

European Day of Languages

The **European Day of Languages** is celebrated every year on 26th September. Now in its seventeenth year, the European Day of Languages was first officially celebrated in 2002 following the success of the European Year of Languages in 2001. The day is organised jointly by the European Union and the Council of Europe.

Europe is lucky to enjoy a rich diversity of language and cultures with 200 European languages, 24 Official EU languages and it is estimated around 60 regional or minority languages. These figures are not including languages spoken by people from elsewhere within the world who have migrated to live within the EU which enrich the diversity of languages spoken still further.

The purpose of the **European Day of Language** is to celebrate both the cultural and linguistic diversity within Europe and to encourage and promote language learning.



The aims of the European Day of Languages include:

- celebrating the diversity of languages and cultures within Europe
- encouraging language learning at any age
- promoting intercultural understanding
- diversifying the range of languages learnt

The **European Day of Languages** is celebrated throughout Europe with a range of events including language classes for all ages and abilities, conferences, cultural exchanges, children's activities and television and radio specials.



Countries in Europe

Europe is shared by 50 countries. By the conventional definition, there are 44 sovereign states or nations in Europe. Not included are several countries namely Turkey, which occupies only a small part of East Thrace on the European Balkan Peninsula.

Cyprus, an island in the Mediterranean Sea, is geographically part of Asia Minor (Middle East).

The Faroe Islands, an island group between the Norwegian Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean are a self-governing territory of the Kingdom of Denmark.

Greenland, which geographically belongs to North America, is as well an autonomous Danish territory.

Kosovo is a partially recognized state in the Balkans.

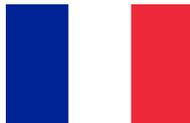
A small piece of Western Kazakhstan is also considered to be part of Europe.



Here at Kendrick, we are lucky enough to have students and staff from a wide range of different countries, cultures, and backgrounds - many of whom can speak languages from around the world as well as carry out their studies in English.

It is amazing to have the opportunity to celebrate our diversity by coming together for the European Day of Languages.

Our Modern Languages Department have organised a fun bingo game where we can try to complete as many challenges as we can – will you be researching, singing, cooking, or drawing European things?

Prendre Plaisir! 

¡Disfrutar! 

Genießen! 

Njut av! 

Genieten van! 

Divertiti! 

