



MODERN LANGUAGES STATEMENT

Modern Languages in City of Edinburgh Schools 2012-2013

The current model of an entitlement to ML from P6 at the latest is embedded across the Authority. 2012 data shows City of Edinburgh delivers French in all 87 primary schools, German in 24 primary schools, Spanish in 12 primary schools, Italian in 5 primary schools and Mandarin in 7 primary schools.

In addition to this, CEC also delivers a programme of Gaelic from P5 in 8 primary schools with a Gaelic medium primary school due to open in August 2013. The teaching of Gaelic is supported by the Gaelic Specific Grant and the GLPS(Gaelic Language in the Primary School) training programme.

Modern Languages at Sciennes 2012-2013

At Sciennes we are most fortunate to have Ms Bethan Owen as our Modern Languages in the Primary School (MLPS) Co-ordinator. Ms Owen was previously a Development Officer in MLPS, co-ordinating and delivering staff training and producing materials for the city. Ms Owen also co-wrote our original Boroughmuir Cluster ML programme for P6 and P7 pupils which was adopted as a model by a number of city schools, including James Gillespie's Cluster. Ms Owen continues to contribute materials and an outline programme for the Cluster, including assessment materials.

Each year, French is introduced in Primary Six to two classes who continue with French over two years. Spanish is introduced to one Primary Six class who continue with Spanish over two years. Spanish was introduced to our Cluster in 2011-2012, replacing German. Ms Owen teaches French to four classes and Spanish is taught in two classes by a secondary teacher from James Gillespie's. Each of the six classes has 50 minutes of language teaching each week.

Our three Primary Five classes study Gaelic for one year. Gaelic is taught by a secondary teacher from James Gillespie's High School for 50 minutes each week.

Ms Owen organises a Languages Week annually in September to celebrate the many languages spoken in Sciennes.

Each year we aim to accommodate a Languages Assistant, funded by the European Council, where one is available and in 2012-13 were fortunate to have a Spanish Assistant working alongside Ms Owen for three months.

We currently offer After School Clubs in French and Mandarin.