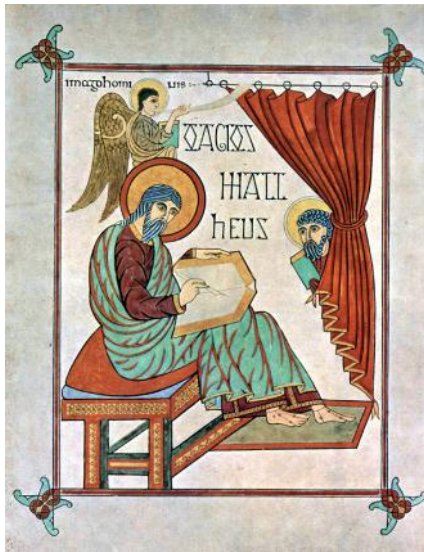


Competition for school pupils: **Illuminated text**



Dear colleague,

All across our country, people know, use and learn languages; the European Day of Languages is an opportunity to celebrate what we do, whatever the languages we know and learn!

Therefore, to mark the European Day of Languages on 26th September 2013, we invite schools **in the North-East region** to participate in our annual pupil competition.

Illuminated text

The Lindisfarne Gospels are back in the North-East this Summer at a special exhibition in Durham.

The Gospels are famously highly illuminated of course and written in a 'foreign' language – a form of Latin. Our competition this year asks pupils to produce an illuminated page, in the style of the Gospels or in their own take on that style, using a language other than English.

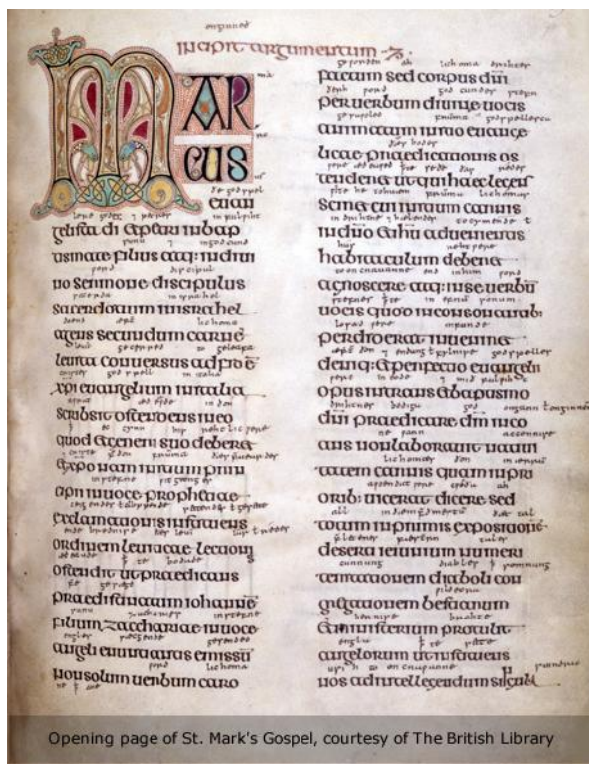
For **Key Stage 1 and 2** we ask them to **locate** a text (poem, paragraph, verse of a song, etc.) in their chosen language of around 4-6 lines long and to present it as an Illuminated Page.

For **Key Stages 3 and above** we ask them to **locate** or **create** a text (poem, paragraph, verse, story etc.) in their chosen language of around 10 lines long and to present it as an Illuminated Page.

Entries *must* involve words in a language other than English, and should be no larger than a sheet of A4 paper. (Please note that the judges tend to see a lot of flags every year, and these are not recommended!)

Entries should be clearly marked with the **pupil's name, age, class, teacher and school**, as well as any





Opening page of St. Mark's Gospel, courtesy of The British Library

necessary information about the language chosen (i.e. if it is a less widely learned language) to facilitate judging.

Please give **teacher contact details** for your bundle of entries so that we can contact winners.

We reserve the right to use winning entries for display or promotional purposes and will inform you accordingly through newsletters or e-bulletins.

Please note that entries cannot be returned.

Entries are to be sent to: EDL Competition, c/o René Koglbauer, Network for Languages, School of Education, Communication and Language Sciences, Newcastle University, NE1 7RU

The intention is that this might form an activity around the European Day of Languages itself (Thursday 26 September), so the **deadline for submission of entries will be: Monday 7 October.**

£50 vouchers will be offered to the winners; there will be one winner for each key stage, up to and including KS5. Runner-up prizes may also be awarded at the judges' discretion. In the event of insufficient entries of good quality in any specific key stage no prize will be awarded; the judges' decision is final.

The Judges are made up of the competition organisers and sponsors (who we thank): ALL, Network for Languages NE, Europe Direct and Crossroads Languages.

Best wishes

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www.crossroadslanguages.com

PS **European Day of Languages** (26 Sep 2013, Europe-wide)

Throughout Europe, 800 million Europeans in the Council of Europe's 47 member states are encouraged to learn more languages, at any age, in and out of school. The Council of Europe promotes plurilingualism in the whole of Europe, as it is convinced that linguistic diversity is a tool for achieving greater intercultural understanding and is a key element in the rich cultural heritage of our continent.

Further information:

<http://edl.ecml.at/Abouttheday/Whatisit/tabid/1760/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

<https://www.routesintolanguages.ac.uk/European-Day-of-Languages-pack>

<http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/resources/e/europeandayoflanguages.asp>

<http://edlideas.wikispaces.com/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/edl/>

http://www.lancsngfl.ac.uk/curriculum/mfl/index.php?category_id=76

International Education Week (18-24 Nov 2013, nationwide) is an opportunity to promote the importance of an international dimension to the education of young people in the UK at primary and secondary levels. Familiarity with other cultures and languages are an essential part of preparing young people to work in the increasingly globalised economy.

Further information:

<http://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/international-education-week-2013>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldclass/19676549>

<http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk/resources/i/internationaleducationweek.asp>