



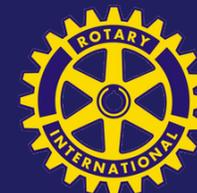
# FRENCH FUN DAY



Celebrate the  
International Day of  
French and Happiness  
20 March 2025

## Inside:

Everything you need  
to run a successful  
French Fun Day at  
your school



# BIENVENUE!

Thank you for signing up to hold a French Fun Day at your school to raise funds for SchoolKits for Congo. We're delighted to have you on board.

In this booklet you'll find loads of tips and resources to make your day a success.

Thank you for caring.

♥ The SchoolKits for Congo team

## How your participation helps

In Eastern Congo, children are escaping armed violence, seeking safety on the Rwandan border. Many have found refuge in temporary shelters but they are in desperate need of the tools to rebuild their futures. Your fundraising will help.

Every \$30 raised equips a refugee child in Congo with a school bag, uniform and basic school supplies to help them begin their education anew. Your gift also supports refugee mothers in paid employment.

## A small thank you gift

Here's a video we created in collaboration with Congolese children as a small token of thanks for you and your students to enjoy as a learning resource.



# Five steps for a magnifique **FRENCH FUN DAY**



## 1 Pick a date and time

You could celebrate on Thursday 20 March, to coincide with the International Day of French and Happiness, or feel free to choose a date that works best for you.

## 2

## Choose your activities and get organised

We've included some suggestions and resources to inspire you. Select one or two from our list on page 3 or come up with your own unique ways to celebrate.



## 3

## Spread the word

We've sent you some useful resources along with this booklet. These include:

- an A4 poster (as a separate attachment) - print it, add your event details and display around your school
- a press release template to give your local paper some good news to share. You can find this on page 9. Don't forget to promote the event in your school newsletter and on social media too.

## 4

## Have fun!

Enjoy a memorable and educational celebration of the International Day of French and Happiness while supporting a great cause.



## 5

## Help refugee children start a better life

Donate funds raised through this [link](#), and we will send you photos of to help you see and celebrate the impact. Share your story within and beyond your school community. Other schools may be inspired to follow your lead and help even more children make a new start.

# FRENCH FUN DAY

## activity ideas

### Parisian café

Have your class suggest French treats to make from scratch or from bought basics: crepes, croissants, baguettes, French hot chocolate or macaroons.

Enhance the atmosphere with French music if you like.

Formidable!



Find recipes & tips, on page 4

### Free dress day

Encourage everyone to bring a gold coin donation & come dressed in:

- **French-inspired outfits**, like berets, striped tops, or anything Parisian
- **the colours of the French flag**: blue, white, red
- **OR represent a Francophone country** by wearing its colours.



### Flag hunt

- Hide mini flags of Francophone countries around the school.
- Gold coin entry fee gives a chance to search for flags to make up a full set of flags. Students can swap flags if they find 2 the same.



See more suggestions on page 6

### Tour de France

- Create your own Tour de France!
- Students pay between \$2 and \$5 to enter the race.
- They have 20 minutes craft their cardboard bicycles, (must have wheels, a seat, handlebars, and pedals) before completing the race around the course provided.
- Judging could be based on speed or creativity, or on points for both.

### Play a game!

Who will be the ultimate master of Escargot? Set up 10 courts with 5 players each, or vary to suit the size of your school. Students pay \$1 to play and the 5 winners get to compete for the title in the championship round.

Turn to page 5 to learn how to play!



### French film festival

- Host a mini French film screening.
- Feature French animated classics like: Babar, Asterix, Madeline and La Petit Prince or choose from **this great list**.
- Sell popcorn to enhance the movie experience.



# Open a Parisian cafe

## CHOCOLAT CHAUD

This delicious French hot chocolate is easy to make in large batches. The most important thing is not to overheat it.

