

Welcome to the 66th BBC Active Tutors' Club Newsletter!

Clickety-Click, we're sixty-six in newsletter years! And possibly in need of a bit of a makeover...as a result, we're re-running our competition to come up with ideas for new features for the newsletter. Although I received some great ideas last month, we need you to put your thinking caps on and have a good ponder. Don't forget, the five best win a Rough Guide or DK Eyewitness guide of their choice.

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you at the Language Show this weekend. Don't forget to drop by stand 134 and say hello!

Susie

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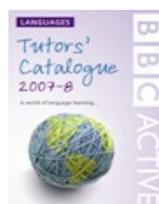
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NEWS FROM BBC ACTIVE



New Tutors' Catalogue now available

The Autumn edition of our brand new tutors' catalogue for languages is out now!

It is now available with updated information regarding site licences and all you need to know when choosing your BBC Active language course. Please email me at susanna.jones@pearson.com with your address to receive your copy.

If you have any feedback about the catalogue, then please also feel free to get in touch. The BBCA Tutors' Catalogue - made for you!

BBC Active activity books - save money, save time

BBC Active have three great activity books to accompany three of our classic courses - *The French Experience 1*, *Sueños World Spanish 1* and *España Viva*. A great supplementary resource for setting homework or to work with together in class, they are currently available at **30 % off!** This offer is exclusive to members of the BBC Active Languages Club, but why not

pass it on to your students as well? All you need to do is to go to <http://www.pearsoned.co.uk/bookshop/voucher.asp> and enter voucher code . This will allow you to purchase the following:

9780563472476 Sueños World Spanish 1 Activity Book - normally £6.99, now £4.89
9780563472575 The French Experience 1 Activity Book - normally £7.99, now £5.59
9780563472735 España Viva Activity Book - normally £5.99, now £4.19



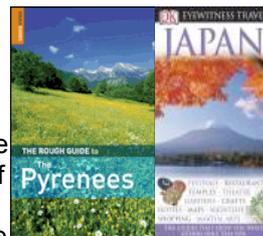
Pass these instructions on and kit out your class for less.

COMPETITION

What would you like to see in the newsletter? Come on, you know you can think of something!

Last month we ran a competition, offering a Rough Guide or DK Eyewitness Guide of your choice to the members who came up with the five best ideas of new features for the newsletter. I received a couple of great ideas, but I'm afraid the number of entries was deeply underwhelming! Surely you have some ideas about what you would like

to see in your newsletter? Write in and let me know! All you need to do is drop me a line at susanna.jones@pearson.com and the best five will be planning their holidays in style with DK and Rough Guides.



If you need an incentive, take a look at the beautiful and comprehensive guides available at www.travel.dk.com and www.roughguides.com!



Primary French is Fun for interactive whiteboard - order now to receive your discount

The complete course of Primary French is Fun for interactive whiteboard is now available, following the publication of *Primary French is Fun 2: Let's Continue* in July. Now you too can make French fun for your kids all the way through Key Stage 2.

If you order by 21st December 2007, you can receive a special **10 % discount** off the usual price of £125 per level. Phone Customer Services now on 0870 830 8000 (Mon-Fri 0830-1730) and don't forget to quote code **ALS** to receive your discount. Each level is designed to cover two years' teaching and comes with a comprehensive teacher's book.

Don't take our word for it! Here is what other people have said about Primary French is Fun:

"It is very rich and certainly has something for everyone. The only resource anyone will ever need" - Glynis Rumley, Chair of Kent Association for Language Learning, writing in the ALL Journal *Francophonie* last month (<http://www.all-languages.org.uk/about.asp>).

"This combination of professionally produced video and teachers' own whiteboard skills is new and could be exciting. The scheme is well structured, with good questions for children" - John Bald writing in *The Guardian* in June (<http://www.guardian.co.uk/>).

"There are video clips of French children going about their everyday lives, songs and the fun FC Coco cartoons ... There are questions and lesson ideas on screen to go with each of the clips, to get children thinking about the language, games [and] activities to practise pronunciation and some French traditional songs and clapping games" - Wendy Adeniji, MFL teacher and consultant, writing in the *TES* in October (www.tes.co.uk).

A plea for Primary French feedback!

To those of you who are teaching French in primary schools, we would really appreciate it if you could let us have your thoughts on any or all of the following: will you be using the new QCA scheme of work? Are you aware of it? What do you think of it? Do you prefer it to the old scheme of work for French? Please send your thoughts to me at susanna.jones@pearson.com. Primary language advisors should also feel free to contribute! We really value your opinions, so please do let me know.

