

Dear Germanist,

It may be dark outside when you leave the house as well as when you return after a long day's teaching, but hopefully today's newsletter with some shiny German-related gems will brighten things up a little for you!

1. Exchanges

One thing teachers, students and parents tend to all agree on in terms of MFL is that nothing much can beat an exchange for its motivational potential. If you're not already running one, fancy getting involved? If you're put off by all the admin and the health and safety minefield - don't be! The British Council has put together a handy Word document with fully editable pro-formas of all the letters you'll ever need to write, plus up-to-date child protection guidelines (always consider alongside your school's own child protection policies, of course). The packs are free and can be downloaded here:

<https://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/content/get-started-planning-your-own-school-exchange>.

And while you're there, why not check out the rest of the brand new British Council 'support for languages site'?

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/education/schools/support-for-languages>

2. Football remembers – Christmas truce of 1914

Far be it from us to endorse any particular supermarket, but this year's Sainsbury's Christmas ad based around the Christmas truce of 1914, put in context and managed carefully, can easily double up as a classroom resource <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWF2JBb1bvM>, together with its companion clips 'the making of'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jx3pQWbysmM> 'the story behind'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2s1YvnfcFVs>. And of course the 'Football Remembers' project we told you about in an earlier newsletter is in full swing now: <http://www.footballremembers.com/>. Watch out for the charity single 'All together now', released on 15 December!

3. Seasonal resources

The end of term is coming, and it's coming soon! Cue The Voyage with an interactive advent calendar, yummy recipes and many other Christmassy resources goodies:

<http://ukgermanconnection.org/christmas-special>

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

Erholsame Weihnachtsferien und einen guten Rutsch ins neue Jahr wünscht

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