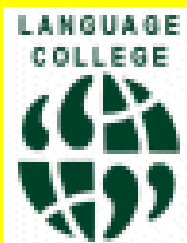
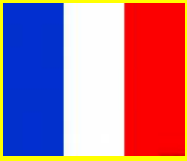


Global Gazette



Welcome to this 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. Our exciting magazine with its global perspective helps widen the horizons of students and enriches their learning as they discover a greater understanding of other cultures.

Coming up in this issue.....

- Find out what international events have been happening at Cleeve this term
- Have a go at some beginner's Russian
- Guess which celebrities speak which languages
- Discover more about Chinese at Cleeve

Cleeve School International Festival Week

We are delighted to host our second international languages festival at Cleeve School from Monday 9th –Thursday 12th February. Each day EAT will be serving a selection of cuisines from all over the world, including some delicious dishes from Mexico, China and India.

All pupils will take part in an international quiz about which countries speak which languages based on the world map in the MFL department., whilst the house languages event will take place on the evening of Wednesday 11th February. During the evening our sixth form language students will be serving delicious home-made tapas. We will also be treated to some flamenco dancing and we look forward to welcoming some of our primary pupils too.

One of the most exciting events will be a gruelling rugby coaching session for pupils from years 8-10 in French by some local heroes at Gloucester Rugby Club.

There are many more events taking place and the week promises to be a wonderful opportunity for our pupils and staff to widen their knowledge of international cultures and broaden our global perspectives.



All about Chinese...

Hi, I am Ed Hendry and I have been learning Chinese at Cleeve School since year 7, and now I am in year 9. Chinese is a challenging but interesting language, because the sounds of each character are hard to remember. You have to use pin yin which helps you to say the characters in the right accent. It is extremely interesting and completely different to other languages. Writing Chinese is also difficult as it is a totally different way of constructing words. I am most looking forward to knowing how to say my daily routine.

One of the most exciting things is the culture, and the Chinese calendar has a different animal every year such as the dog, dragon or rabbit. This New Year was the year of the Ox and there was a big celebration across China on January 26th.



Chinese school

Last February half-term, Mrs. Playfair was lucky enough to participate in a trip to Guangzhou in China along with other teachers in the County.

As well as talking to teachers, she spoke to many students who had to do eye exercises at least two times a day to rest their eyes from the 4 hours of homework they had to complete each night!

Many of the pupils have been emailing our pupils here at Cleeve, and learning about differences between life in China and the UK. For example, each day the pupils have cleaning responsibilities such as sweeping the floors and cleaning windows!

Chinese culture is fascinating and pupils from years 7-9 and years 12-13 now study it at Cleeve.



¡Viva España!

Year 11 Spanish Exchange with IES Duques de Nájera in Logroño, Spain

The Spanish Exchange was 'awesome'. Some amazing people went and the teachers and the Spanish people made this trip a really enjoyable one. During the journey to Logroño we were a bit anxious because we didn't know that much Spanish compared to their English, but once we arrived in Logroño (at 12:45pm!) we discovered that we knew enough to at least survive! We finally met the Spanish people we had been speaking to through email. As we were all nervous and tired we went straight to their flats. Most of us just had a quick tour around the flat and went to sleep, as it had been a long day. We woke up early because the Spanish people had school, we had to go with them unfortunately, and, still very tired, we went to have a tour of their school. But we woke up a bit at break because we played basketball and football with all the other pupils. We were then free to do something with the family for Friday and the whole weekend. The Friday night we went out and played table football, pool and other video games. Next we went to a very crowded Laurel Street where we had some tapas and "mosto" (grape juice). On the Saturday night we all met up and went to an under 18 disco, which was 'a fantastic experience' and after that we all wanted to go back! On Sunday most of the families go out of town to their houses in their villages. We went to some of the villages and saw some vineyards. We saw the grapes being harvested (- and had a grape fight!) Then we went to one of the families' weekend/summer houses where we ate, ate and ate because the Spanish parents don't like to waste food. On Monday we went to Zaragoza, where we had a great time, seeing many famous cathedrals, Moorish palaces and sculptures. We didn't enjoy the cathedrals but it was good learning about their culture. On the way back we went to a river aquarium which had fish from all over the world. In the evening we met together and went to a park, which was better than any park in England! On Tuesday we went to Burgos, just with the English people and it was amazing- we walked through the town, saw a cathedral and the most fantastic fountain you'll ever see. We then left Miss Mellin and Mr Hyatt for a lunch break and we went to a café, where we drank hot chocolate, had a good time and met some other Spanish people on a day trip from Logroño too. On Wednesday we went to have some Spanish lessons in school, which was interesting. We then went out into Logroño and visited their Parliament where we were met by the President of the Rioja region. Then we got to go home and do something with the families. We went to the town to do last minute shopping in a shopping centre. On the Thursday we were up for about half 5 as we had to be at the bus station for 6.15am! After spending the afternoon in Madrid we arrived back at the airport ready for the journey home.

We all really enjoyed the whole trip; the people who went were great and our Spanish partners, their families and friends were all extremely cool! If you get the chance we do advise everyone to go, we are going back next year on our own without the school; we enjoyed it that much! We are all looking forward to our exchange partners coming over here in March, we can't wait to see them all again.

Dan Kettley Yr11



If you are interested in hosting some of the Spanish pupils (18-25 March 2009) then please get in touch with Ms Mellin in the Modern Languages Department.

Famous people and their love of languages!

Lucy Liu:

"I speak English, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, & Norwegian."



Davina McCall:

"In addition to English I speak French!"

Colin Firth:

"I adore speaking Italian and also English"



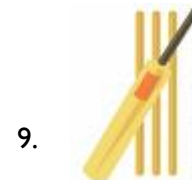
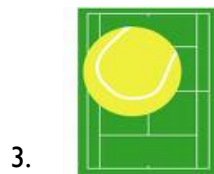
Jamie Oliver:

"In addition to English I also speak French & Italian"



LANGUAGES FUN!

Match the picture to the Russian words:



- A. бадминтон _____
- C. баскетбол _____
- E. воллейбол _____
- G. теннис _____
- I. футбол _____

- B. крикет _____
- D. пинг - понг _____
- F. регби _____
- H. сквош _____
- J. хоккей _____

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