

‘Say Yes to Languages’

In April 2023 Minister Norma Foley announced an extension to the ‘Say Yes to Languages’ and invited Primary schools to participate in the module. We submitted a completed application form and we were selected to take part. We chose French as our language. This module will run for 8 weeks for the senior classes in the school in term 2.

The aims of the module are to:

- Generate awareness among pupils of the range of languages used by their peers in their schools and communities which may help support greater inclusion and appreciation of diversity in society,
- Encourage uptake of languages at post-primary level,
- Provide opportunities for increased levels of collaboration among the school community with regard to the celebration of languages and cultures.
- Support implementation of Languages Connect, Ireland’s Strategy for Foreign Languages in Education 2017–2026.

Around 800 schools have been involved during the first two years of the module. Languages selected this year include Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Irish Sign Language, Italian, Japanese, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Spanish, Tamil, and Ukrainian.