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We have been celebrating the **European Day of Languages** <http://edl.ecml.at/> throughout Europe for the past 12 years and Leeds is no exception – we will be holding story times throughout Leeds to explore the richness of a wide range of languages. If you are planning your own event to celebrate languages, **Europe Direct Leeds** can supply you with a range of free resources, such as:

Languages take you further - *This booklet includes samples of the official EU languages*

http://ec.europa.eu/unitedkingdom/information/publications/mini_language_guide_en.htm

Passport to the European Union - *Encourages you to take an interest in other countries, different people, different food, etc.*

http://ec.europa.eu/unitedkingdom/information/publications/passport/passport_en.htm

Wall maps of Europe - *The maps are meant for decorating your classrooms, corridors or staff rooms*

http://ec.europa.eu/unitedkingdom/information/publications/maps/map_en.htm

Lets's explore Europe - *This book for children aged 9-12 is full of interesting facts and colourful illustrations about geography, history, languages and much more. It gives a lively overview of Europe and explains briefly what the European Union is and how it works*

http://ec.europa.eu/unitedkingdom/information/publications/lets_explore_europe_en.htm

Farms are fun - *A city boy visits relatives who have a farm*

<http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/farms-are-fun-pbKF3009193/>

All U need is space - *Space is not just about adventurous space travel of robots and humans, or studying astronomy and astrophysics. It can also be very down to Earth! More and more space applications are being developed that can be used in our daily lives*

<http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/all-u-need-is-space-pbNB3212479/>

The Mystery of the Golden Stars - *Allows children to discover something about what the EU is; how it works and how it may be relevant to them, in a fun and stimulating way*

http://ec.europa.eu/unitedkingdom/information/publications/golden_stars/golden_stars_en.htm



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September 26th
European Day of Languages



If your school wants to mark **European Day of Languages**, here are some ideas:

- Show a foreign language film during lunch time
- Arrange a Eurovision-style song contest – perhaps with another school
- Display different flags around the school and hold a competition to identify the country
- Make a banner of all the different words for “hello” or “welcome”
- Place a language quiz around the school or label parts of the school in different languages
- Include a language activity/ story from another culture in school assembly, using elements such as songs from around the world or national anthems

There are plenty of language related facts to make your quiz on

<http://edl.ecml.at/LanguageFun/tabid/1516/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

or simply try the language quizzes which are already available on http://ec.europa.eu/languages/quiz/index_en.htm

or <http://edl.ecml.at/LanguageFun/LanguageQuiz/tabid/1873/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

- Design a poster celebrating the many languages spoken in your class / school / town
- Take the register in another language
- Make hats in the colours of the flags of different countries or decorated with famous landmarks or icons e.g. Eiffel Tower, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Coliseum, Big Ben, la Sagrada Familia, Acropolis, Tintin, Brandenburg Gate, etc.
- Check out online newspapers in different languages
- Hold a Language Speed Dating session – five minutes at each table to learn key phrases before moving on to the next table and language
- Start a map marking the countries of origin or holiday destinations and language spoken of children in the class/school; make a graph of results
- Do a geography and citizenship trail around your area/town looking for links with other EU nations, e.g. street names, community activities/centres/shops/EU sponsored initiatives to explore your connections and interactions with the EU. Pupils could take pictures and annotate maps of the local area to show how and where you are connected with

For more ideas, check out:

http://www.europe.org.uk/2011/12/20/european-day-of-languages/#13439857638412&97786::resize_frame|61-645

At the **Resource Centre** there is a huge amount of information available on languages, European culture, support for businesses wanting to export, or anyone wanting to move to another EU country

<http://www.europe.org.uk/resource-centre/?page=languages>

