

European Day of Languages 2023

Annual competition for schools in the UK

organised in North-East England

Treasure

ALLNE, NfLNE and partners are once again organising an annual European Day of Languages writing competition for Schools, and in 2023 it is once more open to the whole country!

The organising committee invites language learners **in any key stage** to create a piece of text in a language they are learning on the theme:

Treasure

We think that younger language learners might remember this year's Coronation and focus on a literal image, related vocabulary and description, or imagine a 'treasure chest' of favourite words. Older students might approach the theme by thinking of precious things they (or others) treasure (pets, people, objects, places, property, art, ideas ...)

There will be certificates and prizes!

The text must include words in a language or languages other than English, and could include imagery relating to the concept. Presentation is important, but judges will look principally at the **language** in the text, rather than the quality of any images. No entry can be larger than a sheet of A4 paper.

Pupils should write their name, age, language used, class, teacher and school on the back of their entry.

Please give teacher contact details on the pro forma below (page 3 of this document) to include with your bundle.

Please send entries to the following address: Network for Languages North East, c/o Professor René Koglbauer, Newcastle University, King George VI Building, Newcastle, NE1 7RU.

NB Entries cannot be returned, so you may wish to celebrate them before sending them in.

We reserve the right to use winning entries for display or promotional purposes and potentially for publication (including online) and will inform you accordingly through newsletters or e-bulletins.

The intention is that this might form an activity in your school around the European Day of Languages itself (26th September), so the deadline for submission of entries will be:

Wednesday, 11th October 2023.

Vouchers will be offered to the winners; there will be at least one winner for each key stage, up to and including KS5. Further prizes may also be awarded at the judges' discretion. In the event of insufficient entries of good quality in any specific key stage no prize will be awarded; the judges' decision is final.

The judges are made up of the competition organisers and our supporters.

		
		

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EDoL other event suggestions

<https://edl.ecml.at/eventsuggestions>

<https://www.scilt.org.uk/EuropeanDayofLanguages/tabid/5390/Default.aspx>

Resources from European Council of Modern Languages:

<https://www.ecml.at/Resources/ECMLresources/tabid/277/language/en-GB/Default.aspx?q=European%20Day>

Here, and at <https://edl.ecml.at/> you will find

Posters, **Language games,**
Secret agent's language challenge app,
The Word of the Year, **Multilingual joke book,**
Multilingual tongue twister challenge, **Languages in my classroom/school,**
The beauty of languages, **EDL t-shirt design contest**

Brochure: *Lara's Language Journey Across Europe* continues, with a selection of 30+ regional and minority languages (RMLs), such as Walloon, Meänkieli and Greenlandic – which did not feature in the original brochure.

Teacher contact details pro forma (to be returned with entries)

School name:

Address:

Head teacher:

Head teacher's contact email address:

Teacher's contact name:

Teacher's contact email address: