

Dear Germanist,

Welcome to our June newsletter. We hope you have returned refreshed after the Bank Holiday or even the half term break, if you are lucky enough to teach in an area where you have one!

1. Primary workshop

Whilst normally we keep this (nationwide) newsletter free of location-specific information, on this occasion we will make an exception. In the context of the introduction of statutory language provision in primary schools from September 2014, we are staging a free twilight workshop, together with the Goethe Institut London. This workshop is intended to bring together teachers from primary schools, modern languages teachers from secondary schools, and representatives from the University of Oxford. The Workshop is designed to explore the feasibility and benefits of introducing German at primary level and will offer:

- A presentation of German material for Key Stage 2 (German with Felix and Franzi)
- A forum for discussing provision of German at primary level
- An opportunity to network with teachers in primary schools and secondary schools

The workshop will take place on Tuesday 10 June, 4.30-7pm (starting with tea) at Jesus College, Oxford.

To sign up please fill in the registration form via this link:
<http://goo.gl/uv4qU4> .

We will then be in touch with a detailed programme and directions closer to the time.

2. Football remembers

With the World Cup in Brazil nearly upon us, excitement is rising even amongst those who don't normally follow the game. With their latest educational resource pack, The British Council have brought together the themes of football and World War I in preparation for a mass participation call to action in December 2014, when clubs at every level of the game in the UK (and possibly beyond) will play matches to commemorate the Truce. The pack contains accounts written by soldiers from Germany, France, Belgium and India, and consists of resources including videos in French and German that can be used to support MFL teaching. The pack can be downloaded here:

<http://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/classroom-resources/football-remembers>

3. UK-German Youth ambassadors

Do you teach young people aged between 15 and 19 who are enthusiastic about the German language and culture? Then you might want to encourage them to become a UK-German Youth Ambassador and run projects and activities with younger pupils! All applications are welcome – apparently “German language skills are not required” (!).

The deadline for applications is 30 June 2014.

You can find more details and an application form on this page:

<http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/youthambassadors>

As ever, we're always pleased to have your feedback and comments.

Mit vielen herzlichen Grüßen

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