

MEMBERSHIP

A variety of different activities in French are held on our premises in Kildare Street. All children enrolled in our courses, whether in primary schools or in Kildare Street, are automatically members of the Alliance Française, and are entitled to free access to our Multimedia Library, discounted prices for our cultural events and invitations to special "Members' only" events.

OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN IN THE ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE

The Alliance Française also runs classes and workshops for children (calligraphy, musical awakening, drama, cooking...) during the week and on Saturdays.

All our classes are harmonised with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. Thus children from 5th-6th class onwards have the option to take the DELF Junior exams (Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française).

A Petits Pas: French for Toddlers!

Since February 2009, children from 1 year old upwards can also find their niche in the Alliance Française, deepening the parent-child bond through French.

Bilingual Children, from 4 years old, who speak French at home, can join our classes/workshops specially designed for them.

Language Camps:

These are an educational and playful way to spend the school breaks and the summer holidays - a full week of immersion where children can learn and practise French through a wide range of activities (games, arts and crafts, drama, role-plays etc...) around a theme. ("Matisse & Co.", "Children of the World", "A Fantastic Island", "A World of Music"... are some examples from our last camps).

School Tours:

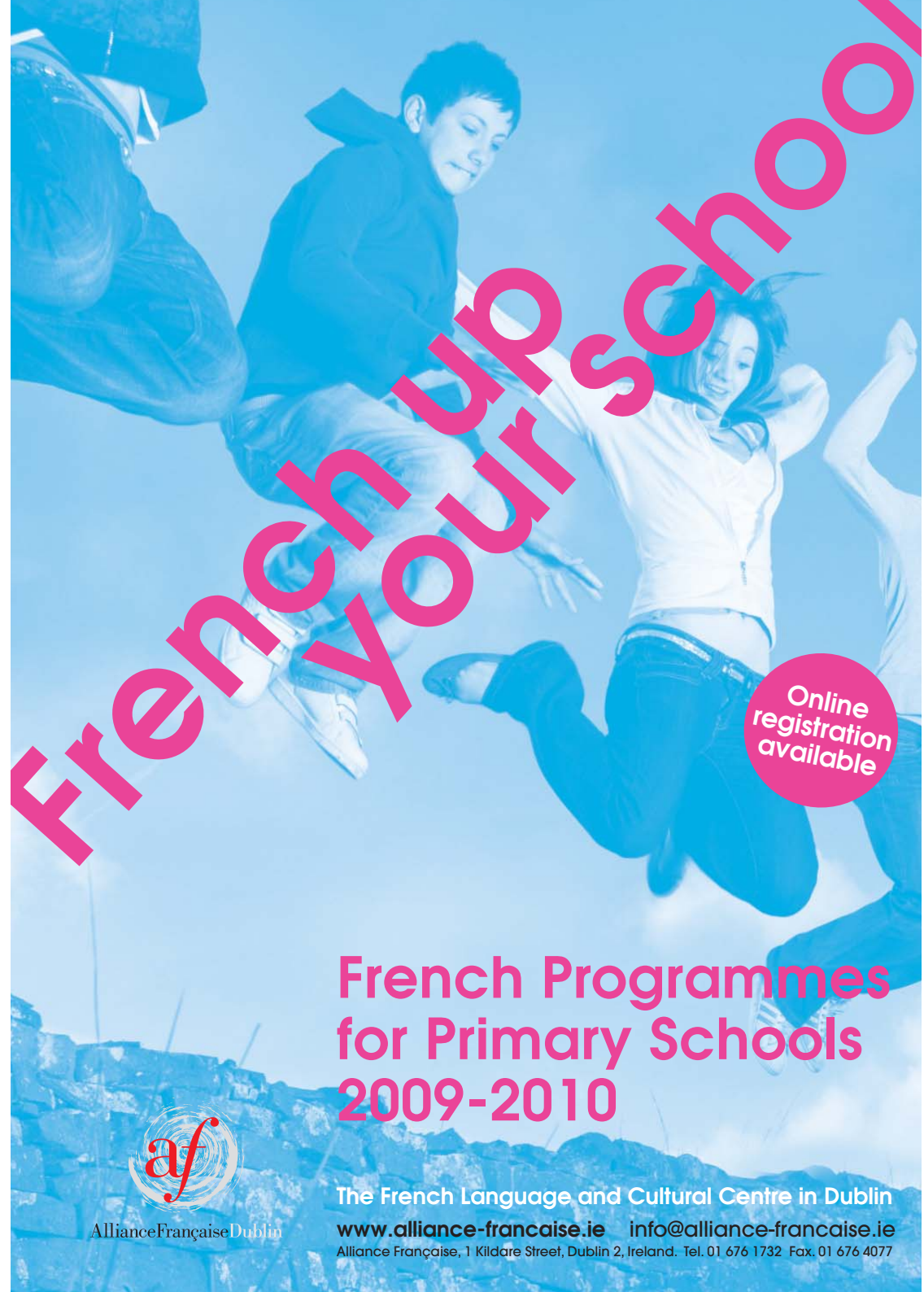
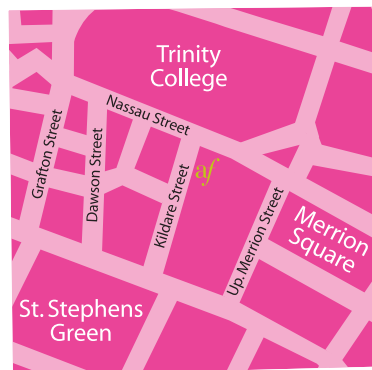
Looking for ideas for a school tour? Why not a day in Dublin where children can experience a typical French day? Visit the Alliance Française and "La Médiathèque". Discover French culture and cuisine. Customised workshops possible... An original trip that will please both teachers and children!

