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Taking primary pupils to visit their partner school abroad: providing real language experiences.

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Background

As part of its commitment to the successful implementation of excellent primary language learning, the HLT part funded 5 schools to take year 5 pupils to visit their partner schools. At this session we will show how this work can be developed by any school.

We will show how, starting from the setting up of a partnership to give real purpose for language learning. We will go through practical steps that need to be taken for the visit to be successful.

Why we are promoting these visits abroad:



- 1) To make strong links with Spain and give pupils a real purpose for learning a language.
- 2) Build confidence, independence and resilience in pupils.
- 3) Pupils are immersed in Spanish language and develop an understanding of Spanish culture.
- 4) To raise attainment.

In this session:



- *Explore ways that strong links with a partner school abroad can be developed.*
- *See how thorough Risk Assessments and planning make it possible to successfully run visits abroad for year 5 pupils.*
- *Discuss how the visits impact on standards of attainment/motivation.*

Risk Assessment Visit – October 2015

Welcome to Alcañices!

Travel at same time
Same mode of transport
Two people at least that
will be going on trip



“HOLA ME LLAMO Fulgis. On LUNES 16 MAYO 2016 we went to Spain. We came back on VIERNES 20 MAYO 2016.”

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Our link school!



Our link school!



Our hostel!



“The Spanish trip has improved my knowledge on how to organise a trip both abroad and in this country. It has improved my understanding of the health and safety aspect of trips with children.”
A child from the village! Staff

The butchers!



The fruit shop!



The bakery!



Timetable of activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meet at school am	Up for breakfast	Up for breakfast	Up for breakfast	Up for breakfast
Coach to Stansted	School	School	School	Coach to Madrid AirPort, stop for snack
Fly to Madrid	Tour of town/buy postcards	Fruit shop/paint town/ diary work	Make bread /paint town/ diary work	Fly to Stansted
Coach to Alcañices Stop for bite to eat	Make burgers/paint town/ diary work	Visit Museum	Orienteering around town	Coach back to school
Arrive at Hostel, unload	Cook burgers in restaurant	Tapas around town	Mass with School Community	
Coach to & dinner at San Vitero	Back at hostel write postcards and diary		Dinner with community	
Back to hostel, write diary				

Parent Meetings before hand

Essentials for trip

Current passport

Apply for a List of Traveller form 4 weeks in advance from the British Council

European Health Insurance Card

Carry on bag, no liquids, gels or sharp objects

Example of suit case. Packed and in school at least day before. No locks.

Signed medical forms with up to date information

Give out ASAP and go through with parents once they returned it.

Up to date prescribed medication

Care plans signed
Parents understand all prescribed medication i.e. things use just at home – brown asthma pump, prescribed skin cream

The first stage is to find a link!

eTwinning is a good place to start....

<https://www.etwinning.net/en/pub/index.htm>

Once you have a link established you can start thinking about organising a visit.

Do you have support from SLT? This is critical – make your case. How will you pitch this? What benefits will this have for the pupils who go; pupils who don't go; wider school community and staff? Rational for Year 5.

Making the trip a reality assuming you have funding – we'll talk about this later!

***Go and visit your partner school –
The Risk Assessment!***

Preparing for the trips:

**Selection process, how to make this fair,
what do you need to think about?**

Holy Trinity - Madrid

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Things to consider:

- *The cost of the risk assessment.*
- *approximate cost is £300 per pupil and staff member.*
- *Supply cover while you're away.*
- *Supporting parents to get passports or visas.*
- *All pupils and staff must have a EHIC – European Health Card.*





Ways to cut costs:

- Stay in apartment style accommodation, hostels;***
- have picnics;***
- organise deals at restaurants;***
- the biggest cost is the flights, so getting these booked asap is essential.***

Monday – Friday or Sunday – Thursday is often cheaper.



Stay in touch when you're away.

