

LANGUAGES NEWSLETTER

We've had another great year of language learning at BJS. The children have continued to be enthusiastic and curious learners as they have developed both their knowledge of French and their 'Language Detective' skills. Here's our annual wrap-up of some of the fun things we've done this year to lay the foundations for future language learning at secondary school and beyond.



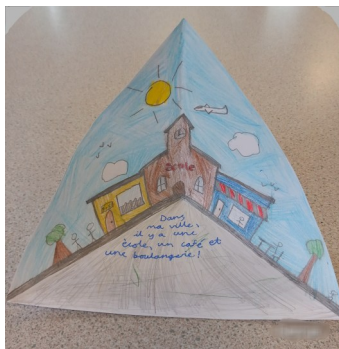
Team matching activities in Y3 to learn the days of the week.



Croissants and baguettes to start the day - our fabulous catering team have again provided French breakfasts for our children and their parents & carers.



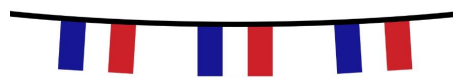
Learning about French national holidays, like Epiphany and Bastille Day.



Y6 enjoyed being creative, making these brilliant triaramas to showcase their learning about places in the town.



Monsieur le Croissant (or Claude, as he's been named in Y3) has been a big hit; across the school, the children love it when he comes to play games in French lessons.



Mrs Chetwood

Mrs Chetwood had an international upbringing. She was born in Germany, grew up in the Netherlands, and learned to speak French, Dutch, Spanish and German. Her mum is from Italy in the south of France. Mrs Chetwood loves teaching French!



Kylian Mbappé

Kylian Mbappé Mbappé is a French footballer who plays for Ligue 1 club Paris Saint-Germain and the France national team. He is also learning Portuguese, Italian and aims to become proficient in Arabic too.



Ordering school dinners in French.



Dressing up for role plays to practise introducing yourself.



Words of the Week and French Speakers of the Month (from both near and far).

Y6 using their 'Language Detective' and orienteering skills to solve puzzles in French, Spanish, German (and some other languages) in preparation for their transition to Y7.





The Planet Languages webapp spent most of this year 'under maintenance', but we're delighted that the work has been completed and the new and improved version, called **Language Boosters**, is ready to launch in September.

It's an interactive, gamified way for children to reinforce classroom learning – anytime, anywhere. There will be one weekly game that blends reading, writing, listening, and spelling. Using Language Boosters is an optional extra for our children, but we hope that they will make the most of the opportunity to practise their French learning between lessons. House stars will be awarded to users each week.

Summer language learning opportunities

While we take a break from school over the summer holidays, there are still ways that keen language learners can keep having fun while developing their skills.

Why not take part in the **Summer Scrapbook Challenge**? Download the file from the [French](#) page of the BJS website (it's at the bottom of the page), then watch the [video](#) for instructions. Draw or add photos of your summer holiday memories and label them with French adjectives to create your scrapbook. For example:



à l'extérieur



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We'd love to see your children's scrapbooks in September & put them on Above & Beyond.



Duolingo - This popular app has over 40 different languages to choose from, so you can practise French or choose a new language. Child accounts are automatically private, which means no adding friends to chat with and no access to leaderboards.

As with all online activity, it's wise to be aware of what your children are doing online. Please note: the free version of this app includes adverts.



If you're going abroad on holiday, why not learn how to say 'hello', 'goodbye', 'please' and 'thank you' in the language of the country you are visiting, and try to use the words whenever you can.

Bonnes vacances!