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Winter/Frühling 2018

Welcome to twelfth newsletter of the East of England German Network. I hope you'll find the information useful. If you would like to advertise a future event or a job opportunity in the next newsletter (due to be published the first Monday after the February half term holiday) or share a teaching and learning idea or resource, please get in touch sgreen@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk Viele Grüße, Stefanie (I run this newsletter as a volunteer and hope, but cannot guarantee that all the information is accurate.)

Karneval, Fastnacht und Fasching

Jede Menge Informationen zum Thema -

<http://www.kindernetz.de/infonetz/laenderundkulturen/fasching/-/id=76292/kn5iz7/index.html>

Kurzer Erklärfilm für KS3&4: -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6951Nj_kymo

Podcast für KS4&5 - <https://slowgerman.com/2014/03/04/sg-078-fasching-oder-karneval/>

Podcast für KS5 – Karneval und Integration -

<http://www.dw.com/de/karneval-f%C3%BCr-alle/a-15745128>

The BGA Youthbridge Award 2017-2018 For excellence in German

Youthbridge Awards for German are presented annually to the winning three students of each participating school. The aim of the Awards is to encourage students to continue with German at option stages. Ideally, therefore, the students will be in a year before their next examinations (GCSE or A Level). However, we are happy to discuss other proposals.

The winners are chosen by the Head of German of each school, taking into account:

- Enthusiasm for and ability in the German language
- Ability to motivate others to take up German and develop an interest in Germany
- The quality of their project – see below

The project Each project should be in German and on a topic concerning Germany. It might, for instance, explain a student's interest in or relationship to Germany, its culture (in the broadest sense of the word) or language. But it could equally be about his or her interest in one aspect: for instance, an artist, German music, history, sport, travel. The project could be an essay, or it could be something quite different: talk-to-camera, filmed interviews, voiceovers, a Powerpoint presentation, poetry.... Projects should be copied to us along with the award nominations. 34 Belgrave Square London SW1X 8QB T 020 7235 1922 F 020 7235 1902 info@britishgermanassociation.org www.britishgermanassociation.org

The awards are: 1 st Prize: £50, plus the Eyewitness Guide to Germany*, and the Youthbridge Award certificate 2 nd Prize: £30 plus the Eyewitness Guide to Germany*, and the Youthbridge Award certificate 3 rd Prize: £20* plus the Eyewitness Guide to Germany*, and the Youthbridge Award certificate. *A maximum of three copies of the Dorling Kindersley "Eyewitness Guide to Germany" will be awarded per school. Every year, we see projects of very high quality which show great creativity and imagination. We're looking forward to as good or better this year! Please let us know as soon as possible if your school will be taking part. Closing date: Nominations for this school year's Awards may be sent to the BGA at any time during the school year, but should be received by the BGA if possible before 30.06.18. Best wishes, and good luck!

Bringing Language Teachers Together through Social Media

ASSOCIATION FOR LANGUAGE LEARNING

ESSEX AND EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH

Dear Colleague

Once again we should like to invite you to a special event- the Essex and East Anglian Conference- incorporating our branch AGM. This will take place on Saturday 12th May 2018 at Woodbridge School, Suffolk, from 9.30am – 3.30pm.

We are delighted to welcome **Joe Dale** as our principal speaker:

Joe is an independent languages consultant from the UK who works with a range of organisations such as Network for Languages, ALL, The British Council, the BBC, Skype, Microsoft and The Guardian. He was host of the TES MFL forum for six years, former SSAT Languages Lead Practitioner, a regular conference speaker and recognised expert on technology and language learning. He has spoken at conferences and run training courses all over the world. He created ICT activities for the new Institut Français, ALL and Network for Languages Primary French Project Niveau Bleu, Blanc and Rouge courses and was short-listed for a NAACE Impact Award in 2013 too. Joe is currently supporting the Erasmus Plus project Conflict to Cooperation with 5 European countries. He was recently described in a Guardian article as an 'MFL guru' and 'the man behind the #mfltwitterati.'

In addition we will have **Vincent Everett** running a workshop on **Writing and Speaking for GCSE** and **Viki Sage and Sandra Spiller** jointly holding a workshop on **Storytelling at KS2/3**.

Vincent Everett has taught French and Spanish for over 20 years. He is a long-standing member of ALL, having served on the Executive Council and delivered workshops at national conferences. He has authored resources for several publishers and won awards for developing a creative and innovative curriculum

Viki Sage and Sandra Spiller, both members of our ALL Branch Committee, are practising teachers with many years of experience behind them in all the Key Stages.

The draft programme is as follows:

09.30 – 09.45	Welcome and coffee
09.45 – 11.15	Keynote speech - Joe Dale
11.15 – 12.00	Coffee & Branch AGM
12.00 – 13.00	Workshop 1 -
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch (not to be missed!)
14.00 – 15.00	Workshop 2 - A or B
15.00 – 15.30	Tea and cakes

Further details and updates can be found on the ALL Essex & East Anglian Facebook page. The Branch has carefully considered the costing of the day and wants as many people as possible to be able to participate. This year sees no increase in price and is very good value for money!