### Ingredients

- 5 L full cream milk
- 1.3 kg dark chocolate, finely chopped or grated
- 300 g brown sugar - or more or less to taste

### Instructions

1. Heat milk until very warm but not boiling, then turn heat off, add chocolate and stir until melted.
2. Turn heat back on to medium and stir without boiling for two minutes or until it thickens.
3. Stir in sugar to taste and serve.

Makes  
25-30  
cups



### Ingredients

- 80 g unsalted butter, plus extra for cooking
- 240 g plain flour
- 360 ml milk
- 240 ml water
- 4 large eggs

### Instructions

1. Melt 80 g butter then allow to cool.
2. Mix the cooled, melted butter and other ingredients in a food processor or by hand with a whisk.
3. Leave mixture, covered in the fridge for an hour or even overnight.
4. Melt butter in a frying pan over medium heat. Add 3-4 tablespoons of mixture. Tilt and swirl the pan so the mixture spreads out thin.
5. Once crepe has set, flip and cook other side.
6. Repeat with remaining mixture.
7. Top with sweet or savoury fillings such as jam, nutella, berries and cream or grated cheese.

Makes  
25-30  
crepes

## FOUR TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL CRÊPE SALE

### 1. Prep ingredients in advance

Pre-measure the batter ingredients and mix them the night before to save time on the day. Store the batter in the fridge and give it a quick stir before cooking.

### 2. Keep the menu simple

Offer only two or three topping options. This keeps the process efficient and reduces decision fatigue for customers.

### 3. Set up an efficient assembly line

Assign specific roles: one person cooks, one adds toppings, and one handles payments. This speeds up service during busy periods.

### 4. Keep crêpes warm

Use a warming tray or stack cooked crêpes under foil to keep them fresh while waiting for toppings.

Bon Appétit !

# How to play Escargot

Escargot is one of the most traditional French games still played today. It's a variation of hopscotch with ancient origins, but instead of a grid, players draw a large spiral in the shape of a snail. This spiral is then divided into 10 to 20 squares.

1

Draw the snail: Create a spiral on the ground with chalk, dividing it into 15–20 squares.

2

Hopping to the centre:

- Players take turns hopping on one foot along the snail's path to reach the centre.
- Once a player reaches the centre, they can claim one square by marking it with their initials in chalk.

3

Avoiding claimed squares:

On subsequent turns, players must hop around any claimed squares without stepping on them. If a player touches a claimed square or loses their balance, they lose their turn.

4

Winning the game:

- The game becomes more challenging as more squares are claimed.
- The player who has claimed the most squares when the snail is full is the winner!



## Tip

To incorporate language practice, number each square and encourage students to say the corresponding number in French when claiming a square.