NEWS FROM THE BBC

Meet the brains behind *Ma France* and the BBC Languages website!

Why not come to the Language Show and meet the minds behind one of the most popular websites out there? Mick Webb and Johann le Calvez will be giving a talk on online learning from 1045-1130 on Saturday 3rd November, and may even grace the BBC Active stand after the event. Find out more at www.thelanguageshow.co.uk.

Real Chinese - new-look videos

Nǐ hǎo! Get a taste for Chinese with new-look videos selected from the Real Chinese TV series, on BBC Two's Learning Zone on 20th November. Try some Mandarin now!
http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/chinese/real_chinese/videos/

New Steps in 12 weeks

Starting from scratch? We now offer a weekly email service with tips and encouragement to motivate you through our online courses for beginners in French, Spanish, Italian and German. There's a BBC certificate if you complete the course! Start 'Steps in 12 weeks':
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/steps/>

Spanish Crossword

Estar como __ __ en el agua... Need a hint? Try interactive Spanish crosswords and pick up phrases for intermediates. No excuse now for not having a clue!
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/news/crossword/flash/>

A Touch of Polish - coming soon!

Want to converse with your Polish builder? Learn how to offer a cup of coffee in his own language with a fun, new online soap. Guess the meaning of a Polish sentence and then vote for your favourite line. We'll write the next episode based on your vote! Coming in November.

A Fan in Japan

Up for a Japanese challenge? Explore the exciting world of *futtobo-ru*, football, in Japan, picking up a bit of the lingo along the way! Also, see Japanese Language and People on BBC Two's Learning Zone on 13th November.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/japanese/challenge/>

China Diary

Discover how Chris from London fulfilled a lifelong ambition of riding an elephant in the final instalment of his diary, in which he shares a colourful insight into living, working and studying in China. Read it now!
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/yoursay/200709/19414.shtml>

ADVANCED LEARNING ZONE SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2007-MARCH 2008

Tuesday 6 th November	0200 - 0600	<i>The French Experience 17-20; The French Experience 2 1-10; Eurografters: France</i>
Tuesday 13 th November	0200 - 0600	<i>Japanese Language and People 1-8</i>
Tuesday 20 th November	0200 - 0600	<i>Real Chinese 1-10; China Close up 1-6</i>
Tuesday 27 th November	0200 - 0600	<i>Hindi Urdu Bol Chaal 1-10</i>
Tuesday 4 th December	0200 - 0600	<i>Talk French 1-6; France Inside Out 1-5</i>
Tuesday 11 th December	0200 - 0600	<i>Talk German 1-6; Germany Inside Out 1-5</i>

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 8 th January	0200-0600	<i>Ma France 1-4</i>
Tuesday 15 th January	0200-0600	<i>Talk Spanish 1-6; Spain Inside Out 1-5</i>
Tuesday 22 nd January	0200-0600	<i>Talk Italian 1-6; Italy Inside Out 1-5</i>
Tuesday 29 th January	0200-0600	<i>Talk Portuguese 1-6; Brazil Inside Out 1-5</i>
Tuesday 5 th February	0200-0600	<i>Japanese Language and People 1-8</i>
Tuesday 12 th February	0200-0600	<i>Real Chinese 1-10; China Close-Up 1-6</i>
Tuesday 19 th February	0200-0600	<i>Sueños 1-16</i>
Tuesday 26 th February	0200-0600	<i>Sueños 17-20; Working With the Spanish; Make Spanish Your Business 1-2; Eurografters: Spain</i>
Tuesday 4 th March	0200-0600	<i>Talk Greek 1-6; Mediterranean Cookery: Greece, Turkey, Morocco, Spain</i>

NATIONAL NEWS

Diplomas to replace A-levels?

The Government have announced three new diplomas in science, humanities and languages...

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/7058015.stm>

<http://education.guardian.co.uk/1419education/story/0,,2197747,00.html>

http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/education/article2726924.ece

http://news.independent.co.uk/education/education_news/article3090331.ece

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/10/24/nexams124.xml>

CILT's positive reaction at

<http://www.cilt.org.uk/news/pressoffice/pressrelease/2007/pr0730dip2310s.pdf>

Language graduates up by a third

Scottish universities and colleges produce a third more language graduates than last year.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/7024682.stm>

Although these statistics should be taken with a 'bucket, rather than a pinch, of salt' <http://www.theherald.co.uk/features/editorial/display.var.1730538.0.0.php>

Advice for parents

Suggestions from the *Independent* for parents wanting their children to persist in the language they learnt at primary school.

