

1+2 in West Lothian

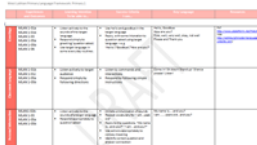


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Latest Update

Frameworks

Frameworks for the delivery of 1+2 have now been completed and are available on the 1+2 Sharepoint under the Planning tab. These frameworks are a tool for the planning and delivery of modern languages, aiding progression from P1 to P7.



The frameworks include Key Language, Learning Intentions and Success Criteria, and Resources, all linked to the Experiences and Outcomes across First and Second Level. These can be used in conjunction with the plans already available

on the Power Language Platform.

Resources



Many of you will be aware of the excellent resources already available for the delivery of Modern Languages and West Lothian has been able to take out subscriptions for all primary schools to the High Five French and Language-nut websites for the coming session. All schools should now have received their subscription details for High 5, and Language-nut details will follow shortly. In addition to this, the Power Language Platform has been updated to include a second year's planning and resources after very positive feedback on the Platform from last year.

Immersion Courses

Uptake for Immersion courses through Erasmus Plus last session delivered by LFEE in French and Spanish was fantastic. Participants enjoyed the experience thoroughly and are already implementing what they learned in schools across the authority. Information on future Erasmus support will be distributed later in the session.

Development Officers

Our current team of Jane Keegan, Phyllis Green, Zoe Bathgate and Kate Findlater are all continuing in post part-time as 1+2 Development Officers this year. In addition, Paola Cabezudo-Rodriguez and Anne-Marie Docherty have joined the team and look forward to implementing 1+2 across West Lothian and meeting with many of you this year.

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Dates for your diary

PLL Courses Begin (French/Spanish) - Thurs 3rd September - Inverlorn C.H.S.

European Day of Languages— 26th September

High Five Training - Monday 28th September - 1+2 Hub

Intro to PLL Short Course - begins after October - dates TBC.



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PLL Training 2015/16

Professional Language Learning for staff has already begun for this half of the year but another course will begin in January of 2016. Courses run for 14 weeks, covering either French or Spanish and are provided by LFEE (Le Français en Ecosse). Tutors are native speakers and the course offers great mix of pedagogy and practical ideas for the delivery of modern languages. PLL courses last session were very well attended with great feedback from participants and we're looking forward to welcoming a new cohort of learners for this year.

High Five French

West Lothian Council has purchased licenses for all primary schools to High Five French for the upcoming session. Your school should have received your login details by now, allowing you access to a great range of engaging videos to support your teaching. In addition, there will be a training opportunity focusing on High 5 French on Monday 28th September in the 1+2 Hub, at 4pm. More information on how to sign up will follow.



Raising the Profile of Modern Languages

Various primary schools in West Lothian have successfully managed to raise the profile of modern languages within their establishment.

For example, at St Nicolas, six members of their staff, including a Pupil Support Worker and the school secretary went to Malaga in Spain and attended the week long immersion course. They had a wonderful cultural experience and came back with a range of materials and ideas that they can use in their school. They enjoyed it so much that they are planning to send another six people next year!



Riverside Primary School are also planning to have language ambassadors in their school. Essentially, P6 pupils will be buddies to P1's and will help them with their French. Watch this space to find out more!

European Day of Languages

The European Day of Languages (EDL) is celebrated across Europe on the 26th of September every year. It aims to promote the rich linguistic diversity of Europe and raise awareness of the importance of lifelong language learning for everyone. It was set up by the Council of Europe and was first celebrated in 2001. Why not celebrate with your class, and use this opportunity to raise the profile of languages in your school.



Some ideas might include:

- Watching the multi-lingual version of the song, Let It Go

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OC83NA5tAGE>

- Learn "Hello to all the Children of the World"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nYjGy_ZUG8

- Celebrate cultural diversity by using EAL children (and parents) to teach the class a word or a phrase
- For older children, you may wish to create a cultural board game or quiz

For other ideas, please go to <http://www.scilt.org.uk/EuropeanDayofLanguages/tabid/5390/Default.aspx>

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