# Flag hunt - rules

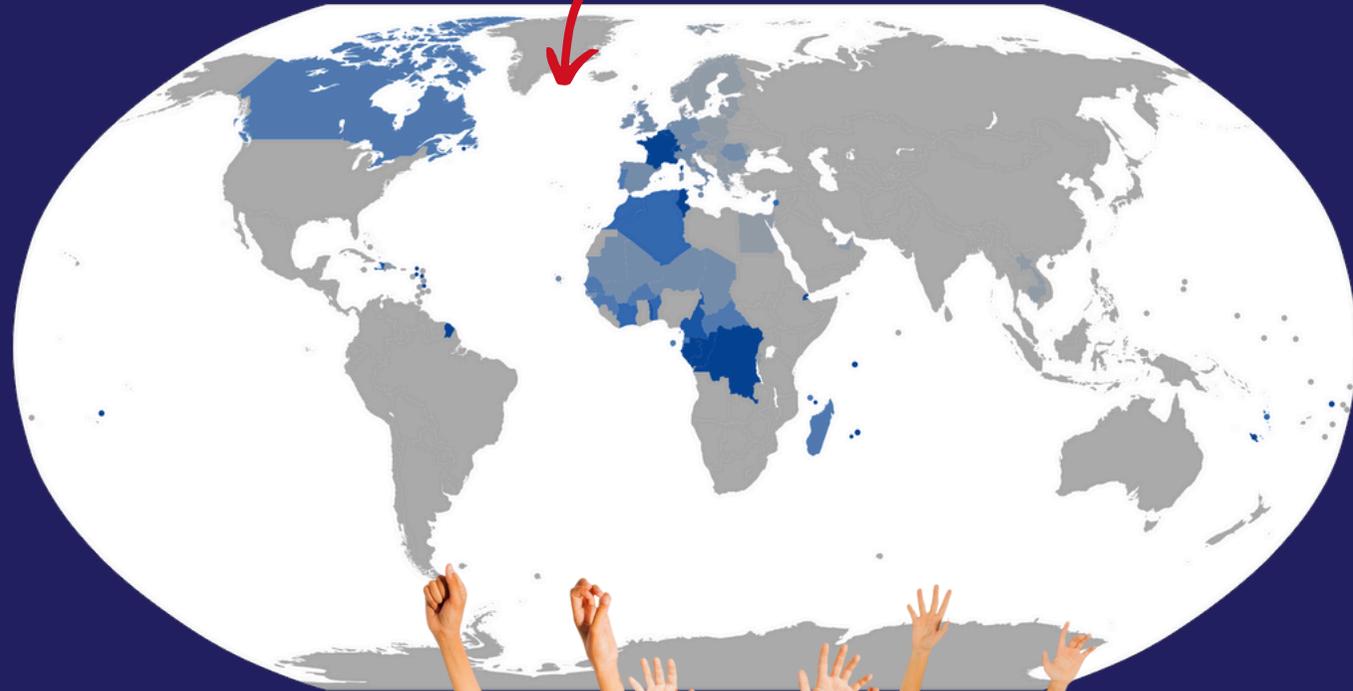
Make toothpick flags of named Francophone countries as a class activity and decide whether to vary their value based on population, language status, size or any other feature, to add to the excitement and learning.

Eleven countries have French as their sole official language: Benin, D.R. Congo, France, Gabon, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Monaco, Niger, R. Congo, Senegal and Togo. Sixteen others have it as one of their official languages.

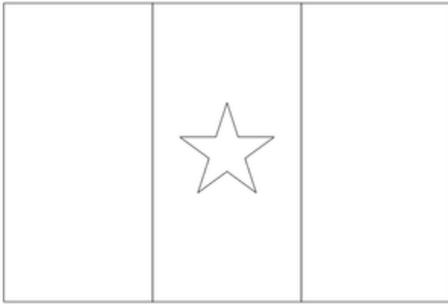
Hide between 2 and 10 whole sets of flags to ensure the right amount of finding satisfaction for the number of expected searchers.

Gold coin entry fee gives a chance to search for flags until the time runs out, maybe 10 mins before the end of lunch break? Students can swap flags with each other if they find two the same.

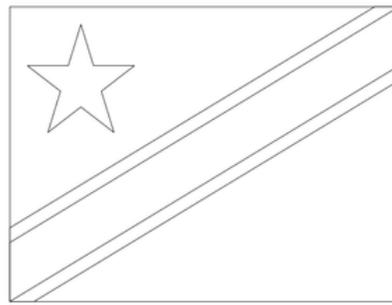
The winner is the player with the most countries represented at the end of the game, or the highest score, if you varied the value of flags.