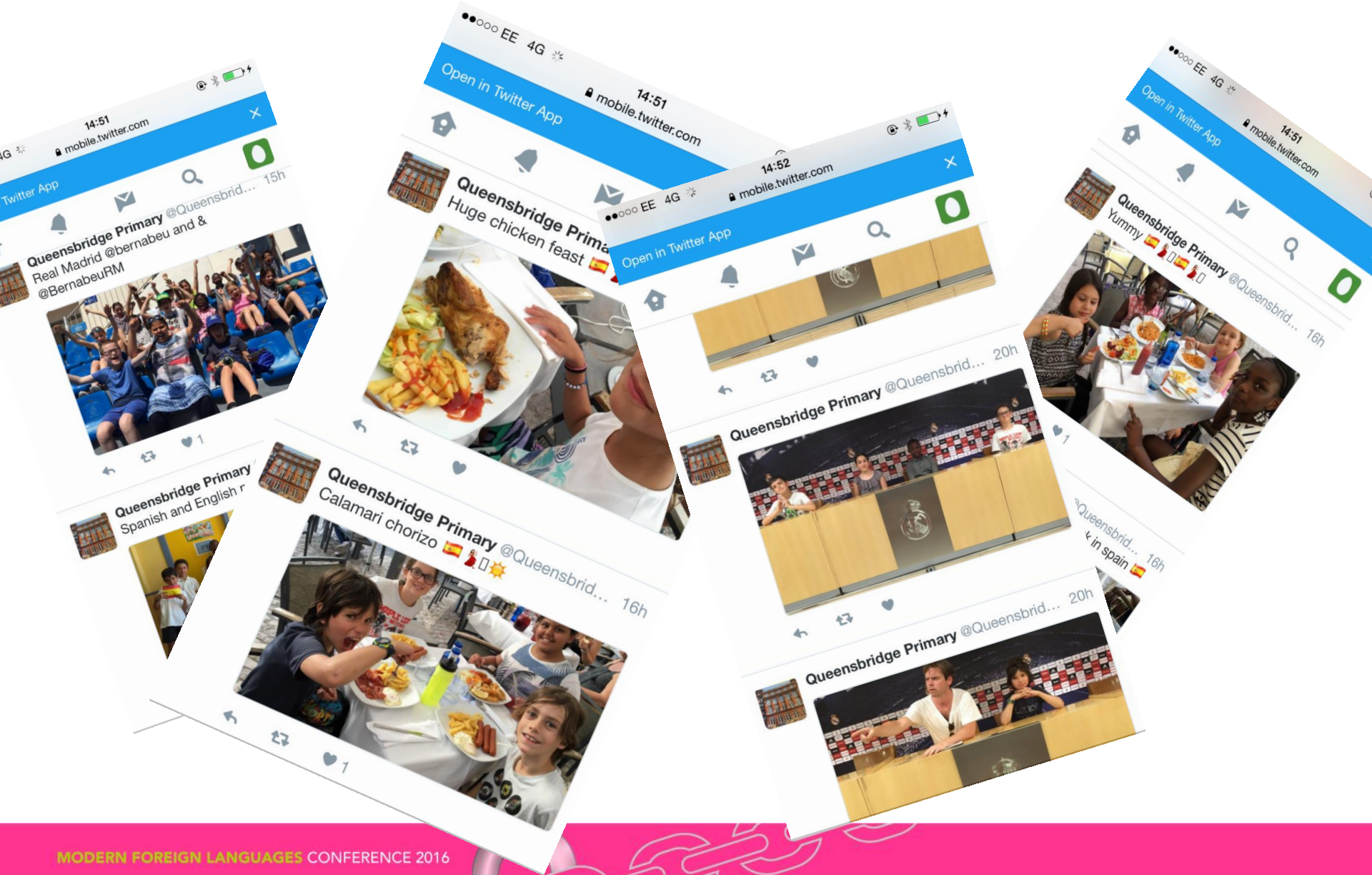


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Would you recommend other schools take pupils to Spain?

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“YES. I think many other schools in Hackney should be allowed this type of opportunity that we had to experience more things in our daily education and also to see what it is like in Spain.”

“YES. I think they should do it again so that the children can see the beautiful Spain and they can develop their Spanish.”

“YES. I recommend this for other schools so that they learn about Spanish life and so that they meet new people and learn more Spanish.”

“YES because if the other schools go to Spain they would learn more about how Spain was like and how it is to leave your family for 5 days.”

“I think YES because we have experienced a lot and they deserve to see what we have seen.”

“YES I would recommend other children to go to Spain because I think they should get the same chance as us. So they could try different food from different countries.”

“YES because it is an opportunity for other people to go to other countries.”

“YES because it will help them with their Spanish and to be more independent. “

“Yes so they can learn more Spanish. Furthermore they can have new friends.”

“YES. I think they should do it because it will give children lots of experience and they will really enjoy it”.

“YES because it is very educational and helps me for future in life.”

“YES because it gives you an opportunity to see the difference between the two cultures with the eating and architecture.”

“YES because not many people get to do this and it is quite fun but hard at the same time.”

It's fun and a great learning experience especially meeting new people."

"It is really fun and you get to see how children work in Spain. You would learn more about Spain."

"It is a great learning experience."

"It is a once in a lifetime opportunity."

"It is very fun and you learn more and more Spanish."

"It was beautiful and it helps children understand Spanish culture."

"It is a new way to socialise with other cultures and it is good for people that don't travel a lot."

"I think they should go because it is so fun and a great learning experience. I loved the trip because I was with my friends and I feel more independent."

"It is a really fun experience and it helps with your learning. I really liked it."

"It is good because they will know the differences. It was good because we got to learn more Spanish."

"It is an amazing experience and a really fun trip."

"It was a great experience and I had lots of fun!"

"Going to the school was really fun and visiting tourist attractions is a once in a lifetime experience."

It was a really great trip and I think other school will like it."

*How to get funding: NLSIN, fundraising,
pupil premium, parental donations,
sponsor - who could you approach in
your local community?*

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Gracias!



If you have any further questions or would like support to organise your trip, please e.mail me on:

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