

19 October 2016

RE: LANGS

Dear colleagues,

I am on leave in France and am sorry to see all of you. Valérie Laplanche Ferguson, our teachers' trainer will be attending. If you haven't met Valérie yet, do not hesitate to introduce yourself to her. Here are the Institut français updates:

1. Concours de la francophonie: see hereafter for details.
I hope many of you will organise a semi-final at the council level. Do not hesitate to contact me if you need advices or support.
2. Culturethèque:
our free online library has been entirely revamped. You will find numerous resources for yourselves, your colleague teachers and your learners. Open your account visiting www.culturetheque.com and discover the many children books in the KIDS section, and the teaching and learning resources in the LEARN section.
3. SALT:
Valérie will be giving a workshop on TV5, the francophonie TV channel, which offers many teaching and learning resources.
TV5 is supporting us for this edition of SALT and has sent many posters and goodies. Rendez-vous au stand Institut français d'Écosse - Alliance française de Glasgow. Nathalie Korkmaz and I will be delighted to see you there.
4. Franco Scottish partnerships:
Many delegations from France and to France this autumn and many progress in school partnerships developments. Congratulations to all of you! As always, I am your messenger and your advocate, do not hesitate to contact me if you need support or just to inform me of upcoming projects.

Happy LANGS to all, and of course, my all very best to Ann Robertson. It's been an honour and a pleasure to work with you at Edinburgh City Council and COALA/LANGS. Congratulations for your work! I hope to continue working with you soon...

Bien à toi Ann et à vous tous,

Thomas Chaurin

Attaché de coopération pour le français

CONCOURS DE LA FRANCOPHONIE 2017

Dear colleague teachers,

We are delighted to launch the second edition of our new **Concours de la francophonie** to encourage all young French learners and their teachers across Scotland.

Calendar:

It is organised in two phases, local semi-finals in December 2016, and national final in January 2017. Winners will be invited to celebrate “la journée mondiale de la francophonie” on Friday 17 March 2017 in Edinburgh.

Entries and categories:

To participate, you need to submit a short video of maximum 5 minutes in French, e.g. a short drama piece, a dialogue, a song, etc.

There are 4 categories: P1/P4; P5/P7; S1/S3; S4/S6.

In primary, you may want to film a regular activity in French or a song you have prepared in class, a game, or a small dialogue etc.

In secondary, students need to show their communication skills in French, so a song is not receivable at that level. Students may want to conduct interviews in their school or create a short drama or else.

How to take part in the semi-finals?

If you teach in a public school, please contact your Council Modern Languages Development Officer in charge of organising a local semi-final in December 2016.

If you teach in an independent school, please send your entries to francophonie@ifecosse.org.uk by 14th December. The Institut français d’Écosse and the Alliance française of Glasgow will be choosing the independent school semi-finalists on 19th December 2016.

National jury

A national jury will select the best production in each category in January and results will be public at the end of January.

Our criteria to select the winners:

- The participation of ALL in the class
- The creativity of the piece
- The students should speak/sing clearly in French
- The end product is at the level of the student, not too easy, not too difficult.

Prizes

The 4 winning teams will be invited to celebrate la journée mondiale de la francophonie at the University of Edinburgh on Friday 17 March 2017. The celebration will include workshops in French and an award ceremony. Winning teams will receive a selection of French books and will be offered transport and lunch. The winning teams who are not able to travel that day will win a French immersion day in their school at a later date in the spring.

The runner-up teams will win a selection of French books.

I hope many of you will take part in the second edition.

Un grand merci à tous pour votre participation !

Très cordialement à vous,

Thomas Chaurin
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