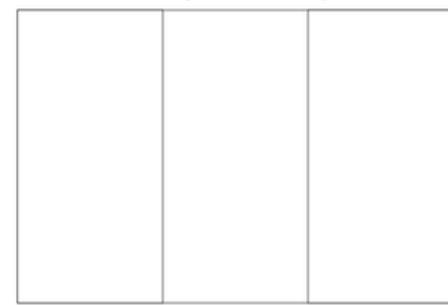
# Flag hunt - colouring page



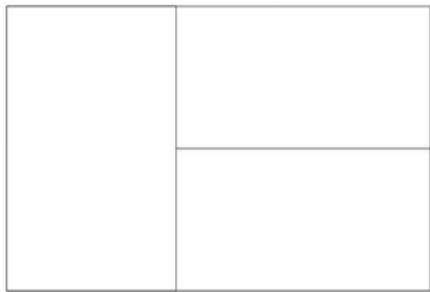
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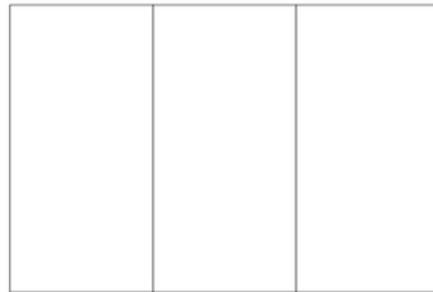
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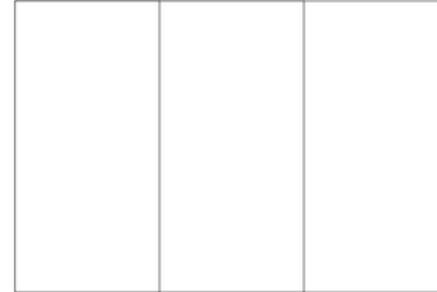
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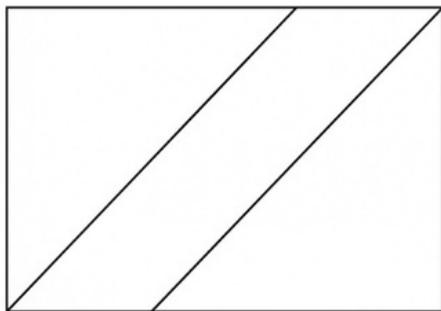
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Ivory Coast



Gabon



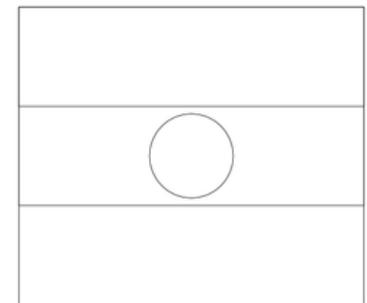
Republic of Congo



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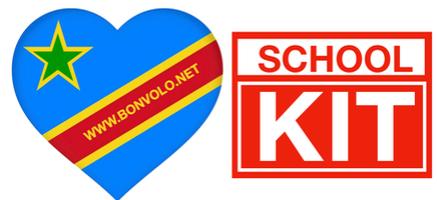


Thank you  
for making a  
difference

# DONATE AND CELEBRATE THE IMPACT

Donate funds raised through [this link](#), and we will send you photos of to help you see and celebrate the impact.

Don't forget to share a photo and a note with us so we can send a certificate of thanks which can help you progress your career by demonstrating AITSL Standard 7: Engage professionally with colleagues, parents/carers and the community!



# Media release template

Tell your community about the impact your students are making! Here are some suggested words for a media release to send to your local papers. Add your own details and include some photos from your event too.



Dear Editor,

Here is a local good news story for your consideration:

The International Days of French and Happiness were well and truly celebrated at (school) on Thursday, the 20th of March. (If you just can't organise this in March, consider using this pack to celebrate Bastille Day!)

Students in years..... to..... made and shared delicious crepes and hot chocolate, dressed up in , competed in a "Tour de France" race, searched for the flags of French-speaking countries, watched French films....., and participated in a French Hopscotch championship.

Proceeds of the day were donated to the Rotary Charity "SchoolKits for Congo" which provides backpacks full of school supplies to child-victims of war in Eastern DRC. Both the backpacks and the uniforms included in the SchoolKits are made in Goma, generating essential income for families who would otherwise be homeless and denied access to education.

Students and staff at .....are looking forward to receiving a photograph of the children who have been equipped by their excellent French Day celebrations.

Photos attached show.....

Yours,