<http://news.independent.co.uk/education/schools/article3022534.ece>

Bilingual plan to rescue school

A West London comprehensive could be turned into a bilingual school, partly funded by the French Government. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/7056113.stm>

Tongue tied lose millions

BILLIONS of pounds are lost to the economy each year because of a lack of investment in language learning, a Welsh academic said yesterday.

http://icwales.icnetwork.co.uk/business-in-wales/business-news/tm_headline=lack-of-spending-on-learning-languages-8216-costs-billions-8217&method=full&objectid=19878990&siteid=50082-name_page.html

'Just English'? That's just not good enough

The Boston experience of how languages are becoming more and more essential to operating in the global marketplace.

http://www.boston.com/jobs/news/articles/2007/10/14/being_multilingual_becoming_more_essential/

Film producer quits in Oscar row

A film producer has resigned from the British Academy of Film and Television Arts because he said they will not put forward his Gaelic film for an Oscar.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/scotland/highlands_and_islands/7025599.stm

<http://film.guardian.co.uk/news/story/0,,2183988,00.html>

Paltrow to make series on Spain

Gwyneth Paltrow is to star in a TV series about the food and culture of Spain, airing in the US next autumn. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/entertainment/7026273.stm>

Le Roi Lion is a roaring success

The Lion King is a surprise hit in Paris, despite concerns about French views of 'theatre that sings' <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/7030285.stm>

Beijing to back teaching in schools

The Chinese government is to fund the teaching of Mandarin and Chinese culture in 10 UK Independent schools. <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/7025760.stm>

EVENTS

See us at

The Language Show 2007, November 2nd-4th

Only a few more days to plan your visit to The Language Show! It will be taking place as usual at London Olympia on the first weekend in November.

Come along and visit us on stand 134! www.thelanguageshow.co.uk.

Involvement for All - Changing perceptions, connecting globally

Monday 12 November, QE11 Conference Centre, London. Involvement for All is a unique conference from the British Council showcasing the opportunities for schools and local authorities to collaborate with partners around the world. Kicking off this year's DCSF International Education Week, the conference is an invaluable chance to network, discover the benefits of working with partners worldwide and find out how you can access an unparalleled range of international partnerships and professional development opportunities. A combination of inspiring plenary speakers, hands-on workshops and an exhibition of leading education organisations, Involvement for All shows how you can develop an international dimension to the benefit of pupils, staff and the wider community. For more information on the conference programme and to register online, please visit www.britishcouncil.org/involvement-for-all.htm.

Conference for Arabic and Urdu

Conference at Moseley School, Birmingham on Saturday, 24th November, 0930-1500; deadline for bookings: 16th November.

Cost: £60 (teachers employed in secondary schools) £20 (teachers in supplementary schools). A free CD with resources in Urdu and schemes of work is included. Please pass on the info to your colleagues and contact Ute Offermann, SLC Director, for booking forms, at ofu@MOSELEY.BHAM.SCH.UK.

Comenius London Community Language Network Autumn Seminar

Free termly seminars designed for all those involved in the teaching of community languages, either in mainstream or supplementary schools. The next session is *Wednesday 7 November 2007, 16.45 - 19.30* and the session title is *Challenging learners to think: developing strategies for Key Stage 3*

Please note change of venue for this session: Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining, 1 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5DB. For a map please see <http://www.iom3.org/images/IOM3%20map.pdf>. To register please contact kathryn.abram@cilt.org.uk or telephone 020 7395 2504.

Make Language Learning Active at KS3: Keep them in at KS4

Friday 9th November 2007 @ Comberton Village College, 10a.m. - 3p.m. Do you want your pupils to enjoy language learning at KS3 and feel successful enough to opt for it at KS4?

This course set out a wide variety of teaching strategies and techniques that will enable all learners to experience success at KS3 and want to continue at KS4. The overarching theme of the event is 'active learning'; all the ideas and resources included work to increase levels of pupil activity and engagement. If you want to book your place, please follow this link to book online: www.ssatrust.org.uk/lpseminars. If you would like further information please either follow the above link to the SSAT website OR contact Alison Shorten, Language College Administrator on (01223) 262503 ext.222.

British Council's annual Japan Conference

This will be in February 2008, and one of the themes is "global issues". The Japan Foundation is very keen to find schools that have done language lessons or activities about global issues, and to invite them to share their experiences at the Japan Conference. If you have some experience of teaching this, please contact Kim Woodruff at kim.woodruff@jpf.org.uk.

