

Permission to Be Creative competition 2026.

This initiative was born directly from conversations with teachers across our network. SIG members repeatedly shared how difficult it has become to sustain creativity in language teaching. Time pressure, curriculum coverage, and the relentless focus on exam preparation often leave little space for the imaginative, playful, and exploratory tasks that first inspired many of us to teach languages. Yet, when speaking with colleagues in international schools, particularly SIG members in France, Germany, Sweden, and the UAE, a different picture emerged. They report on embedding creative tasks not as “extras,” but as integral components of assessment, homework, and project-based learning. Their examples encouraged us to revisit, as a SIG, how creativity can be woven into everyday practice in ways that support, not compete with, curriculum demands.

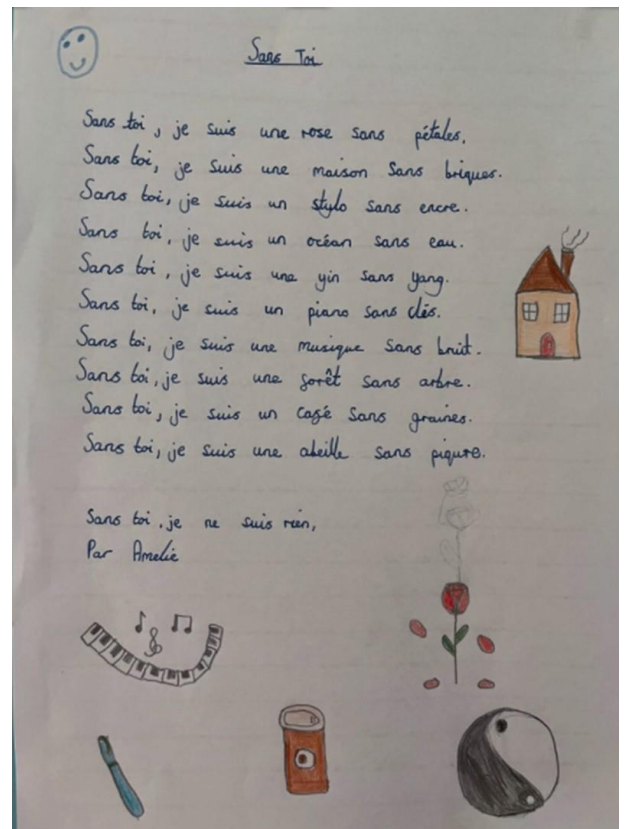
Permission to Be Creative is the result: a celebration of how creative work can consolidate learning, reduce language anxiety, and re-energise both teachers and learners. The competition is therefore not simply a celebration of beautiful work; it is a reminder that creativity is not an ‘add-on’ but a powerful pedagogical tool. Our aim is to encourage colleagues to integrate creative tasks into assessment cycles and everyday teaching, even within the constraints of busy school life.

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Top Image: Primary
Highly Commended: Sans Toi by Amelie

Bottom Image: Secondary
Outstanding: Cecilia Year 9

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Permission to be creative: Winners 2026

French	Primary		
	Outstanding	Sans toi	Lexi – St Yves Primary School
	Highly Commended	Sans toi	Amelie – St Yves Primary School
	Secondary KS3:		
	Outstanding		Cecilia –Greycoat School
	Highly Commended	Chez Moi	Emily – Priory Academy
	KS4:		
	Outstanding	La Beauté du langage	Anbrina and Thooba – Plashet School
	Highly Commended	Omar Sy magazine pages	Veronika -Gumley House School
Italian	Secondary		
	Outstanding	Feathers	Zoya - Gumley House School
	Highly commended	Starry night	Elis and Ellie - Gumley House School
	Commended	Clown	Mahira - Gumley House School
Chinese	Secondary		
	Outstanding	Cherry blossom	7C - Gumley House School
	Highly commended	Fairy lights	7M - Gumley House School
	Commended	Dragon	7F - Gumley House School
English as a Foreign Language	Secondary KS4: collège		Collège George Mandel, Issy-Les-Moulineaux, Paris
	Outstanding	Explosive box 3	Océane
	Highly Commended	Explosive box 1	Héloïse
	KS5: Lycée		Lycée Professionnel Les Alpilles, Miramas, Aix-en-Provence
	Outstanding	Lamris food truck (East Turkey)	
	Highly Commended	Portuguese Food truck	Iciar