Reflections on Transition

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Community Project

- take languages into the community – so that pupils have input beyond school
- encourage our community to be proud of their ability in languages and pass that pride on to our young people
- offer opportunities to help parents (and other adults) support our young people with language learning
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- Carry out a Community Audit
- Develop a range of activities to promote languages in the community
- Develop a pack of key phrases for local businesses in different languages - displayed in shop windows / business premises
P6/7 and S6 Language Ambassadors
Lanark Learning Community

• provide the framework for the involvement of as many of the primary schools within the Learning Community as possible

• SLC 1+2 Innovation fund – opportunity for cross-sector collaboration
St John Ogilvie Learning Community, Hamilton

- Leap into Languages programme
- Education Scotland “Passport to Europe”
- Agreed “syllabus” – regularly reviewed
- Heats between primary schools — winners to StJOHS
- Language Wizards
- Meetings & visits
Stonelaw Learning Community, Rutherglen

- Well developed LC structures across curricular areas
- Joint planning & joint materials production
- Sharing of resources
- Regular meetings - friends
- High School Languages Ambassadors
- Transition programme – paired primary schools
- Large scale event at Stonelaw High School
Get them in the room!
How do we get them in the room?

- Learning Community level thinking
  - identify a co-ordinator / leader
- Joint professional learning opportunities
  - SLC MFL networks, SLC 1+2 SIG, CLPL events
- Invitations
- “eTwinning”? / Skype / Google Hangouts / email / GLOW
Future Proofing

How do we KEEP them in the room?

- All of the above
- Involve pupils – builds momentum
- Show impact – communication (eTwinning / GLOW)
- Share success – inwards, outwards, forwards
- Link to QIs, GTCS standards
- Fun!
Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

by Henry Ford
A final thought

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