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We've had an exciting term at Thames West Language Hub and hope you enjoy this seasonal roundup. We wish you all Frohe Weihnachten, Joyeux Noel and Feliz Navidad, and a very Happy New Year.



### European Day of Languages

Ada Lovelace celebrated by students participating in Bake Off (Tarte au Chocolat or Apfelstudel) or languages scavenger hunt, when staff were able to greet them in 24 different languages that they could eagerly tick off a list!



### Welcome to our new affiliate school

● Holy Family Catholic Primary School

We are really proud of 2024 GCSE results at Thames West Language Hub lead and partner schools and the improved uptake in MFL subjects in Year 10.



### Goethe Institut Book Launch

We were delighted to host the launch of *“Wuschel auf der Erde: A New Adventure in Learning German”* in conjunction with Goethe Institut on 14th November.

Along with celebrated illustrator Axel Scheffler we welcomed guests including German ambassador Miguel Berger and Minister for School Standards Catherine McKinnell. Several local primary schools joined us for an exciting session run by Goethe Institut staff and live drawing of Wuschel and fan favourite The Gruffalo.



The event was featured in [The Guardian education section](#) and on [ARD television](#) in Germany.

## Stephen Spender Translation Project

We have received copies of the poetry and translations our lead school students worked on together with those from William Perkin and Ellen Wilkinson as part of our outreach activities. [Read more here.](#)



## Prendre Sa Revanche at William Perkin



Thanks to affiliate school William Perkin for hosting this French Onatti play which lots of affiliate and partner school students attended. It was an excellent event and students participated by speaking French and acting on stage in French too!

## Berlin Wall Anniversary

A level German students from William Perkin enjoyed a study day organised by Goethe Institut at the Leake Street Archives, learning more about events leading up to the fall of the Berlin wall through an immersive film installation, several workshops and activities giving a unique insight into history.



## CPD

Our first CPD in-person event for this year saw us welcoming MFL leaders from partner schools to look at principled practice and motivation in MFL.

## NCLE Conference in Oxford



It was great to meet other language hub leads and learn from their best practice as well as from the DfE, British Council, Goethe Institut, and both French and Spanish education institutes. Here are our hub leads enjoying a taster lesson in KS2 German.

## ASCL Conference in London



Twyford CofE Academies Trust CEO was on the Headteachers panel at this event and Ada Lovelace students were invited to share about languages they learn at school and speak at home, reflecting eloquently on the importance of languages in broadening horizons and learning about other cultures.

## Making the case for German Symposium



Mr Lobo and Ms Lyon joined education leaders at a German embassy reception where guest Alistair Campbell delivered a speech in German in support of German teaching.

What do our MFL trainee teachers think of their first term:

*"Professional learning days are well delivered and tie in with my practical learning in school.*

*The incremental addition of more teaching hours meant a gentle and well-supervised start into my Foundation term.*

*I now feel ready and excited for the challenges that lie ahead as I head to my next placement school with a higher weekly lesson load."*

Could you be a placement school for Teach West London in 2025-26? If so please contact [itt@teachwestlondon.org.uk](mailto:itt@teachwestlondon.org.uk)

