



Spring 2009 Newsletter

¡Hola! Welcome to the Spring 2009 issue of the Little Linguists newsletter. I'd like to first of all say a big hello and ¡Bienvenidos! to all the new Little Linguists and their parents and carers who have joined us this term. I would also like to say welcome back to some former Little Linguists who have returned to classes with us this term - it's lovely to see you all again!

It has been another busy term - many of you have been recommending Little Linguists to family and friends and we have had a lot of new enquiries. Thank you for passing on information about Little Linguists and you can also direct people to the website now: www.littlelinguists.org.uk Any comments and feedback on the website would be greatly appreciated.

In this newsletter you'll find an update on Little linguists and some information on the other types of courses that we provide. There are also the term dates for next term - roll on the summer! - and some fun spring activities and puzzles. We also have some special offers for you to enjoy!

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and thank you for your continued support this term.

Update

Little Linguists continues to run classes in Baldock, Royston, Letchworth, Harpenden and Hertford. Some of the classes now have extensive waiting lists so if you are thinking of mentioning Little Linguists to a friend it is a good idea to get names down early. Because of the waiting lists and interest in other areas, I am hoping to start up some new classes. I will keep everybody in the relevant areas up to date with developments but I am definitely hoping to arrange something in Welwyn and St Albans. For those of you who have been waiting patiently for ages, I can assure you that I am doing my best!

One of the big changes this term, has been more and more people setting up private groups for their children and their friends. All you need is a group of friends (up to a maximum of 8) and a day and time when everyone is free and a teacher will come to your house and deliver the Little Linguists curriculum in your own home. Invoicing can be as a group or individually and we try to keep the organizing for the host/group leader to an absolute minimum.

Our primary school classes are continuing to go well - we now have a full range of lunch clubs, after school clubs and sessions during the school day (usually to cover teachers' preparation time) on offer. We can also come into day nurseries and pre-schools and deliver Spanish classes with the minimum of fuss and administration for the institution.

You can find details of all these classes on our website or give me a call on 01763 288361 for more information and a quote.

Younger Siblings

A little reminder about the really little linguists....we warmly welcome younger siblings into the classes free of charge up to the age of 30 months and up to 36 months if they are not actively participating in the classes. They are also invited to take part in any activities that are appropriate to their age group and that they are interested in. They do however sometimes find it difficult to stay concentrated for the full session and can occasionally become distracting to the other children. This is especially the case with some of our busier classes and, as such, if you feel that your little one is causing a distraction, I would be very grateful if you could bring along some toys, crayons etc to keep them entertained and happy and to allow the older children to focus on their class.

Current Classes

Royston	Mondays 3.45-4.15pm Mondays 4.30-5.00pm	Pre-school - Year 1 Reception / Key Stage 1 plus
Letchworth	Tuesdays 3.45-4.15pm	Pre-school - Year 1
Baldock	Thursdays 3.45-4.15pm Thursdays 4.30-5.00pm	Pre-school - Year 1 Foundation / Key Stage 1 plus
Hertford	Thursdays 3.45-4.15pm Thursdays 4.30-5.00pm	Pre-school - Year 1 Foundation / Key Stage 1 plus
Harpenden	Thursdays 3.45-4.15pm Thursdays 4.30-5.00pm	Pre-school - Year 1 Foundation / Key Stage 1 plus

8 good reasons to learn Spanish...

Here are some interesting facts about Spanish to show you just how much learning Spanish will help your child (and you) in the world today:

