

FROHE WEIHNACHTEN! JOYEUX NOEL!

Everybody here is ready for our Christmas break - staff and students alike! We have had a very busy term and are looking forward to recharging our batteries for the New Year. We would like to take this opportunity to wish our students and their families 'Frohe Weihnachten' and 'Joyeux Noël!' We hope you have a restful break.

Fran Wylie & Mrs West

COMPETITION TIME!

We have had various competitions going on this half term, including a very successful Christmas card competition, with hand made cards depicting a foreign Christmas tradition. Our winner was Saul Shail in Year 9, with a beautifully designed and hand painted German Christmas scene. We also entered into the National Language Competition, run by GCHQ (One of the UK's intelligence agencies). Special praise must go out to Viv Alcorn 9AEN, Lola Cann 9JWI, Emily Johnston 9JWI and Bella Scott 9BW, whose team finished in the top 250 out of over 3000 entries from over 600 schools across the country. Amazing!

WEIHNACHTSMARKT

Our Year 7 German classes have been taking part in German Christmas market lessons in their last couple of lessons. They have been learning how to buy items from a market stall and have had conversations with our A-Level students manning the stalls in German. As a treat, they were also able to taste some of the delicacies that they 'bought'! Lecker! Photos on our school Instagram account.



LANGUAGE LEADER NEWS

This half term our Year 10 Language Leaders have been on tour again, teaching German and French to Year 5 students at Bassenthwaite, Threlkeld, St. Herberts and Paddle schools. They have been absolutely brilliant and have successfully enthused those young future linguists!

LANGUAGE SHOW SEMINARS

We have been running some online seminars for our KS4 and KS5 students on language learning and careers with languages. These were well attended and we are hoping to run some more after Christmas for our Year 9 students on vocabulary learning. If you are in Year 9 and interested, watch this space!

NETFLIX RECOMMENDATIONS

If you have access to Netflix, there are more and more programs on there in foreign languages. Here are a few recommendations for our 6th Form students and of course for parents! Click on the links for info:

[Kleo](#) (German), [The Empress](#) (German), [The War Next Door](#) (Mexican), [Call my Agent](#) (French), [Nailed it!](#) - [France](#) (French), [Lupin](#) (French), [Extraordinary Attorney Woo](#) (S. Korean)

EXTRA CURRICULAR

There are several things going on at lunch time and during form time for our students:

French speaking clinic, Thurs form time (F07)/Mon lunch (ML4)

Stammtisch (KS4 and 5 speaking), Thurs lunch (ML6)

Globetrotters (celebrating the differences and similarities between us and other cultures/countries), Friday lunch (ML6) - if there is anyone within our school community who would like to present anything for our Globetrotters club, get in touch with Mrs Wylie (rebeccawylie@keswick.cumbria.sch.uk)