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Latest News

Meet and greet

This month one of us has attended the Annual General Meeting of the Europe Direct Network. It gave opportunities to network, meet new and old colleagues, share best practice and get new ideas! There was a lot to learn, for example about the "Youth on the Move" initiative (<http://europa.eu/youthonthemove/>), citizens' rights and the host country and current holder of the EU Presidency, Belgium.

Supporting local schools

Europe Direct Leeds launches school information packs

October saw the launch of 'Europe Direct Leeds supporting local schools' information packs. Staff were kept busy collating, packing and posting more than 500 school support folders to every primary school in Leeds.

Each pack contains five topic sheets, which highlight free resources, websites and events linked to the following topics:

- Learning about other countries
- Learning about the environment
- Learning languages
- Farming
- Travelling in Europe
- Food and drink

New activities...

Each pack included an 'Exploring Europe' event and activities leaflet.

The first activity to be launched: **Introduction to languages**



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Don't Miss Out Hot Topics in Europe this month

Citizenship
Volunteering
Migration

WebNews Monthly Picks



We like these links...

The new Your Europe portal: help an advice on your life, work and travel in the EU – for both businesses and citizens
<http://ec.europa.eu/your europe/>

European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs
<http://www.yes.be/>

Study in Europe
<http://ec.europa.eu/education/study-in-europe/>

Introduction to languages

This activity is suitable for ages 4 - 7

A fun interactive activity, which introduces children to three European languages: French, German and Spanish.

Children play the travel game which involves collecting stamps on their travel card as they travel around three activity areas. Each activity area represents a country in the form of a

- French café
- Spanish fruit market
- German tourist information centre

Upon completion of their cards children receive a 'Passport to the European union' booklet.

The session is finished off with parachute and circle games which test their European knowledge. European goody bags are available for all.

Bookings are now being taken for the language activity - please email europedirect@leeds.gov.uk for further information.

Look out for further activities for key stage 1 and key stage 2 pupils in 2011, including the 'Tour of Europe':

Key stage 1 pupils find out about our nearest neighbours with the help of a very special bear.

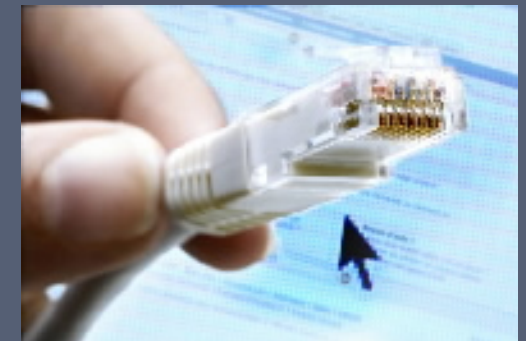
Key stage 2 pupils are challenged to the detective game. Here pupils investigate the theft of the famous Mona Lisa, solving clues and puzzles as they travel throughout Europe in search of the art thief.

This Month's partnership opportunity

The secondary school "Padre A. M. Tannoia" in Ruvo di Puglia (a region Puglia, south of Italy) is looking for partners for a Comenius multilateral association project.

It is a business secondary school with students aged from 14 to 19 with various social background and same of different nationalities. Visit the school web page at <http://www.itctannoia.it>.

The objectives of the project are historical knowledge of various migrations, education for interculture and citizenship through the interchange of different cultures and



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