

International Languages Week

Ideas for the week

Things to do in class

- ◆ daily quiz (eg kahoot), buy each teacher in the department a white business shirt that they wear over their clothes all week - students can write phrases/draw pictures in TL or related to the TL when they win the quiz.
- ◆ ask senior students to talk to junior students about what they are getting out of their language study and what they intend to do with it
- ◆ activities that highlight the culture of the TL - eg calligraphy classes, how to wear kimono, tea ceremony, dance, art, food and cooking
- ◆ cross-curricular classes - find links to other subjects eg French students teaching the Marseillaise to History students studying the French Revolution; pronunciation lessons for teachers or short language lessons for teachers, ...
- ◆ make a video in your classroom language about the language itself - make an advertisement for Japanese, French, Chinese, Tongan,
- ◆ use songs in the target language
- ◆ if you have badge machine, let students make their own badges
- ◆ art and craft activities of the target language countries
- ◆ collect all languages spoken by your students in the class/ school and display them in a chart
- ◆ display flags of the languages spoken or taught in your school
- ◆ practise tongue twisters in different languages
- ◆ play games that originate in other countries

Things to do in the wider school

- ◆ run a competition on your school intranet about languages which is open to all students to participate, give prizes at end of week
- ◆ chalk drawing competition in the target language in the playground
- ◆ get language students to make posters to display around the school for the week
- ◆ show films at lunch time in the target language
- ◆ run a competition for staff on languages - could be a daily kahoot in the staff briefing; a language themed bake off for staff; survey staff to find out who speaks other languages - publicise the variety and the resource available on staff, give a prize for who speaks the most languages
- ◆ staff wear flags of the languages they speak
- ◆ photo competition - ask staff to provide photos of themselves in different destinations around the world. Students need to work out where each staff member is and match the photo to the teacher as well as selecting the appropriate greeting for that country from a jumbled list that is provided. Alternatively, staff could provide 'treasures' from their travels that could be placed on display and students identify what they are, where they are from, and the appropriate greeting.
- ◆ ask your librarian to do a languages themed display, highlight the books in other languages available in the library, use the library as a drop-in space where your students could give other students language lessons,
- ◆ hold a lunchtime debate on the value of learning languages
- ◆ involve your music department and ask them to do a daily performance of music from a different country at assembly
- ◆ hold a performance night focused on the country of the TL
- ◆ run an assembly in a range of different languages (you might like to use subtitles on a powerpoint to help those who don't speak those languages)
- ◆ do a display board somewhere in the school showing how many different languages are spoken by people at your school - celebrate your diversity!
- ◆ add language phrases, proverbs or information/ questions about different foreign countries to your daily school news
- ◆ Have a rewards system for the week - every time you speak to a teacher in another language you get a token towards the Language award!
- ◆ Wine and cheese evening to promote languages to parents including a short language lesson to show them how languages are now being taught

Things to do outside the school

- ◆ school trip to the zoo with questions about the animals in the TL
- ◆ school trip to the museum with activities that focus on the country of the TL
- ◆ lunch out for senior students
- ◆ if there is a film on related to the TL organise a trip to see it