

January 2010



### Happy New Year!

Live Language wishes you a **happy New Year** and all the best for 2010! As January is a good moment to **make new resolutions**, we suggest you to share them with us on the **20<sup>th</sup> January**.

### Snowman Competition

Enjoy the winter with Live Language and participate in our funny **Build a Snowman Competition!**

Happy  
New Year

## New Year's Eve (Hogmanay)

**New Year's Eve (Hogmanay in Gaelic)** the 'last night of the year,' is on 31st December, the final day of the Gregorian year. New Year's Eve is celebrated with **parties and social gatherings** that can last well into the 1<sup>st</sup> January and sometimes into the 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are many customs in Scotland, both national and local, associated with Hogmanay. The most widespread is the practice of 'first-footing' which starts immediately after midnight. Friends and neighbours cross the threshold of your house and give symbolic gifts such as coal (not so common now), shortbread, whisky, and black bun intended to bring different kinds of luck to the householder. The first-foot is supposed to set the luck for the rest of the year. Many cultures use **fireworks** and other forms of noise making in part of the celebration. The Hogmanay custom of singing "**Auld Lang Syne**" has become common in many countries. "Auld Lang Syne" is a traditional poem reinterpreted by **Robert Burns**, which was later set to music.



### Share your New Year's resolutions with **LIVE LANGUAGE**

After the New Year, we usually make new resolutions such as waking up early and participating in more sports etc! Join us during lunch on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and tell us how fun your holidays were, how you celebrated Hogmanay and what your New Year's resolutions are!

**When:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January – 12.15pm – 1.00pm

**Where:** Live Language, in the lounge room

### Staff-Student Thank You

In December you voted for the members of Live Language staff who have helped you, shown kindness or shown you extra special student care. We are pleased to announce that you voted Glenn and Sharon as the staff members who have especially made Live Language a nicer place to study. Congratulations to Glenn and Sharon and thank you to all Live Language staff who work hard to make your time in Glasgow a happy one.

**Welcome Elaine!** Elaine is our new Administrative Assistant. She will be happy to help you with anything you need in reception. Welcome to the school Elaine!

Don't be late, we are waiting for us.

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## 50p for a cup of coffee

We are sorry to tell that we had to put the price up to 50p for a cup of coffee. This is mainly because our costs for coffee, milk and other costs have gone up. Thank you for your understanding.

## Snowman Competition

Enjoy the winter with Live Language! We will organise a snowman building competition At **Kelvingrove Park** on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January** at 12.15pm. We will take a photo of every creation and they will be uploaded on to Facebook. The one that receives the most votes (1 like) will win one week of free coffee. Come with your friends and wear gloves! **Meeting point at 12.15pm in the school hall**



## January Social Programme!

Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup>: **Theatre Company 6.15pm – 7.15pm at Live Language**  
Tuesday January 12<sup>th</sup>: **Theatre Company 6.15pm – 7.15pm at Live Language**  
Thursday January 14<sup>th</sup>: **Snowman Competition – 12.15pm at Kelvingrove Park**  
Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup>: **Theatre Company 6.15pm – 7.15pm at Live Language**  
Wednesday January 20<sup>th</sup>: **Share your new resolutions 12.15pm at Live Language**  
Monday January 25<sup>th</sup>: **Burns night supper**  
Tuesday January 26<sup>th</sup>: **Theatre Company 6.15pm – 7.15pm at Live Language**

See all our events and photos on our Social Programme page on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/english.school.glasgow](http://www.facebook.com/english.school.glasgow)

## Glasgow events

**Celtic connections – All January** - Discover Glasgow's annual festival of contemporary and traditional Celtic music! All the information on <http://www.celticconnections.com/>

### **Robert Burns Birthday – 25th January**

On the 25<sup>th</sup> January every year Scots (and other nations) worldwide celebrate the birthday of their beloved national Bard, the poet **Robert Burns** (1759-1796), with a **Burns' Night Supper**, eating haggis, telling stories and singing his songs.

### **Part-Time English Lessons**

Our new term for part-time evening English classes will start on the week beginning 11/02. If you know anyone who would like to study English for 3 hours per week please ask them to arrange a level test at Reception.

## Student Story Section

### **Mohamed Elmahroug, 24 years old, from Libya**

I arrived in Glasgow on the 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009. I am an engineer and I want to do a Master in civil engineering after my studies at Live Language. My best moment in Glasgow was on the 25<sup>th</sup> December. It was the first time I celebrate the Christmas day. I was with my hosting family. They gave me a fancy dress of Santa Claus (laughs). We ate pasta with turkey and some sweets. I enjoy my studies at Live Language and I would like to give some pieces of advice for the next students but at the moment it is too early because I am here for two months. Thank you for the interview, now I have to go to my class, Kenny is waiting for us!