



Newsletter

Welcome to the Post-Primary Languages Ireland/Languages Connect April Newsletter. PPLI offers foreign language supports, resources and training at primary and post-primary levels, and our team of experts work with many partners to diversify, enhance and expand the teaching and learning of foreign languages across all levels of education in Ireland.

Say Yes to Languages



Applications for Say Yes to Languages are open for the 2026/2027 school year. The deadline for applications has now been extended to Friday 1 May.

We are also celebrating five years of Say Yes to Languages! Find out more about how we are celebrating, our new resource, and how to apply for next year [here>>](#)

Summer Camps



Languages Connect funding has been granted for four beginner-level language summer camps aimed at post-primary students. Taking place on university campuses in Dublin and Cork, languages on offer this year include Chinese, Italian, Korean and Portuguese. To find out more about these two-week camps [click here>>](#)

Arabic Info Session



A new Arabic Leaving Certificate specification was introduced in 2025. The first exam will take place in June 2027. An online session for prospective students and parents/guardians will take place on Thursday 14 May. Learn about the updated exam and how we can support you. [Register now>>](#)

Summer French Immersion Courses



Applications for French language immersion courses for primary teachers are now open! Apply to attend summer courses in Rouen, Vichy, and Bordeaux to prepare for the introduction of Modern Foreign Languages in primary. Courses are funded by the French Embassy and PPLI/Languages Connect. Find out more [here>>](#)

#ThinkLanguages Brussels Trip



Last week, the stellar prizewinning #ThinkLanguages Champion Team from Ennistymon Community School spent three days exploring Brussels, visiting European institutions, the Euronews studio and discovering more about where languages could take them in their future careers. #ThinkLanguages Week will take place from 16-20 November 2026. [Read more>>](#)

Spanish Competition Winners



The 2026 Spanish Video Competition received enthusiastic student participation, showcasing creativity, linguistic confidence and cultural knowledge. Congratulations to winners Arwyn Purcell and Cameron Russell from St Kevin's Community School, and runners up Kayla Timmons and Israel Ifeoluwa Olanrewaju from Coláiste Pobail Setanta. [Read more>>](#)

QR Code Card for Students



A student-friendly QR code card promoting Leaving Certificate language classes has been sent to schools nationwide in recent weeks. Guidance counsellors are invited to share these cards with interested students, enabling them to scan the QR code and register directly for fully-funded classes in a range of languages. [Read more>>](#)

20 Ways to Reflect



Looking for new ways to support student reflection in the language classroom? This updated resource offers 20 practical strategies, with printable templates, to help embed reflective routines, support learning progress, and develop learner independence across all year groups. [Read more>>](#)

Lámhleabhar do Mhalartuithe Scoile



Tá aistriúchán go Gaeilge ar fáil anois ar ár Lámhleabhar Malartaithe (do ghrúpaí agus do dhaoine aonair araon) a bhfuil an-tóir air. Tuilleadh eolais [anseo>>](#)

Upcoming



- [Leaving Cert Russian Info Session](#)
29 April
- [Culture Night](#)
18 September 2026
- [#ThinkLanguages Week 2026](#)
16-20 November 2026
- [Leaving Cert Language Classes Registration](#)
Deadline 28 August

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