

9<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

## European Day of Languages

The European Day of Languages takes place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September. It is jointly organised by the Council of Europe and The European Union. Its activities celebrate linguistic and cultural diversity and promote language learning.

At Hayes Primary School we would like to celebrate the day by inviting our children and families who speak a foreign language at home (or for work), and all the children who are enjoying learning a language at school or outside school, to share their experience of language learning with their classmates.

There are different ways the children could present their experience with languages:

- Make a poster/booklet/powerpoint about any language they speak or learn, with key words and information about the language. It could be about a country they particularly like or have been on holiday to.
- Interview a family member or friend who speaks a different language.  
Some ideas of questions to ask:  
How did you learn a foreign language?  
What skills do you need?  
What are the advantages of knowing a foreign language?  
How does this help in the world of work?  
Why do you think it is important to know a different language?  
What do you like about being able to communicate in a different language?

Children in Year 3 and Year 4 can bring in their presentations during their French lessons and present them this half term. Children in Year 5 and Year 6 can present their work next half term when they have their French lessons.

I look forward to hearing how language learning can be fun and useful!

Madame Townsend – MFL Leader

