

Are you involved in teaching or co-ordinating Primary Modern Foreign Languages (PMFL) OR---are you thinking about introducing PMFL in Foundation Stage, KS1 or KS2?

- From September 2009, all children in KS2 will have an entitlement to learn a modern foreign language.
- The Norfolk Regional Support Group (RSG) for Primary Modern Foreign Languages offers FREE twilight training and networking throughout the year.
- The Norfolk Regional Consultative Group (RCG) is a networking and discussion group, meeting three times a year.
- Sessions are open to head teachers, teachers, teaching assistants, advisers, and trainers from nursery, pre-school, primary and secondary schools and higher education institutes.
- Dates and venues of Norfolk RSG and RCG (Regional Consultative Group) sessions for 2005/2006 can be found overleaf or on:
 - > www.norfolkesinet.org.uk
 - www.nacell.org.uk/regional/index.htm
- All sessions are from 16.30 to 18.00 (normally at the Norwich and Kings Lynn PDCs) with a chance to view resources and take refreshments from 16.00.
- Attendance is FREE, but please contact <u>joan.dickie@norfolk.gov.uk</u> to confirm probable attendance at individual sessions.

RSG 1. October 18th: Investigating Languages. Venue: Norwich PDC

- Are you looking for a first step approach to delivering a MFL entitlement in your school before adding a foreign language
- Do you want to supplement language teaching with a wider investigation into how languages work?
- This session will be an introduction to the Language Investigator approach (http://www.language-investigator.co.uk) pioneered by the Coventry Pathfinder.
- Nick Jones, from Coventry LA, is presenting a seminar in the afternoon to staff from the Pathfinder schools and is remaining to hold an RSG, open to all.
- This approach aims to provide pupils with a foundation for future language learning through encounters with languages from the local and international communities.
- The resource consists of multilingual materials such as worksheets and an interactive DVD and could be used with any year group, or mixed year group in KS2, to investigate world languages
- The resource does NOT require the teacher to have language skills and complements and refers to the literacy strategy.

Presenters: Nick Jones (Coventry LA), Julie Westrop and Joan Dickie (Norwich LA)

RSG 2. November 3rd: Using MFL daily in your classroom: Venue: Kings Lynn PDC RSG 2a. November 22nd: Using MFL daily in your classroom (repeated): Venue: Norwich PDC

- The same session will be run both in Norwich and in King's Lynn
- Please note: these language sessions are intended for **new practitioners** with **basic language skills**
- Are your language skills rusty but you hope to introduce some French, German or Spanish into your classroom this year?
- These sessions will cover basic classroom instructions, registering, lining up etc in all three languages.
- Please say which language interests you when confirming attendance

Presenters: French/Joan Dickie; German/Adam Cooke; Spanish/Penny Edwards

RSG 3. November 29th: CILT KS2 methodology training courses throughout Europe Venue: Dereham Neatherd Language College

- Following last year's very successful meeting that included international, seasonal food and drink, we hope to make this an annual event where PMFL practitioners can meet in a more informal setting.
- This year's focus will be on the excellent training courses run by Cilt in France, Germany and Spain which were attended in 2004/5 by several Norfolk teachers who have returned with great memories, good anecdotes and entertaining PowerPoint presentations.
- Come and share some of these experiences, perhaps before booking yourself on one of the 2006 courses currently on offer. (For further details see: http://www.nacell.org.uk/profdev/training_courses.htm)

Presenters: Joan Dickie (Cilt trainer), Debbie Cross, Alan Thompson, Jill Holt (Norfolk LA)

Summary of 2006 dates for Regional Support and Consultative Groups (RSG/RCG)

RCG 1: January 10^{th:} Looking at the New Framework for Primary Languages: *Norwich PDC*

RCG 1a:January 11th: Looking at the New Framework (as above) Kings Lynn PDC

RSG 4/4a: Dates to be announced: KS1 MFL Songs, games, resources and ideas

RCG 2/2a: Dates to be announce :Mixed age classes: The issues and possible solutions for PMFL:

RSG 5 / 5a: Dates to be announced: PMFL using PowerPoint and an interactive whiteboard

RSG 6: Date to be announced: David Hicks: Songs and raps for KS2 French: *Kings Lynn PDC*.

RCG 3/3a: Dates to be announced: The first steps towards introducing PMFL in your school



EXTRA! EXTRA! September 26th is the European Day of Languages. For good KS1/2 ideas see:

www.bbc.co.uk/languages/newneighbours http://www.cilt.org.uk/edl/index.htm

