



Languages Newsletter

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- The Christmas Candlelight Concert 2012.
- Year 8 FCSE Certificates.
- French Trip 2014.
- Cultural Points of Interest.

Feliz Navidad y Feliz Año Nuevo

Spanish tradition has it that the Three Kings, 'los Reyes Magos', are the ones who on the morning of January 6th, 'el Día de Reyes', bear presents for all the children. Influenced by American films and TV shows, some families have decided to switch to 'Papá Noel' on Christmas Day, arguing that this allows the kids more time to play with their toys before returning back to school.

Fröhe Weihnachten

In some parts of Germany, it's believed the Christ Child, 'das Christkind' sends a messenger on Christmas Eve, an angel in a white robe and crown, bearing gifts. There's also a figure called 'der Weihnachtsmann', who looks like Santa Claus and also brings presents.

Joyeux Noël Et Bonne Année!

We wish you all a 'Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année 2013'. Traditionally Christmas in France is celebrated by children placing their shoes by the fire and waking up on Christmas Day to find them filled with presents from 'le Père Noël' and fruit, nuts and small toys hanging on the tree.



The Christmas Candlelight Concert

This year's Christmas Candlelight Concert just wouldn't have been the same without our own rendition of the French Carol 'Vive Le Vent' sung to the tune of 'Jingle Bells'. As part of the cross-curricular programme of study between the MFL Department and the Music Department students joined together to sing in French. Our 'Star Singers' Award goes to French students Leah, Callum, Melissa, Billy, Hannah and Ivan for their fantastic singing at the Candlelight Concert Evening.



FCSE UNIT 5 HEALTHY LIFESTYLES CERTIFICATES



Year 8 French and Spanish students have completed Unit 5 Healthy Lifestyles towards achieving their FCSE award in MFL. Students have been awarded either Pass, Merit or Distinction Certificates in lessons. Well Done Year 8. The next topic is Unit 3 Holidays and Travel.

FRENCH TRIP 23-27 JUNE 2014

Next year's trip to Normandy, France has proved to be the most popular French trip yet. All 40 places offered were filled within a few days of its launch! We are now planning and launching the French Trip for **2014** which will take place between 23th -27th June 2014. Students will have the opportunity to visit PARIS, visit a Sea-Life Centre, speak French, make 'crêpes', and spend a day at a theme park! See your French teacher for a letter!



Au revoir