



## LES CLASSES DELF JUNIOR A LA PETITE ECOLE D'EDIMBOURG

### DELF JUNIOR NEWS ! FOR OUR OLDER CHILDREN

#### WHAT IS THE DELF JUNIOR?

In short, the DELF Junior qualification is based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, used across the world to determine the level of proficiency of students in a European language. It is required by French universities for the admission of foreign students or Francophone students who have been schooled abroad. **It will also allow your children to take a degree with a component in French in any European Universities, including British Universities, and to participate in Erasmus programmes. It is recognised by employers and administrative authorities in the event, for example, of visa applications and many more bureaucratic procedures.**

For more information, visit the official website: <https://www.fle.fr/Les-tests-et-certifications-de-FLE>

#### STUDYING FOR THE DELF JUNIOR WITH US

In 2017, La Petite Ecole d'Edimbourg embarked upon a new adventure and ran for the first time the DELF Junior A2 class for children aged 12 and beyond enrolled in P7 and S1. In 2018, we decided to open the DELF Junior B1 class for our 13/14-year-old pupils.

**As we are nearing the end of the School year, we are delighted to announce we will be able to offer the next level up: the DELF Junior B2 from September**

2019. This level will be taught over two years. In keeping with our philosophy, it will favour a holistic approach. The first year, which will be taught by Marion Geoffray, director of Theatre Sans accents, will alternate conversation classes at the Café Yake Ti Yak with immersion classes focusing on communication, improvisation, creativity and writing skills.

### WHY PREPARING THE DELF JUNIOR AT LA PETITE ECOLE D'EDIMBOURG

- 1) It is adapted to our children's bilingual profile, the DELF Junior
- 2) It is officially recognised by the French Ministry of Education and across the world.
- 3) It focuses on specific areas of language learning :
  - Oral and written skills
  - Oral and written comprehension
  - Consolidation of knowledge about French and Francophone culture

### COMMITMENT FROM OURSELVES, PUPILS AND PARENTS

The demands of the B1 and B2 courses are set at a much higher level than the A2 course. Preparing the B1 and B2 courses will therefore require motivation and commitment from both pupils and parents to ensure our children consolidate their skills and optimise their comfort zone through regular immersion in the French language.

However, the aim is not to pressurise our children, but to ensure a smooth transition between each level of study. If more time was needed, we would be happy to accommodate this with a further year of study with us. We would review each child's profile in January in consultation with you. The examination is not compulsory. However, experience has shown that generally the pupils feel motivated to take the test!

Our objective is to make sure that our bilingual children draw pleasure from their studies in a Francophone environment that is adapted to their linguistic needs and areas of cultural and intellectual interest and is also socially rewarding for them.

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*We look forward to seeing your children in September. In the meantime, feel free to email us for further detail.*