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# Newsletter



Welcome to the **March 2022 Post-Primary Languages Ireland** Newsletter. We would also like to wish you all a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Beannachtaí na Fhéile Pádraig oraih!

## Blended Learning



Leaving Certificate students in four CMETB schools are the first students in Ireland to prepare for the new Polish Leaving Certificate through a Blended model of teaching and learning. The course is delivered through online, face to face and self-directed learning in participating CMETB schools during school time, supported by PPLI. The launch event took place recently.



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Save the Date: **#ThinkLanguages** Thursday 17 November 2022

#ThinkLanguages



CLIL





The #ThinkLanguages 2021 competition winners have been announced. Well done to Saint Conleth's Community College in Newbridge, chosen as the overall #ThinkLanguages Champion Team; Mercy Secondary School Mounthawk in Tralee, who won the Social Media Competition, and TY student Isobel Murphy, Loreto Secondary School Balbriggan, who won the first ever #ThinkLanguages Mural Competition.

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Teachers from all over Ireland took part in online and face-to-face CLIL CPD over the past couple of months. The sessions culminated on March 5th with a day in Maynooth University with Dr. Céline Healy. Teachers were provided with CLIL materials which will now be implemented in MFL lessons with TY students. We look forward to teacher and student feedback, and to building this into the resources so they can be shared.

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## Guidance



As part of our contribution to the IGC webinar series, *Languages Connect* is organising a competition for students from TY, 5th and 6th year in the Republic of Ireland. Students are invited to make a poster illustrating how different skills can be developed by learning languages. Keep an eye on our social channels as well as the *Languages Connect* News & Events section for more details to follow soon.

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## Resources



We recently launched a new “World of Work” (WOW) series. The aim of this series is to develop an awareness of the importance of languages for the world of work, as well as to learn skills in the target language related to the world of work. The first resource is the “Great Language Apprentice Challenge” and is aimed at TY students who have studied French, German, Italian, or Spanish at Junior Cycle level.

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## Spotlight on Schools



In our latest Spotlight on Schools, a teacher in Beech Hill College, Monaghan aims to tackle educational disadvantage in languages by promoting inclusion through the celebration of culture, language, and heritage by partnering up with a Lithuanian school through the Erasmus+ Program. This project was designed to use Lithuanian and English as teaching languages and also as the languages of other non-curricular activities. This initiative led to very positive engagement by students.

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## Job Opportunity



*Languages Connect/PPLI* are now hiring a Marketing and Social Media Coordinator for the Languages Connect Awareness Raising Campaign. Join an enthusiastic and hard-working team of education and marketing professionals who manage a wide-range of events, campaigns and resources for students, parents, teachers, guidance counsellors and principals and work with third-level institutions to help promote the benefits of foreign language skills. Please share with anyone you think may be interested.

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## Languages Connect



Time for Languages Webinar

*Languages Connect* have teamed up with *Business in the Community Ireland* for a series of interactive Time for Languages webinars promoting the benefits of languages. Speakers from a variety of industries and Third Level will discuss their experiences with

## Communities of Practice



In collaboration with local Education Centres, Communities of Practice are going strong across the country. They are still online at present, but we hope to see you face to face soon. To understand how they work, use the presentation on our dedicated CoP

second for 6th class primary school pupils.

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## Digi Tech for Languages



Digi Tech for Languages, a self-evaluation tool, has been developed by JCT, PDST and PPLI to support language teachers to self-evaluate and develop their digital practice in the languages classroom. The website is now available as *Gaeilge*. Visit today. Clliceáil ar an nasc thíos!

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## Teaching & Learning



In our Digital Technologies - Tutorials section, we have various tutorials for using Digital Technologies with your classes. The tutorials cover a wide variety of areas such as creating videos,

page. Be sure to follow #PPLI\_CoP on social media.

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## Primary Modules



The second term of the Primary Sampler Module began on February 7th. Primary pupils are partaking in the six week module in a variety of modern foreign languages and Irish Sign Language. School visits around the country have begun and the feedback has been extremely positive.

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## Third Level



Language Course  
popularity on the rise



There has been a sharp increase in demand for language courses at Third Level in the first round of CAO applications this year, with 17% more first preference applications than 2021.

latest tutorial provides a guide for Formative, an online tool for student engagement and teacher collaboration.

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qualifications involving arts and humanities has recorded the biggest rise in popularity – an increase of 59%.

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## Upcoming



- [Communities of Practice](#)  
Various dates, listed on our calendar
- [FLA Recipe for Success deadline](#)  
March 15th
- [Time for Languages Webinar](#)  
March 29th & April 6th
- [#EDLComp21 Competition Deadline](#)  
March 31st
- [#ThinkLanguages 2022](#)  
November 17th



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