

Le Big Sing

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BIG SING
2025

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MAY 28th 2025

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French and The Big Sing

- French is L2 in all 48 Aberdeen City Primary schools
- The Big Sing is an annual event which sees P4 pupils from all Aberdeen Primary schools and 2 independent schools come together to sing in the city's Duthie Park.

What did we expect to do?



Introduce singing in French into the Big Sing 2025, using the experience to involve primary children, teachers and families

Reactivate school links between Aberdeen and our twin city of Clermont-Ferrand

What we did



Choosing the song



Teaching the song



Linking with Clermont-
Ferrand schools

[Live Lesson link](#)

Big Sing 28th May 2025



P4 Pupils sang in the city's Duthie Park

French School videos were shown on the big screen in the park.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GTRiiwQWIB8>

We have made great progress with our linked school! We sang together on a video call and my class made letters on the laptops that I have emailed over.

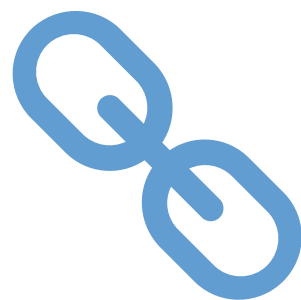
Our French school sent us some wonderful recordings of themselves saying poems in English and they also asked us some questions. Our class have drawn self-portraits and written some French sentences to introduce themselves. We are excited to get some replies!

We have organised a small pen pal project with our partner school. We are hoping to video call to sing through our songs together.

School Projects

My class are very excited to be a part of this and to receive their letters.

Challenges and Changes



'Live' Link



Song choices

Impact



LINK WITH CLERMONT-
FERRAND REACTIVATED



TEACHERS AND PUPILS
HAVE MADE CONNECTIONS
WITH FRENCH SCHOOLS



FUN AND MOTIVATING



RAISE THE PROFILE OF
LANGUAGE LEARNING

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Councillor Martin Greig, Convener of Aberdeen City Council's Education and Children's Services Committee:

"The music and song from the young people was wonderful. It was lovely to hear the children from our twin city of Clermont-Ferrand taking part in this year's Big Sing (...) This was a great opportunity to link up in advance of the Tall Ships which will travel from France to Aberdeen in July."

2026



Alisdair Sneden, Senior Music Instructor:

“The inclusion of French language has engaged students citywide with the language and reaffirmed the importance of other languages and cultures. The song 'Notre Petite Planète' has provided learners with a more comprehensive understanding of the language, while also using movement to engage the learners in the translation to English (...). The partnership with École élémentaire Louis Aragon (Vertaizon) near Clermont-Ferrand is a lovely touch to the day, allowing learners to see others promoting and celebrating the success and achievement that we have helped enhance within the city, whilst also creating connections and friendships overseas.”

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