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### **News from BBC Active**

WH Smith's Talk promotion has just started.

Look out for £5 off Talk Pack in 241 WH Smith stores throughout July and August. Available for French, French 2, Spanish, Spanish 2, Italian, German, Greek, Russian and Portuguese.

Take a look at the Amazon Language Store, Talk is the feature series with great discounts available <http://www.amazon.co.uk/Language-Books/b?ie=UTF8&node=429978031>

## News from the BBC

### **\*New\* Guides to Korean and Turkish**

Find out fascinating facts and phrases and learn some tricky tongue twisters in Korean and Turkish

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/other/korean/guide/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/other/turkish/guide/>

### **2-24 July: Tour de France**

Sucer les roues... ? La voiture-balai... ? Pick up some cycling slang and Tour terminology and test your knowledge of the race with quizzes, a crossword and other fun activities:

[www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/mafrance/html/tour\\_de\\_france/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/mafrance/html/tour_de_france/)

### **BBC Languages Out and About**

BBC Languages is due to launch two exciting new features this summer: the BBC's new online profiling tool and our new interactive Italian learning drama, La Mappa Misteriosa. Lots more details coming soon to [www.bbc.co.uk/languages](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages)

### **Quick Fix holiday phrases**

Passport, tickets, money... Quick Fix phrases! Print or download essential phrases before you go and access them wherever, and whenever, you want!

French: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/quickfix/summer.shtml>

Spanish: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/quickfix/summer.shtml>

Italian: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/quickfix/summer.shtml>

German: [http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/quickfix/social\\_phrases.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/quickfix/social_phrases.shtml)

More Quick Fix phrases: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/other/quickfix/>

Keep an eye on <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/> for interesting language and culture-related programmes on TV and radio.

## **National News**

Dictionary of dead language complete after 90 years

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-13715296>

The government is spending nearly £400,000 to help save the Cornish language.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cornwall-13890581>

Minister calls for all pupils to learn two foreign tongues

<http://www.tes.co.uk/article.aspx?storycode=6088675>

The teaching of Gaelic at Scottish schools needs written national guidance, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) has suggested.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-highlands-islands-13855452>

The native languages of the Channel Islands have featured together for the first time in a new publication.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-guernsey-1377759>

Councillors in Rhondda Cynon Taf have agreed to open the first Welsh language primary school in Llanharry.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-south-east-wales-13666166>

Are Germans ruder than the British? Are Britons more dishonest than Germans? Fortunately, we don't have to rely on blind prejudice for answers. Serious academic research has been done on both sides of the North Sea.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-13545386>

An Oxfordshire head teacher has said she should not be forced to teach foreign languages to her pupils.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-oxfordshire-13502909>

Music and dance from Scottish Opera introduced children to one of the most popular school languages

<http://www.tes.co.uk/article.aspx?storycode=6090306>

China and Taiwan 'first joint dictionary'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-pacific-13467598>

'Women affected most' by English language funding cuts

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-13412811>

Firms ignore the foreign language internet at their peril

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-13878064>

Newham's libraries remove foreign language newspapers

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-london-13352845>

Poor foreign language skills affect UK's European influence

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-13330300>

Poor foreign language skills among the British workforce are leaving the UK under-represented in European Union institutions, an official has said.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-13314147>

Google announced that it is expanding its translation services to include five more Indian languages.

<http://blogs.ft.com/beyond-brics/2011/06/22/google-welcome-to-the-indic-web/>

Do you speak Spanish? Well, you're not alone. On 18 June the Cervantes Institute is hosting free parties in 44 countries as part of Día E to celebrate the second most spoken native language in the world.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2011/jun/15/do-you-speak-spanish?INTCMP=SRCH>

Almost one million schoolchildren speak English as a second language, official figures show, sparking claims that mass immigration is placing a "huge strain" on the education system.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/8591707/Record-1m-pupils-speak-English-as-a-second-language.html>

More pupils are taking Latin in state comprehensives than private schools amid Government pressure to promote tough subjects in the classroom.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/educationnews/8582735/Latin-courses-more-popular-in-state-comprehensives.html>

## Events

Younger = Better? Comparing 5, 7 and 11 year olds learning French in the classroom  
14 - 15 July 2011 Newcastle University

[http://www.strath.ac.uk/scilt/events/otherevents/headline\\_364013\\_en.html](http://www.strath.ac.uk/scilt/events/otherevents/headline_364013_en.html)

Use your language, use your English - summer school  
18 - 23 July 2011

Institute of Germanic & Romance Studies

Stewart House, 32 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DN

[http://www.strath.ac.uk/scilt/events/otherevents/headline\\_410882\\_en.html](http://www.strath.ac.uk/scilt/events/otherevents/headline_410882_en.html)