Modern Language Teachers Association of Tasmania, Inc, State Conference

Languages: The New World Currency. August 7-9, 2008 at The Old Woolstore, Hobart
Conference strands: Intercultural Language Teaching and Learning; The Languages - Literacy Connection; Language Specific Workshops; Innovative Classroom Practice including ICT. Presentation proposals, entitled 'Call for Papers', are to be sent by e-mail or post to the Conference Academic Registrar before the last day of April, 2008, at Academic Registrar: 2008 MLTAT Inc. State Conference, Suzette Holmes, Geilston Bay High School, 271 East Derwent Highway, Geilston Bay, Tasmania 7015, or suzette.holmes@education.tas.gov.au. Proposals must include the suggested title; preferred length of session (45 min or 90 min); abstract of about 1/2 page; and full contact details.

FREE one-day conference in Leicester for teachers of community languages

Teaching bilingual learners: an East Midlands conference for teachers of community languages will take place at The Peepul Centre in Leicester on Saturday 17 November 2007 from 10.00 - 15.30. The event is aimed at teachers in all sectors of education and all participants are invited to bring a resource or activity that they have used successfully in their teaching to share with colleagues.

For a booking form, please contact Cas Beckett on Tel: 0116 299 5942 or email: cas.beckett@leicester.gov.uk.

ALL London Branch & Cranford Community College annual 'Community Languages Event'

At Cranford Community College, Cranford, Hounslow on Saturday December 1st, 9.30 - 1, followed by free lunch and music. Please follow the following link for more information and a downloadable invitation: http://www.all-london.org.uk/Community_2007.htm

ALL Spanish-ICT event

The London Branch of the Association for Language Learning is holding another Spanish/ICT event on Saturday December 1st at JAGS Sports Club, Red Post Hill SE24 9JN. As the event concentrates on giving delegates 'hands-on' experience and training in Powerpoint and Interactive Whiteboard use, places are limited, so we recommend you get in touch as soon as possible to secure a place! Follow this link for info + downloadable application form, or read below my signature. http://www.all-london.org.uk/spanish_event_dec_07.htm

Primary German day

The Goethe-Institut invites you to their annual CPD opportunity in November. The aim is to up-date MLPS training with language immersion, presentation of German projects and discussion of cross-curricular links rounded off by an introduction to new resources. Registration by 8th November. See <http://www.goethe.de/ins/gb/gla/lhr/en2664124.htm>

SRF Old Russian New Year Ball

You are warmly invited to the Scotland-Russia Foundation Old Russian New Year Ball at the George Hotel, 19-21 George Street, Edinburgh on Saturday 12 January 2008, 18:00 -01:00. Tickets are £28.00 per person, and include a 3-course meal, entertainment and disco. R.S.V.P. to Sarah or Oxana at: Welcome UK (ex RUSSIA Travel UK Ltd), 103 St. Leonard's Street, Edinburgh EH8 9QY. Tel: 0131 667 2303. E-mail: oxana@RUvisa.co.uk

NOTE: If you are sending payment by post please enclose pre-paid envelope with your address and make cheques payable to Welcome UK LTD

We accept credit card payments.

This is a charity event in aid of St. Andrew's Chapel (www.edinburgh-orthodox.org.uk)

RESOURCES

CILT survey gives the latest on Mandarin Language Learning

CILT conducted a survey from January to April 2007 with the aim of identifying current trends in Mandarin Chinese language learning in schools across England. The research looked at current trends in Mandarin Chinese language learning in schools in England. The study included a questionnaire sent to a total of 773 schools and follow up case study visits to 6 schools based around qualitative teacher interviews and an e-mail questionnaire to Language Advisers on Mandarin teaching in their areas. The results are in, and they are available to read on the CILT website here <http://www.cilt.org.uk/research/mandarin.htm> or on the DfES website here

<http://www.dfes.gov.uk/research/programmeofresearch/projectinformation.cfm?projectid=15289&resultspage=1>.

Language Tutoring website

Language Tutoring is a great (and free!) website filled with information on the history of various languages, key phrases and advice for learning grammar, practising writing skills and tried and tested ways to learn. It could be a useful supportive website for your students, to remind them that everyone needs support when learning a language!

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

Congratulations to the Scotland-Russia Foundation!

