

MVC LINGO



Edition 2

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Welcome, Bienvenue, Willkommen!

Dear Readers,

In our second edition of MVC Lingo we'll take a look at what's been going on in the E.A.L Faculty this term. Students and Staff in both the English and Languages departments have once again been very busy, working on a range of activities.

BBC Reporters

See our BBC news report by going to the following link
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5k2HYRRMeM>
or search for BBC school report Melbourn Village College on YouTube.

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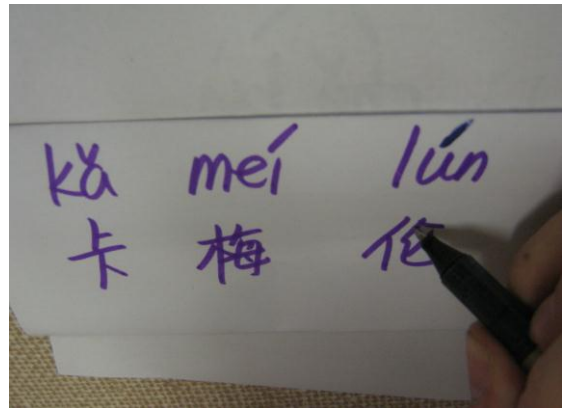
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Mandarin Taster Day

Recently a group of Melbourn Village College students had the chance to experience both another language and another culture. Qiao Qiao Wang, a native speaker of Mandarin from Hills Road Sixth Form, came to present a slide show on Chinese food and traditions. Next came a brief introduction into useful phrases, idioms and Chinese names. The Chinese characters that Qiao Qiao wrote for us were really intricate.

My personal highlight was the game at the end, in which girls teamed up against boys, trying to pick up skittles with chopsticks. This is a game of great precision and concentration and the girl's team came out victorious. It was a great chance to learn new skills and try new things, and I hope similar taster sessions run again.

Jessica Finn Year 10 (MFL student)



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Facts about Mandarin Chinese

- The Chinese language is a member of the Sino-Tibetan family of languages. Although most Chinese view the many varieties of spoken Chinese as a single language, the variations in spoken language are comparable to those of Romance languages; the written language has also changed over time, though far more slowly than the spoken language, and hence has been able to transcend much of the variation in spoken language.
- About one-fifth of the world speaks some form of Chinese as its native language, making it the language with the most native speakers. The Chinese language (spoken in its standard Mandarin form) is the official language of the People's Republic of China and the Republic of China, one of four official languages of Singapore, and one of six official languages of the United Nations.

Learn a new Language, it's fun!



Creativity in the English Department



Work to be proud of!

In this edition we wanted to share some work with you. The following piece was written by Kerry Martin in Year 9 in response to "Macbeth".

O, full of scorpions is my mind dear wife!
This terrible deed is to stay for the rest of my life,
My dear Macbeth the candle of forgiveness is lit
We have scorched the snake not killed it.

Good things of day begin to droop and drowse,
The fact that murder had been committed in their own house,
Treason has done his worst; nor steel nor poison
The dagger that was used had Macbeth's hands on.



Banquo, thy soul's flight
Murder committed in the dead of night,
Many sleepless nights, tired starts
And make our faces vizards to our hearts.

Their cruel parricide, filling their hearers
They only thing they both fear is....

BBC School Report!

BBC News Report:

On March 24th 2011, 15 students from Melbourn Village College took part in the BBC's School News Report Day. The students had to research, write, record, sequence and then publish a full news bulletin by 2.00 that day. The Melbourn Village College News Programme went live on the BBC's News Website and Digital Channels at 2.30. In addition to this the students had two reports on radio Cambridgeshire during the day and Ms Varney, who was co-ordinating the team was interviewed live on the Breakfast Show. In addition the local newspapers have published a short piece about the work with another to follow soon.

Various interviews and pieces of research were compiled by the students in advance of the News Day but the day was still intense, hard work and very like a real news room. We had technical hitches, a fire drill and breaking news stories to contend with. The students were incredibly highly motivated and had to work in an independent and adult way throughout the period that they were working on the news. All of them found it to be a valuable and rewarding experience.

The students were lucky enough to secure exclusive interviews with Georgie Bullen GB Paralympic Goalball team member for London 2012, local police and a parish councillor, Sarah-Louise, one of our MVC students embarking on an exciting music career and many staff and students. If you haven't already done so please visit the school website at www.mvc.org.uk to watch the news bulletins and listen to the radio reports that the students filed.



Linked-up thinking

Together with colleagues from Impington Village College, Cottenham Village College, Witchford Village College, and Swavesey Village College, staff in our MFL department are contributing towards a creative LinkedUp project run by Links into Languages East and the Association for Language Learning. The project work involves film, drama, puppet shows and plays as well as a range of other work undertaken in the individual schools. This year we have also explored animation websites and the emphasis has been firmly placed on productive language, encouraging greater learner independence through creative use of the language. The work will once again be shared at a planned event held in September to mark European Week of Languages. We very much want our pupils to use language for a real purpose - meanings that matter, which will increase students' spontaneous use of target language in class and, most importantly, between learners.

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