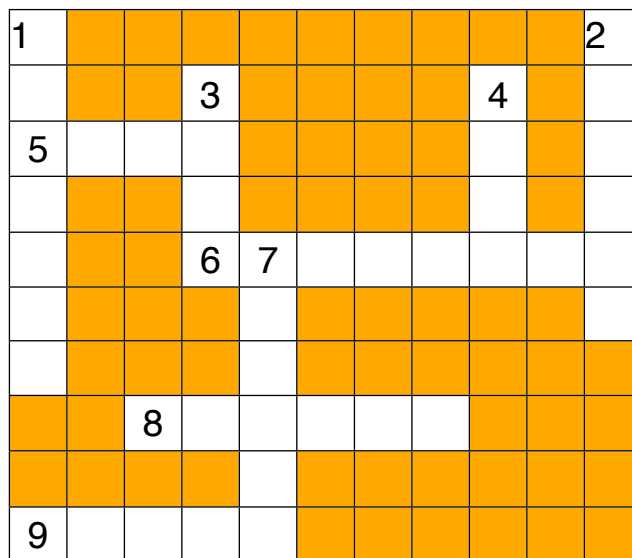
1. About 350 million people in the world speak Spanish as their first language. In fact, Spanish has roughly the same number of first language speakers as English and is growing.
2. Approximately another 100 million people speak Spanish as a second language.
3. Spanish is the official language in 21 countries.
4. Spanish is expected to be the first language of 50% of the population of the United States within 50 years.
5. Spanish is the most popular foreign language to learn in America and Europe and the demand for Spanish courses has doubled over the last ten years.
6. The number of Spanish speakers is growing faster than English speakers.
7. Spain is our most popular holiday destination - over 16.5 million Brits visit Spain each year. In addition up to about 750,000 Brits, spend some of the year living in Spain.
8. Because learning Spanish is fun! It's a chance to experience new music, food, movies, & much more.

Springtime fun

Easter is celebrated very differently in Spain to in the UK. There aren't so many Easter Eggs or Easter bunnies. It is a very religious time in Spain with lots of processions in the street during the day time and at night. The people wear robes and pointed hats and it can be quite spooky. Here are some pictures of Semana Santa (Holy Week) celebrations throughout Spain:



Spring time is a time when colours start to get brighter. Complete the crossword below with the colours in Spanish (use the boxes below to help you!):



Crossword answers:

horizontal : 5. rojo; 6. amarillo; 8. blanco; 9. negro
 vertical : 1. naranja; 2. marrón; 3. rosa; 4. azul; 7. morado

Next term dates.....

Monday 20 April – Friday 10 July

Half term: 25-29 May

Please check your individual course confirmation letter for your specific course dates as there may be some local changes due to bank holidays, teacher availability and other unavoidable events.

YET ANOTHER PRICE FREEZE! You'll be pleased to know that prices for the general group classes will be remaining the same as this term. These are £5.50 per session and £3.95 for siblings. This is an eleven week term and the cost therefore for one child will be £60.50 and for a younger sibling £43.45. Please do check your individual course confirmation letter for details specific to your group.

Please don't forget we limit our class size so that everyone receives maximum attention from the teacher and is able to practice as much Spanish as possible

SPECIAL OFFER: As a special offer to existing Little Linguists, if you book and pay for your course for next term before April 3rd, you can get the first lesson next term free!

I hope that you will be continuing with us next term – especially as the weather turns our thoughts (hopefully) to summer holidays and Spanish sun! As usual, I will reserve all existing students a place in their current class unless advised otherwise. If for any reason you do not wish to continue or your schedule is changing and you need to change class, I would be very grateful if you could let me know as soon as possible before the end of term. I can then offer places to children on the waiting lists.

Money saving offers from Little Linguists....

- Recommend a friend – if you recommend Little Linguists to a friend, they can enjoy their first lesson free of charge. If they then join the group you will receive a lesson free of charge the following term. There is no limit to this offer – the more friends you introduce, the more free lessons you will receive. Please ask them to mention your name at the time of booking!
- Recommend a friend fizz special!– Recommend five or more friends to Little Linguists who subsequently join a class next term and you will receive a bottle of fizz in addition to your free lessons.
- First lesson free – the first lesson has always been a completely no obligation free trial. I am happy now to extend that offer to children who may have had a break from Little Linguists – maybe they had ballet or swimming at the same time or started school and were finding it all a bit much. Returning Little Linguists and their siblings can now enjoy their first lesson back for free. Come along and see how you get on!
- Book and pay early – If you book and pay for your course next term before April 3rd you will receive the first lesson free of charge.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter – it's really appreciated.