The SRF has been awarded registered charity status has been successful. Their charity number is SCO38728 and their charitable purposes are the advancement of education and the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science. This is exciting news for a variety of reasons, not least that it enables them to go ahead with plans to open a Russian cultural centre in Edinburgh .

A small working group is already established to work towards the establishment of the centre, but they would like to invite interested members to join. They need to find premises, equip them suitably, plan activities etc. If you would like to help please contact Jenny Carr

scotrussforum@blueyonder.co.uk or 0131 662 9149

O Futebol

A Linguanetter has recommended the following site for those who want to 'Eat Football, Sleep Football, Speak Football!' Some of the accents do not display properly, and when I looked it appeared to be stuck on Portuguese, but it gives you a great overview of the kinds of vocabulary that a football fan will need to get by

<http://www.aboutaball.co.uk/html2/travel/language.php?lang1=english&lang2=portuguese>.

Free downloadable resources from CILT Cymru

Check out free downloadable resources on NGfL Cymru. Front page currently dedicated to languages resources but also check out resources under the Key Stages <http://www.ngfl-cymru.org.uk/eng/index-new.htm>

CILT is moving!

CILT will shortly be moving to new premises near Waterloo station. We will occupy the third floor of a light and airy office block which will provide a new home for our library as well as better facilities for training and meetings. It has good transport links and will be equally convenient for visitors - we look forward to welcoming you there.

From Monday 19 November 2007 our new address will be: 3rd Floor, 111 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HR

The new telephone numbers will be confirmed shortly; however our internet and email addresses will not change.

The CILT Resources Library will close on Wednesday 7 November and expects to re-open to visitors by 7 December. Please check our website for confirmation of this date.

The latest news from Joe Dale

In case you missed it, at 2.39 a.m on Tuesday morning, a piece about blogging and podcasting at Nodehill was broadcast in the Pods and Blogs show on Radio 5 Live. Ashley did a great job presenting the podcast and I blogged about it here while at The SSAT Annual languages conference here: http://joedale.typepad.com/integrating_ict_into_the_/2007/10/the-nodehill-bl.html.

Immersion and interaction for French speakers

Graham Davies has recommended this simulation for learners of French produced by MIT in the USA at: <http://web.mit.edu/fll/www/projects/Philippe.shtml>

CILT EDL resources still available

This year CILT decided to produce enough to satisfy demand from those people wishing to use the materials at other points in the year. This means that there are still a good number of free packs available - packs contain two double-sided posters with EDL characters performing and multilingual text messages showing on the mobiles of the people in the crowd. The posters also contain spaces to add the 'hello' stickers, four sheets of which are also included in the pack.

You can preview and order your free resources via the online shop on CILT's EDL pages at www.cilt.org.uk/edl

Helen Myers' ICT resources for Italian

CD ROMS/COURSES

VLS / Vektor series (Essentials, Expressions etc etc) Eurotalk series (Talk Now, World talk etc etc) Rosetta Stone Tell me more

INTERNET SITES/PODCASTS/FORUM

BBC languages <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/>

Our Ashcombe site has a bit

http://www.ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk/Curriculum/modlang/shared/vod_it.htm

Cultural / just for fun: <http://www.albinoblacksheep.com/flash/italy>

About Italian forum etc: <http://italian.about.com/> Podcast - learn italian

<http://www.learnitalianpodcast.com/> (I use this .. ideal for my style of learning i.e. the old fashioned way!!!)

TV

BBC Italianissimo

Help is at hand if you host a Japanese student

The English Language Study and Work Placement programme, run for Japanese students by the Japan Centre North West at the University of Manchester. The Programme, which runs three times a year, consists of a period of intensive English Language study at the University Language Centre, followed by an unpaid work placement of four or eight weeks.

If your school teaches Japanese, and you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to host a Japanese university student to help with project work or assist with language lessons, please contact the Japan Centre North West at japan.centre@MANCHESTER.AC.UK. We would also be pleased to hear from schools that don't teach Japanese but would simply like an extra pair of hands for general classroom assistance.

School in Greater Manchester, throughout the North West, or further afield, are welcome to register their interest. For schools outside the Greater Manchester area however we would need an associated homestay for the period of the placement.

For further information please see our website: <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/japancentre>

Intute: guide to online MFL resources

I discovered this quite by chance - 'The Best of the Web - Internet Resources for Modern Languages', product of the Humbul Humanities Hub. Have a look at the pdf available online at http://www.intute.ac.uk/supportdocs/modern_languages.pdf

SURVEYS AND COMPETITIONS

Don't Give Up!