Training Opportunities for MFL/Arabic Teachers

22 - 29 July 2011

University of Edinburgh

[http://www.strath.ac.uk/scilt/events/otherevents/headline\\_410041\\_en.html](http://www.strath.ac.uk/scilt/events/otherevents/headline_410041_en.html)

Open discussion of the Linguistics Olympiad

9 September 2011

LAGB, Manchester

[http://www.strath.ac.uk/scilt/events/otherevents/headline\\_419153\\_en.html](http://www.strath.ac.uk/scilt/events/otherevents/headline_419153_en.html)

Thriving in the New World of Higher Education: a workshop for heads of department and  
leaders in languages, linguistics and area studies

14 September, 2011

School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London

<http://www.llas.ac.uk/events/6397>

Network for Languages London Courses

Listen, Speak, Read, Write Web - Enhancing creativity and raising standards in your MFL  
classroom using ICT

19 September, 10am – 4pm

Terrific teaching, long-lasting learning at A-Level

3 October, 10am – 4pm

Teaching languages in after-school contexts

24 September 2011

For more details <http://www.westminster.ac.uk/schools/humanities/professional-courses/network-for-languages/courses>

CILT is running a series of training events linking languages with food, in collaboration with Le  
Français en Ecosse

<http://www.cilt.org.uk/home/news/news%20items/events/food%20for%20thought.aspx>

ALL Italian Day 15th Oct 2011

[http://www.all-languages.org.uk/events-list/details/read/all\\_italian\\_day](http://www.all-languages.org.uk/events-list/details/read/all_italian_day)

Language Show

21 - 23 October 2011

National Hall, Olympia, London

<http://www.thelanguageshow.co.uk>

## Resources

Thanks to forum users for some of the resources listed below.

The TES "Primary languages" collection has a growing number of resources to help teachers introducing children to French, German and Spanish in primary school.

<http://www.tes.co.uk/article.aspx?storycode=6080604>

This comprehensive factsheet lists the available language qualifications that can be used pre- and post-16 in schools and colleges.

<http://www.linksintolanguages.ac.uk/resources/2514>

A resource finder that makes it easy to access a wide range of innovative teaching materials from the LinkedUp Award Scheme. You can also access 10 minute guides and other resources produced by Links into Languages.

<http://www.linksintolanguages.ac.uk/resources>

The new **Lingu@netWorld Wide** online resources centre for language learners and teachers has now been launched! Access the site in 32 languages including Arabic, Chinese and Japanese to find language resources and support for adult learners relating to the learning of any language.

<http://www.linguanet-worldwide.org/>

Take a look at the CILT site for primary language teaching for examples of how to teach to the Key Stage 2 Framework for Languages. You will see how to embed language learning into the daily routine of the primary school, how to make links with other subjects and how to plan for an integrated approach.

[http://www.primarylanguages.org.uk/training\\_zone/teachers.aspx](http://www.primarylanguages.org.uk/training_zone/teachers.aspx)

'Let's get cooking around the world' have some good bilingual recipe cards

<http://www.letsgetcooking.org.uk/CookingAroundtheWorld/Recipesandresources>

There is a (free!) French play for KS2 available on this site

<http://brilliantpublications.co.uk//frontend/views/upload/gallery/9781905780778-12-Petites-Pieces-a-Jouer-French-plays-Bobo-le-Robot-11-13.pdf>

Good Secondary French Site containing lots of "debats" on all kinds of issues. Good for reading comprehension and other work.

<http://debats.netoo.net>

Good interactive sites year-10 Spanish - all abilities

<http://www.frenchspanishonline.com>,

Teaching German: Materials for German as a Foreign Language

<http://www.goethe.de/lhr/mat/enindex.htm>

## Surveys and Competitions

**Search for UK's most multilingual child starts here!**

To mark the launch of their new language learning courses, ALL Corporate Member Collins and Livemocha – the world's largest social network dedicated to language learning – are searching for the UK's most multilingual children and students.

<http://bit.ly/kHR2GQ>

### **Language Perfect World Championships 2011**

9<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> September

Register now for this language learning extravaganza. Students will represent their class, school and country by earning points (+ certificates and great prizes) by completing basic exercises in vocab revision, verb translation and simple sentences.

<http://www.languageperfect.com/worldchamps/siteshell1.swf>

### **UK Linguistics Olympiad**

Are you looking for something to do with your Gifted and Talented students? Then why not consider entering your school in the UK Linguistics Olympiad? It's a competition for 11-18 students, in which they have to solve linguistic data problems. It doesn't rely on knowledge of a language but trying to find patterns in the data.

There are 2 rounds of competition in the UK, and then a team is selected to represent the UK at the International competition. Round 1 is taken in schools week commencing 6th Feb 2012. If you want to find out more or register an interest, please visit [www.uklo.org](http://www.uklo.org).