



Global Gazette

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Welcome to the very first issue of Global Gazette, Cleeve School's international magazine which celebrates the variety of languages taught at Cleeve, as well as the many links we have across the world. This exciting new magazine with its global perspective helps widen the horizons of our students and enriches their learning as they discover a greater understanding of other cultures.

Coming up in this first issue.....

- Meet some of our linguastars
- Find out what international events have been going on at Cleeve this year
- Have a go at some beginner's Spanish
- Do you know which celebrities speak which languages?

International Award

Cleeve School has been awarded the International School Award and one of very few schools in the Country to have achieved this prestigious award. The award is recognition for the amount of international work that pupils and staff are involved in. The adjudicating panel praised the variety and range of international events that the school offers students and has kept our folder as an example of good practice. The trophy will be presented at a ceremony in London in October.

The International Award is awarded by the British Council and is valid for 3 years. It rewards an international ethos in the school and across the curriculum. Schools present a folder of evidence of international projects involving 75% of students and at least 7 curriculum areas. Cleeve School's folder contained 17 examples of international events, trips and visits and was highly praised by the adviser. The international events included an International Day of Language celebrations, Oriental and Hispanic evenings, an International dance festival, African drumming, Chinese art, Exchange visits to China and pupil exchange of work to Taiwan, Economics and Language students involvement in European debate in the European parliament in Strasbourg, French and Spanish exchanges, a maths project with our partner school in France, visits to Iceland and Arizona, a History trip to the WW1 battlefields and many more.

The International School Award recognises that the school is broadening students' horizons and emphasising that we live in a world which extends beyond political boundaries to increase understanding and tolerance of other races and cultures. The work we have started will continue and develop over the next few years.

Peru

Myself and 16 others from Cleeve School embarked on our World Challenge expedition to Northern Peru this summer. World Challenge is an international company working with groups of children and young people preparing them for and organising expeditions all over the world.



Kathryn Allsopp

What international events have happened at Cleeve this year?

China Visit

Twelve Year 11 and 12 students from Cleeve School spent 2 and a half weeks in Shanghai in July on a Chinese Immersion Course. The Immersion Course in China was organised by the British Council and involved living in an international school and taking part in 2 hours of Mandarin lessons every day. In addition to this students spent time studying the culture of China including calligraphy, painting, knot tying, seal making, tea ceremony, an introduction to Chinese folk instruments and some Chinese cooking.

Students also worked with their Chinese partners on an environmental project, 'Climate Cool' presenting their findings to the rest of the group at a formal conference. They also spent a day in their partner's home, meeting their parents and finding out what living in China is really like. Trips and visits were organised to places of interest in Shanghai and other cities nearby. As part of this organised trip, students were invited to watch a performance of the Shanghai Chinese Circus and took part in a traditional Chinese opera. They also tried on clothes and make up at the Peking National Opera. Their trip involved a visit to Shanghai Sports University where they learnt some Kung Fu and learnt and demonstrated a Chinese fan dance to local dignitaries.



Cleeve School International Festival Monday 11th –Thursday 14th February 2008

We are proud to host a variety of events to mark Cleeve School's first international festival this coming February. The festival will allow pupils from all year groups to take part in an international quiz, as well as having the opportunity to taste food from all over the world, including Chinese, Thai and Mexican dishes in our school canteen, EAT.

Other events will include a special assembly organised by students who visited our partner school in Shanghai in 2007, and also a special international edition of the popular programmes: 'Who wants to be a millionaire?' and 'Family fortunes'. Pupils in year 7 will be treated to a play entitled 'Parlez-vous Français' which is being performed by a French theatre company. We are delighted to welcome pupils in year 5 and 6 from one of our partner primary schools, Woodmancote School, to also enjoy this entertainment in French.

Local businesses will talk about the importance of having language skills in the world of work and job opportunities for linguists leaving school. Finally, we are very lucky to welcome members of the Gloucester Rugby Team to our school to host a very special lunchtime coaching session for pupils in French.

"I really enjoyed the French rugby session. We did a lot of fun things and it was great to meet the players."

Cameron Humphreys, year 8



*Did you know?
68% of pupils in year 9 at
Cleeve School have
chosen to study one or
two languages at GCSE*

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MEET OUR LINGUASTARS!

Tom Jacobson is in year 10 studying the new GCSE leisure & tourism in French.

"This is a fun course and I have really enjoyed it because it is so useful and you get to visit great places."

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"I thought that it was great to learn a different language with a sport I enjoy and it was good to learn new words. It was great to meet all the French players from Gloucester rugby team as well."

Luke Hepplewhite, year 8



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Euroscolars

Nine Year 12 students; Abi Morley, Jess Evans, Luc Evans, Kim Robinson, Nicola Bisatt, Emma Watt, Leal Gray, Charlotte Lewis and Hanna Gardner took part in a Euro debate in Shire Hall. The subject they debated was whether Britain should impose restrictions on Hungarian and Bulgarian migrant workers. They were faced with stiff opposition from Pates, Marling, Strou High, Cotswold School and Forest of Dean School and in spite of being the only Year 12 team there, they were declared overall winners. Their prize is £150 each towards a visit to the European Parliament in Strasbourg at Easter to debate European issues with students from the other 25 E.U Nations.



Can you guess the meaning of these Spanish words?

1. Discoteca
2. Elefante
3. Cafeteria
4. Futbol
5. Música

*Did you know?
Arsene Wenger speaks
Japanese, French,
German and Italian as
well as English!*

MEET OUR LINGUASTARS!

Emily Ridler is in year 10 studying the new GCSE leisure & tourism in French.

"I think the course is fun & interesting. It has made me more confident in myself and I have learnt lots of French."

European day of languages

To mark the European day of Languages on May 9th, a special European lunch menu was offered in Eat! The room was decorated with a European theme, and staff were even encouraged to take lunch orders in French. We were fortunate to have 3 linguists from GCHQ and one from the European book store in Cheltenham, who came to speak to some of our young linguists over lunch. All the visitors remarked on how impressed they were with the students, and the school in general.



*Did you know?
Over 75% of the global
population speak no
English at all*

Coming up in our next issue of Global Gazette...

- Our year 7 pupils will be looking forward to welcoming year 6 pupils at the French Café at the Open evening on Monday 6th October 2008
- Find out what activities pupils got up to for European Day of Languages
- Have a go at some beginner's German