This is a European-Union funded project that is attempting to tackle the problem of adult learners giving up language learning. You can read more about the project at <http://dontgiveup.eu>, but they have also issued a request for information so you can contribute to the study. Please note the extremely tight deadline.

The Don't Give Up project needs your help to understand why students drop out of language courses. The project has now advanced to the stage where a questionnaire is ready and we would be very grateful if language educators can add your knowledge and expertise to the project.

The questionnaire includes many areas about language courses, schools and learning, as we know the answer to motivating students is not simple. Possibly there is additional information or ideas that you have; we would love to hear your thoughts. To directly download the questionnaire you can use this link:

http://dontgiveup.eu/fileadmin/downloads/Quest_FINAL1.doc

We hope to have completed the questionnaire stage of the project before the end of October so replies before then would be much appreciated.

A call to action from Helen Myers on severe grading

Thank you to everybody who has sent letters to Ken Boston and thank you for sending me copies. There have been some really good letters.

I understand that QCA will be sending advice to ministers imminently, and therefore it will be helpful if the letters are sent to Ed Balls ... contact details (ref

http://www.dfes.gov.uk/communicate/contactus/contact_our_ministers.shtml)

Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families

Sanctuary Buildings

Great Smith Street

London

SW1P 3BT.

or email:

dcf.ministers@dcf.gsi.gov.uk

It may even be helpful to re-send the letters which were sent to Dr Ken Boston.

Primary Languages feedback required

CILT are reviewing our online support for primary languages and would very much like your feedback on our two websites for primary: NACELL and the Primary Languages Training Zone. They would be very grateful if you could take a moment to fill in our online survey going to: http://www.cilt.org.uk/primary/survey/website_survey.html.

Japanese Scholarship

Lydia Morey, in her capacity as chair of ALL Japanese Language Committee, has received documentation/application forms for a scholarship offered by the Hakuho Foundation. It would only be of relevance to any academic researchers of non Japanese nationality. If there are any of you out there who would be interested, please reply to her personally at lydia_morey@hotmail.com.

Japan Return Programme

The Japan Return Programme is once again selecting panellists (Junior Category aged 15-19, and Senior Category aged 20-27) from among young people throughout the world who have studied Japanese, and inviting them to Japan to contribute in the 2008 Nihongo Summit.

The panellists will represent their countries. There will be the opportunity to have discussions with Japanese students, take part in a home stay, and experience traditional Japanese culture. Panellists will be able to study in Japan under a JRP recommended and organised programme.

[Click here](#) for their webpage (in Japanese) with links to application forms.

[Click here](#) for more information about the programme and funding.

If anything is unclear, please feel free to contact the Japan Foundation London Language Centre.

WORLD CINEMA WEBSITES

BBC FOUR have links to a number of reviews, official film websites and other articles on their site here http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbcfour/cinema/film_award/

Have a look at this blog on French Film <http://blog.lefilmfrancais.com/>, or this site with resources and strategy for promotion http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/france-priorities_1/cinema_2/index.html. This comprehensive website on Moliere includes a filmography of adaptations <http://www.toutmoliere.net/index.html>.

Warwick University have an excellent set of links focusing on **German film** <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/german/resources/subjects/film/>

Cine por la Red is a website about **Spanish Cinema**, with news about current box office action <http://www.porlared.com/cinered/>, and there is a page of links dedicated to Mexican cinema here <http://www.wam.umd.edu/~dwilt/mfb.html>. For a list of selected Latin American films and links to their IMDB sites, see <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/MRC/LatinAmfilm.html>. A really useful general list of links on Spanish cinema is available here

<http://connexion.oclc.org/WebZ/XPathfinderQuery?sessionid=0:term=3156:xid=LCP>.

There are a number of useful links to websites providing resources for the study of **Italian cinema** at <http://www.leeds.ac.uk/bsis/98/98wwwfilm.htm>. These include listings of the major Italian film festivals, links to online magazines and user groups, as well as some regional specialist sites. Alternatively, try <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/mdx/itacinwess.htm>.

This website <http://www.academicinfo.net/filmintereurope.html> has links to a number of country-specific sites in Europe, including Russian archive footage, the Polish internet movie database and the Netherlands' Film Museum.

Also take a look at this website for a journal on European cinema

http://www.kinoeye.org/index_04_05.php. It has some articles available to read online.

Do you have a language or topic you would like this feature to cover? If so, let me know on susanna.jones@pearson.com! All suggestions gratefully received.

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