

# Newsletter



Welcome to the **February 2024 Post-Primary Languages Ireland** Newsletter. As always, we are here to support you with relevant information, interesting resources and innovative ideas. We also look forward to meeting many of you at upcoming events.

## PPLI Office - we've moved!



We have relocated to Dublin 8. Our new address is:

Post-Primary Languages Ireland  
3rd Floor  
The Grainstore  
Roe Lane (off Thomas Street)  
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## #ThinkLanguages Winners & #TL 2024 Dates



The national final of the #ThinkLanguages Champion Team of the Year competition took place at The Clock Tower in the Department of Education in January, where transition year students of Our Lady's Bower Secondary School, Athlone were crowned winners, taking home the title as well as an amazing prize of a trip to Brussels. [Read More>>](#)

## Visiting Spanish Teacher Scheme



The Visiting Spanish Teacher Scheme is an agreement between the Department of Education (DoE) in Ireland and the Ministry of Education and Culture of Spain (MECS). This scheme has been created to address the shortage of qualified Spanish teachers in Ireland. Learn more, and fill in an Expression of Interest form [here>>](#)

## Say Yes to Languages: Term 2 & Language Upskilling Courses



Term 2 of Say Yes to Languages began mid-January with 400 schools participating this term. In line with the publication of the new Primary Curriculum Framework, the Department of Education has made funding available for a pilot scheme, offering courses for primary teachers to upskill in a foreign language. Learn more about this opportunity [here>>](#)

## FLA and CT Competition Winners



Over the final months of 2023, Foreign Language Assistants (FLAs) and Cooperating Teachers (CTs) across the country were busy preparing their entries for the annual FLA-CT competition. This year the winning entry was Jennifer Maverley (CT) and Sophia Ennemoser (FLA) of Loreto College, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin for their 'culture corner' project. View the winning resource [here>>](#)

## Spotlight on Schools



In this edition of 'Spotlight on Schools', Ichiyo Shibata and Yumina Asakura, two foreign language assistants in Japanese showcased their methods for organising and using a Culture Box, which is a teaching and learning tool that connects different cultures and expands possibilities in the teaching and learning of other languages. [More>>](#)

## Cuir Fáilte Roimh Theangacha



Labhraíonn Therese Eagers, múinteoir Seapáinise agus Gaeilge in iarbhunscoil sa phríomhchathair, ar an gcaoi ar ghlac sí páirt i múineadh na Seapáinise mar chuid de 'Cuir Fáilte Roimh Theangacha', atá á scaipeadh ar fud na tíre don tríú bliain. De réir Therese, spreag an t-eispéireas seo fiosracht na scoláirí ar theangacha, an Ghaeilge san áireamh. Labhraíonn sí faoi na sceitimíní a bhí uirthi agus í ag ullmhú chun na teanga a chur i láthair. [Tuilleadh anseo>>](#)



- [Communities of Practice](#)  
various dates
- [Euro Languages Competition Deadline](#)  
14 February 2024
- [Spanish Competition Deadline](#)  
18 March 2024
- [#ThinkLanguages: Save the Date!](#)  
18 - 22 November 2024

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