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## European Day of Languages by Anna Horsburgh 5D1



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Every year since 2001 we have promoted diversity within language learning in schools. On 26 September we celebrate the “European Day of Languages”. This year Firrhill’s senior pupil “Language Leaders” ran activities in the foyer. We held quizzes and games to promote the enjoyment of learning about foreign cultures and languages and had a quiz to guess the country based on the flag. We also printed out “welcome” in a number of different languages to create a welcome display in reception. We discovered that 22 languages other than English are spoken fluently in the Firrhill High School community. Language learning is known to help people become more open and tolerant – an important incentive to learn a new language, especially in today’s world. Firrhill’s Language Leaders strive to make the community a welcoming environment for any bilingual pupils and staff.



There are a variety of opportunities to improve your understanding and exploration of foreign languages at Firrhill. You could get involved by joining our S1-3 Languages Club on a Wednesday lunchtime. Our Language Leaders will be there to offer support with homework, run games, and put together quizzes through-out the year to help expand your cultural knowledge. This space also welcomes S4-S6 pupils who wish to complete homework and receive support from our senior pupils. It is also a quiet area to study. Speaking another language can be a rewarding skill and can really reap benefits in the workplace!



The day tied in with the Rights Respecting School group, which promotes the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child within Firrhill High School.

We gave a particular focus to Article 30: “You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion”.



For further information on the S1-2 Languages Club, please speak to Ms Howells or a Language Leader – you can identify us by our purple badges!

