



# LANGSTONE JUNIOR ACADEMY

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## European Day of Languages

Dear Parent/Carer

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, Langstone Junior Academy will be celebrating the European Day of Languages. Around the world, the European Day of Languages is celebrated on 26<sup>th</sup> September each year. We have chosen to move our day to the Friday due to other activities happening that week.

During the day, the children will participate in activities celebrating linguistic diversity in Europe (and beyond) in order to promote language learning and intercultural understanding. Learning other peoples' languages is a way of helping us to understand each other better, to promote tolerance to diversity and to overcome our cultural differences. As part of the day, they will take part in a treasure hunt, escape room and art based on different countries around the world.

In order to celebrate the languages some children already speak in our school, I would love for these children to share their language in our assembly. This is completely optional, but it would be great if your child speaks another language that they read a short poem, an extract from a book or even just share a few words in their other language. They may even be brave enough to sing a short song!

In addition to this, we will be hosting Langstone's Great International Bake Off! We invite you and your child to create a non-British dish at home to enter the competition. The dishes will be judged in three categories:

1. Bread and savoury treats
2. Biscuits
3. Cakes

We have our very own Paul Hollywood (Mr Wessels) and Prue Leith (Mrs Bush) to help with the judging! Throughout the day, they will decide on 4 finalists from each category, which they will then sample in our assembly and finally announce the winners! Prizes per category will be awarded for the winning dishes! We cannot wait to see what you and your child create!

After school, we will then host a bake sale as part of our Summer fayre. Please ensure that you send your child's dish in a sealed, named container with a list of ingredients that we can put with the dish. This will help parents and carers make an informed choice regarding allergens. As a reminder, we are **a nut free school** so please ensure no recipes contain nuts. Proceeds from the bake sale will go towards providing your children with other experiences, which enrich their learning at Langstone Junior Academy.



If you have any queries regarding the day or if you speak another language and would like to offer anything towards our European Day of Languages such as speaking in our assembly or to your child's class, please e-mail Mrs Bellamy: [nbellamy@langstone-jun.portsmouth.sch.uk](mailto:nbellamy@langstone-jun.portsmouth.sch.uk)

Thank you for your continued support.

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