FRENCH LIBRARY "LA MÉDIATHÈQUE"

Parents and children are invited to avail of "La Médiathèque", which boasts a wide range of classic and contemporary children's books and illustrated stories (Le Petit Prince, Tchoupi, ...) traditional fairy tales, French cartoons and films (Astérix, Kirikou, ...).

LE CAFÉ DES AMIS

This café is open to all who wish to experience the ambiance of a French café in the centre of Dublin.



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French Programmes for Primary Schools 2009-2010



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WHO ARE WE?

The Alliance Française is a worldwide organisation whose aim is to promote French language and culture. We have been operating in Ireland since 1960, when our Dublin branch opened. Our Primary School programme started in 1989 and has gone from strength to strength. We currently cater for over 800 pupils in Dublin primary schools.

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

Children from Junior Infants to 6th Class can experience the French language through a range of fun, yet structured, activities. French classes can take place on any day of the week, during or after school hours, in your local Primary School. We endeavour to make learning French both enjoyable and educational.

We aim to help children develop an ear for the language and offer an enjoyable experience in a stimulating learning environment. As communication amongst children is largely based on speech, oral French holds a very important place in our classes. Our teachers are all native French speakers and experienced in working with children in a classroom situation. Our communicative approach ensures that every child is given ample opportunity to actually speak French.

CLASS FORMAT

Activities are varied and stimulating and include a range of fun activities suited to the various age groups, such as role-plays, mimes, songs, arts and crafts, board games and team projects.

A variety of material is also used in class, such as pictures, audio and video tapes, CDs and DVDs.

While vocabulary is important, we also aim to give children the communicative skills that will enable them to express themselves in French.

For younger children, the class is an awakening to the French language and comprehension will gradually lead to expression.

From 2nd Class, the use of a colourful textbook and an activity book specially designed for children, will help to introduce, in a palatable way, some grammar and written French. Children will, by these means, explore all the communicative aspects of the language.

The minimum number of students required to open a class is 10. The maximum number of students per class is limited to 12.

Age groups	Junior/Senior Infants	1st Class	2nd/3rd/4th Class	5th/6th Class
Length of the class	45 minutes	1 hour	1 hour	1 hour
Level	Awakening to French language	Awakening to French language and culture	Alex et Zoé 1.1 Alex et Zoé 1.2	Le Mag' 1.1 Le Mag' 1.2

INTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMMES

Principals interested in setting up French classes as part of the school curriculum should contact us to discuss a programme that suits their specific requirements.

Age Group	Terms and Conditions	Price
Junior Infants-6th Class	<p>The number of classes is agreed with each school. (Minimum: 13 weeks).</p> <p>The maximum number of children in a class is not limited, but the principals and teachers should keep in mind that small groups are the ideal when practising oral French.</p> <p>The presence of the class teacher is required. He/she may be asked to help with the French activities.</p>	€80 per hour

EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMMES

We offer a range of 26 to 30 week options between September 2009 and June 2010, depending on the school calendar.

The range of prices varies according to the location of the school and the number of classes agreed.

Please note that a second or subsequent child from the same family is entitled to a discount of 5%.

Age Groups	Length of the class	Price	Set of 2 books
Junior/Senior Infants	45 minutes	€125 – €170 per year	None
First class	1 hour	€155 – €225 per year	None
2nd Class-6th Class	1 hour	€155 – €225 per year	€25

For insurance and legal reasons:

- Only children attending the schools where the French programmes take place may join the classes.
- The Board of the School must sign the Alliance Française contract before the start of the classes.

CLASS RULES

Despite the playful nature of our courses, certain rules need to be followed so that the class time is productive and enjoyable:

Children should bring a special copy for French to every class and also a pencil case with markers, crayons or colour pencils, pencil, rubber, ruler, pair of scissors and stick of glue.

Children should behave in a manner conducive to learning and be respectful to their teacher.

HOW TO SET UP CLASSES

Whether you have a group organised, or just think it would be a good idea, whether you are the Principal of a school, a member of a Parent's Association or simply a parent, contact us:

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