



French competition for Scottish schools

As Scotland is progressively introducing languages in primary schools, this competition was launched in 2016 to showcase the vitality of the French language in Scottish schools and to encourage all learners from P1 to S6.

Entering in this competition is quite simple as schools need to send a short film of a class activity in French.

Calendar

December 2016 and January 2017: Councils organised a semi-final to select their local champions in the 4 categories. This year, there was no S4-S6 entry. A special semi-final was organised at the Alliance française of Glasgow to select best entries from Scottish Independent Schools.

6 February 2017: the jury chose the winners of the concours de la francophonie 2017

17 March 2017: French immersion and award ceremony at the University of Edinburgh

19 June 2017: French immersion and award ceremony at Mid Yell Junior High School

Entries

Councils of Aberdeenshire, Argyll and Bute, Edinburgh City, Falkirk, Glasgow City, Highlands, North Ayrshire, North Lanarkshire, Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands, Stirling, and various independent schools entered in this year competition.

Winners

- **P1/P4**

Premier prix :	Glasgow City Council – Holy Cross PS – P4 / Alison Smith
Deuxième prix ex aequo :	Glasgow City Council – Quarry Brae PS – P3
Deuxième prix ex aequo :	Independent School – International School of Aberdeen – P1

- **P5/P7**

Premier prix ex aequo :	Argyll and Bute Council – Dunoon PS – P5 / Senga Wakefield
Premier prix ex aequo :	Falkirk Council – Antonine PS – P5 / Brenda Gillespie
Deuxième prix :	Glasgow City Council – Glendale Gaelic PS – P5

Winners (continuation)

- S1/S3

Premier prix : Shetland Islands Council – Mid Yell Junior HS – S3 / Isabelle Boulay

- Special award

Prix spécial pour la créativité : North Ayrshire Council – Elderbank Primary School P3 & P6

Prizes

87 prize winners were invited to celebrate the international day of la francophonie at the University of Edinburgh on 17 March. Learners took part in French activities offered by teachers of the Institut français d'Écosse and students of the University of Edinburgh. They also had a French lunch. It was a lot of fun!

12 winners from the Shetlands received their award and took part in French activities in their school on 19 June. Students created the first page of a French newspaper and presented it to their class during a French breakfast.

All 8 winning classes received a selection of French books for their school.

Photos



Glasgow City Council

*Holy Cross Primary
School*

P4



Falkirk Council
Antonine Primary School
 P5



Argyll and Bute Council
Dunoon Primary School
 P5

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Yell S4 pupils celebrate La Journée with victory

Back in March S4 pupils from Mid Yell Junior High School won a Scottish competition organised by the French Institute in Edinburgh to celebrate "La Journée de la Francophonie".

Their entry was based on a Yell Community Council meeting. Annette Gear, a primary teacher at Mid Yell with a gift for drama, gave the class valuable pointers as they practised their play.

The jury was impressed by the humour and local flavour of the performance written by Freya Hannay and Margo Moutz, but also the fact that all pupils, regardless of ability, had a role to play.

As a result of their win, Valérie Laplanche from the French Institute spent Monday at Mid Yell. During assembly that day, Jenny Wink from Total, sponsors of the competition and Ms Laplanche gave the pupils their certificates and highlighted to them the importance of learning languages from a business point of view.

To finish with, the lower primary got the whole school to join them in their *Boogie Woogie*.

Throughout the day the S4 pupils recorded some news items and enjoyed a French breakfast at LJ's Diner.

S3 and S2 pupils sorted out information and answered questions about monuments in Paris.

Top primary read a book based on a monster and drew their own, after conferring in French with a partner.

Making the most of her time in Shetland, Ms Laplanche offered a couple of teacher-training sessions. One workshop focused on using children's books and the other on using TV programmes in the classroom. Both were very well received.

The French Institute celebrates La Journée de la Francophonie every year with a competition. Hopefully next year more primary and secondary schools from Shetland will take part.

It could be as simple as recording a song. Check out their website around September for more details.

Pictured at Mid Yell Junior High School are (from left): Valérie Laplanche from the French Institute; Isabelle Boulay (French teacher in Mid Yell JHS and Baltasound JHS); 54 pupils Kirsty Graham, Freya Hannay, Margo Moutz, Ashley Thomsson, Charlotte Pugh, Luis Strachan, Christina Anderson, John Johnson, Kyle Williamson, Alife Lawson and Lizzie Colclough; Jenny Wink from Total Exploration and Production UK. Photo: Charlie Innes

Shetland Islands Council
Mid Yell Junior High School
 S3



Glasgow City Council

Quarry Brae Primary
School

P3



North Ayrshire Council

Elderbank Primary School

P3 & P7

Pupils in P7A and P3B won a French
competition last year called
'Concours de la Francophonie'
and these lovely French books were
awarded to the school as a prize.

Bonne Lecture



National jury:

- Louise Glen, Senior Education Officer, Education Scotland
- Hannah Doughty, Professional Development Officer, Scotland's National Centre for Languages
- Maryse Payen Roy, Committee Member, Scottish Association for Language Teaching
- Valérie Laplanche Ferguson, Teacher, Institut français d'Écosse

Sponsors:

- Total E&P UK
- The Franco Scottish Society
- Christian Albuison



Partners:

- Scotland's National Center for Languages
- Scottish Association for Language Teaching
- Alliance française of Glasgow
- The University of Edinburgh
- TV5monde



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH

French workshops conducted by:

University of Edinburgh

Alice Freeman, Ruby Kelmann, Nicole Leiper, Eve McMillan, Charlotte Parish and Emma Penney.

Heriot-Watt University

Timothee Geenens

Institut français d'Écosse

Sylvain Blanche, Claire Bouzigon, Emily Calme, Marianne Dupeux, Sarah Griot and Valérie Laplanche-Ferguson.



Un grand merci à tous, mécènes, partenaires, coordinateurs pédagogiques pour les langues, enseignants, étudiants, élèves !

Rendez-vous en 2018 pour la 3^{ème} édition du concours de la francophonie en Écosse !

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