ALL Members:	£35
Non-Members:	£50 (discounted if you join ALL on the day)
NQTs/PGCE Students:	£20

Opportunities at the University of Essex

The free interactive German Grammar “Shortcuts into German Grammar” has entered its fifth phase with the release of a new chapter on the perfect tense by Sascha Stollhans.

The project identifies and rigorously analyses typical difficulties experienced by English learners of German and offers self-marking exercises with extensive help options, an interlinked terminal glossary and performance analysis. It is available on the University of Essex Moodle X website. Moodle X is freely accessible for any external student, staff or guest - just create a new account upon your first login if you don't already have one.

You can access the grammar via this direct link: <https://moodlex.essex.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=104> or by searching for the course "Language Repository German" at <http://moodlex.essex.ac.uk>.

The project began in Kent in 2009 and continues to grow, with contributions from language teachers at various universities.

If you would like more information or would like to contribute to the material, please contact either:

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Opportunities at the UEA

<https://ueathinkgerman.org/>

The next UEA MFL networking meeting is Wednesday 7th Feb, from 5pm. AQA will attend. Contact: K.Ridealgh@uea.ac.uk

BBC Radio 4 – Germany without Merkel

How do young Germans, who've grown up in a reunified nation with Angela Merkel as Chancellor see the future? Anne McElvoy of The Economist, who was based in Berlin in the late eighties, teams up with Tilo Jung, a German video blogger, political journalist and millennial, to find out. Born in the former East Germany, Tilo was a child when the Berlin Wall came down. He and Anne go back to his home town of Malchin to meet his family and friends. They ask what next for Germany, potentially without Angela Merkel as Chancellor? <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09k6pn7>

UK-German Connection

The application process for German Pupil Courses and Scholarships will open mid-January.

<http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/gpc>

<http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/scholarships>

Online Language Exchange for Students

Bringing Language Learning to Life!

Bili is a free online student language exchange, which enables sustained and structured peer-to-peer interaction, in a safe, teacher monitored space.

This is how it works:

1. A teacher matches students from different countries who speak different languages. 2. Students complete weekly text, image, audio or video tasks set by the teacher. 3. The students mark each other's work and respond to the tasks in their first language

<https://www.bili.uk.com/faq>

Opportunities at the University of Cambridge

Emilia Smechowski, Feb 7th

Magdalene College, University of Cambridge, Benson Hall

Hosted by the Cambridge German Network and the Cambridge German Society:
Reading and Panel Discussion with Emilia Smechowski Wednesday, 7 February 2018 at 17:45–19:15

In her book 'Wir Strebermigranten' (Hanser, 2017), Emilia Smechowski tells her personal story of immigration: a fascinating tale of shame and fierce ambition, of liberation and self-assertion, and of the collective experience of Polish immigrants in Germany. At our event, she will read from her book, followed by a panel discussion with Katarzyna Lanucha and Dr Yvonne Zivkovic, and Q&A in English. The reading will be in German. The event is part of the Cambridge Online Network, an online platform for all who are involved in promoting the study of German language and culture in the UK. There will be a special introduction for pupils led by Senior Language Teaching Officer Silke Mentchen before the reading, starting at 5:15 pm. If you wish to attend the intro session and receive an info pack please contact the event organiser Dr Marie Kolkenbrock (mek32@cam.ac.uk) by 31 January.

The event is free, but booking is essential. Please see our Facebook and Eventbrite pages for more info and registration:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/518762901820135/>

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emilia-smechowski-wir-strebermigranten-reading-and-panel-discussion-tickets-41237401177>

If you have questions please contact the event organiser Dr Marie Kolkenbrock (mek32@cam.ac.uk).
In case teachers would like material in advance, please e-mail Silke Mentchen, scm30@cam.ac.uk

Kathrin Kunkel Razum, Feb 8th

Kathrin Kunkel-Razum, director of DUDEN, will give a talk in German "Wie kommt ein Wort ins Wörterbuch?". This event is free, it is part of a series for second year MML students but open to interested 6th formers and teachers! Feb 8th, at 11am, in the Lady Mitchel Hall, Cambridge University, Sidgwick Site. In case teachers would like material in advance, please e-mail Silke Mentchen, scm30@cam.ac.uk

German Undergraduate Conference, 10th Feb

The Cambridge Undergraduate conference (to which a few schools can be admitted) will take place on Sat, 10th Feb. See here:

<https://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/german/undergraduates/conferences>

The MML Open Day, 16th March

MML Faculty Open Day is on Friday, March 16th. Please see here:

<https://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/applying/open-days>

The teachers conference, CamMACT, 19th March

CamMACT, annual teachers conference, is on Monday, 19th March, please see here: <https://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/applying/cammact> For more up to date information, please check our twitter stream at

@Study_Langs_Cam

Save the date: Monday, 2nd July 2018: German Teacher CPD Day, with presentations and discussions on teaching literature, film and translation.