



MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES NEWSLETTER

HALLO! SALUT! ¡HOLA!

Welcome to the very first edition of the ICG MFL Newsletter! We hope to add to your language learning experience by promoting language skills, celebrating student success and keeping you up to date with events and activities in the languages department. The Newsletter is written by some of our very talented ambassadors, our Language Leaders, as well as MFL teachers. My name is Mr Harris and I have the privilege of leading MFL at ICG. It is exciting as we have embarked on our Spanish journey by bringing Spanish to all year 8, 9 and 10 students this year! Please don't hesitate to contact me at the school for any more information.

WHY YOU SHOULD LEARN A LANGUAGE!

Sadly at present British people aren't well known for their foreign language skills. More than 75% of people in the UK are unable to hold a conversation in any of the top in any of the top languages that the British Council considers the most important for the future.

Spanish is the #1 for the future and is taught here at ICG! Lucky you!

Last year, the British Council updated its top ten Languages for the Future. These are:

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| 1. Spanish | 6. Italian |
| 2. Mandarin | 7. Dutch |
| 3. French | 8. Portuguese |
| 4. Arabic | 9. Japanese |
| 5. German | 10. Russian |

SO, WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF LEARNING A LANGUAGE?

- It improves your memory and increases your attention span.
- It exercises your brain and challenges you to concentrate.
- Confidence increases when a new skill is mastered and it's the same with learning a language.
- It increases your self-confidence.
- It improves your ability to solve problems and to think more logically.
- It shows you to be more logical and rational, have better decision-making skills and be more perceptive and aware of your surroundings.
- You can communicate on a global level.
- It enhances your experience of travel and holidays



COMPETITION CORNER

Our first quiz starts now!



QUIZ TIME

1. What percentage of people in the UK are unable to hold a conversation in any of the top ten languages that the British Council considers the most important?
2. What does the longest word in the German language mean?
3. How do you abbreviate LOL?

Email your answers of the quiz by 9th November 2022 to:

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DID YOU KNOW?

'Donaudampfschiffahrtselektrizitätenhauptbetriebswerkbauunterbeamtengesellschaft' is the longest word to be published in German. It is 79 letters long. **Have a go at saying that one!**

Why don't you look it up to find out what it means? In French, 'LOL' is 'MDR' (Mort de rire = What does that literally mean?)

Look it up and find out what it means.

REVISION TIPS

Put post it notes around your bedroom with key words from the current topic. Look at them/say the words aloud each time you move past them.



RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

Download the DUOLINGO app on your device for a more interactive and enjoyable way of learning and consolidating vocabulary.

TONGUE TWISTER TIME

(Travalenguas/zungenbrecher/virelangue)

Spanish

Pancha plancha con cuatro planchas. ¿Con cuántas planchas Pancha plancha? Pancha irons with four irons. With how many irons does Pancha iron?

German

Fischers Fritz fischt frische Fische; Frische Fische fischt Fischers Fritz.
ritz, the fisherman's son, fishes for fresh fish; For fresh fish fishes Fritz, the fisherman's son.

French

Cinq chiens chassent six chats
Five dogs hunt six cats

If you would like to be involved in the production of the newsletter, speak to your languages teacher to find out more.