European Day of Languages 2024

Annual competition for schools in the UK

organised in North-East England

Together

ALLNE, NfLNE and partners are once again organising an annual European Day of Languages writing competition for Schools, and in 2024 it is once more open to the whole country!

The organising committee invites language learners **in any key stage** to create a piece of text in a language they are learning on the theme:

Together

We think that **younger language learners** might explore the theme by :

imagining and illustrating words they know, putting *together* e.g. two different creatures to make a new one (English example: a Catosaurus Rex, a Fishephant)

or describing colour-mixing (English example: Red *together* with Yellow makes Orange)

or showing (in written form) what happens when we link numbers *together* with different mathematical signs (English example: Two times Three equals Six; Two plus Three equals Five)

or any other interpretation of putting things together.

Linguistically more skilled learners might approach the theme by thinking

of things they enjoy doing *together* with family or friends, in teams or musical groups

of things that have been achieved by people working *together*

of instructions on how to put something *together*

etc.

The judges are always amazed at the range of interpretations learners bring to the theme!

There will be certificates and prizes!

The text must include words in a language or languages other than English, and could include imagery relating to the concept. Tidy and attractive presentation is important, but judges will look principally at the **language** in the text, rather than the quality of any images.

No entry can be larger than a sheet of A4 paper.

Pupils should write their name, age, language used, class, teacher and school on the back of their entry.

Please give teacher contact details on the pro forma below (page 3 of this document) to include with your bundle.

Please send entries to the following address: Network for Languages North East, c/o Professor René Koglbauer, Newcastle University, King George VI Building, Newcastle, NE1 7RU.

NB Entries cannot be returned, so you may wish to celebrate them before sending them in.

We reserve the right to use winning entries for display or promotional purposes and potentially for publication (including online) and will inform you accordingly through newsletters or e-bulletins.

The intention is that this might form an activity in your school around the European Day of Languages itself (26th September), so the deadline for submission of entries will be: **Wednesday, 9th October 2024.**

Vouchers will be offered to any winners identified by the judges, for each key stage, up to and including KS5. Further prizes may also be awarded at the judges' discretion. In the event of insufficient entries of good quality in any specific key stage no prize will be awarded; the judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into on decisions.

The judges are made up of the competition organisers and our supporters.

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EDoL other event suggestions

https://edl.ecml.at/Events/E20eventsuggestions/tabid/3270/Default.aspx

https://scilt.org.uk/EuropeanDayofLanguages/tabid/5390/Default.aspx

Resources from European Council of Modern Languages:

https://www.ecml.at/Resources/ECMLresources/tabid/277/language/en-GB/Default.aspx?q=European%20Day

Here, and at https://edl.ecml.at/ you will find

Posters, Language games, Secret agent's language challenge app,

The Word of the Year, Multilingual joke book, Multilingual tongue twister challenge,

Languages in my classroom/school, The beauty of languages, EDoL t-shirt design contest

New for 2024 :

Languages for peace

Most difficult letter/word/phrase to pronounce!

Do you know how to pronounce these Irish names?

Lara's next journey - through Europe's Regional and Minority Languages

Where am I?

Which language is it?

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Teacher contact details pro forma (to be returned with entries)

School name:

Address:

Head teacher:

Head teacher's contact email address:

Teacher's contact name:

Teacher's contact email address:

We request these details in order to send congratulations, certificates and news of prizewinners for schools to celebrate.