ST. FLANNAN'S COLLEGE

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ERASMUS+

Erasmus+ Information

TWIN TOWN	PARTNER SCHOOL
Langenfeld, Germany	Bettine-von-Arnim-Gesamtschule

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BACKGROUND

In October 2024, St. Flannan's College, along with CBS Primary School, Barefield National School and Rice College became part of a Consortium which aim was to implement project activities and facilitate the mobility of learners and staff to Ennis's twin town of Langenfeld, Germany.

This initiative strives to foster cultural awareness, enhance digital competencies, and promote the study of the German language within all four schools. The Consortium was subsequently awarded Erasmus+ Accreditation for the current academic year as well as the next one.

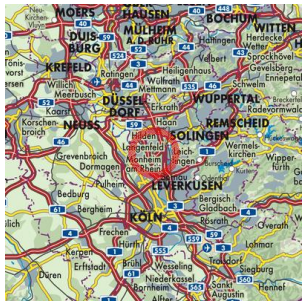
In early October 2025, three German teachers from St. Flannan's College, along with teachers from the other three Consortium schools, travelled to Langenfeld for a week-long mobility focused on collaboration, observation and partnership building.

Throughout the week, they engaged with German teachers, visited schools, and explored educational, cultural and environmental practices. The experience strongly aligned with the core objectives of our Erasmus+ project and has directly informed how we plan to support our students during our upcoming educational trips to Germany.

During this visit, SFC established a partnership with a local post-primary school, Bettine-von-Arnim-Gesamtschule. Since then, teachers in both schools have been cooperating in developing activities which implement our core objectives.

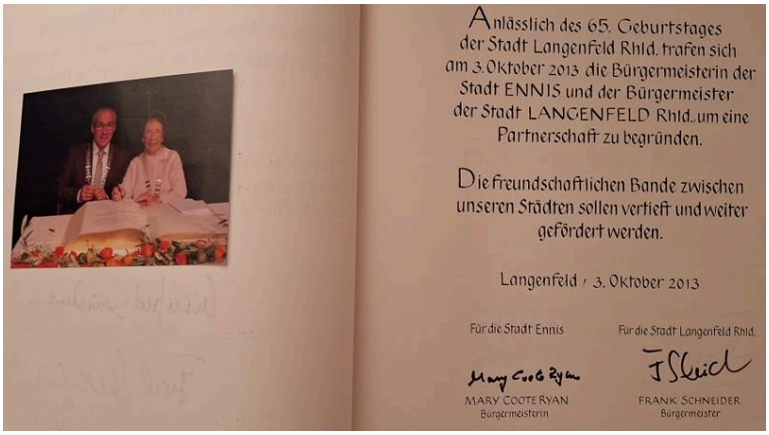








Ennis-Langenfeld Crest



Signature of Twinning Agreement in 2013



Christel von der Post und ihr Postillion



Langenfeld Market Square



Water ski facility

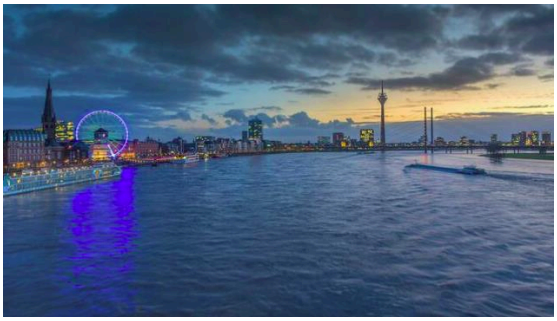
SURROUNDINGS OF LANGENFELD



Cologne Cathedral



Neanderthal Museum



River Rhine in Düsseldorf



Phantasialand Theme Park, Brühl

ST. FLANNAN'S COLLEGE PARTNER SCHOOL IN LANGENFELD

Bettine-von-Arnim-Gesamtschule
lernen – leben – lachen





As part of our Erasmus+ accreditation, St. Flannan's College has been awarded membership of "Languagenut", a digital language learning platform which provides resources for Primary and Secondary schools. Our students have access to a vast array of vocabulary lists and games, exam-style practise activities in reading, writing, listening and speaking, as well as grammar and verb conjugation exercises together with phonics and pronunciation activities.

See their website on https://www.languagenut.com/ie/

APRIL 2026 EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO LANGENFELD

As part of our Erasmus+ project, we will bring a group of thirty Second Year students studying German to Langenfeld between the 19th and the 24th of April 2026. This educational trip will be partly funded by Erasmus+ funds. The students will be accompanied by members of St. Flannan's College teaching staff and will be visiting Langenfeld and the wider area of Cologne and Düsseldorf. They will also visit their partner school and complete several activities with the German students.

Both schools are working on a project entitled *'A day in our lives'*. St. Flannan's and Beate-von-Arnim-Gesamtschule students will explore similarities and differences in their respective lives by exploiting authentic material and using technology, thus developing global awareness, as per the core objectives of the project, as explained further down.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

A second trip will be organised in November 2026 for the remaining Second Year students who are not going to Germany in April.

CORE OBJECTIVES OF OUR PRESENT PROJECT

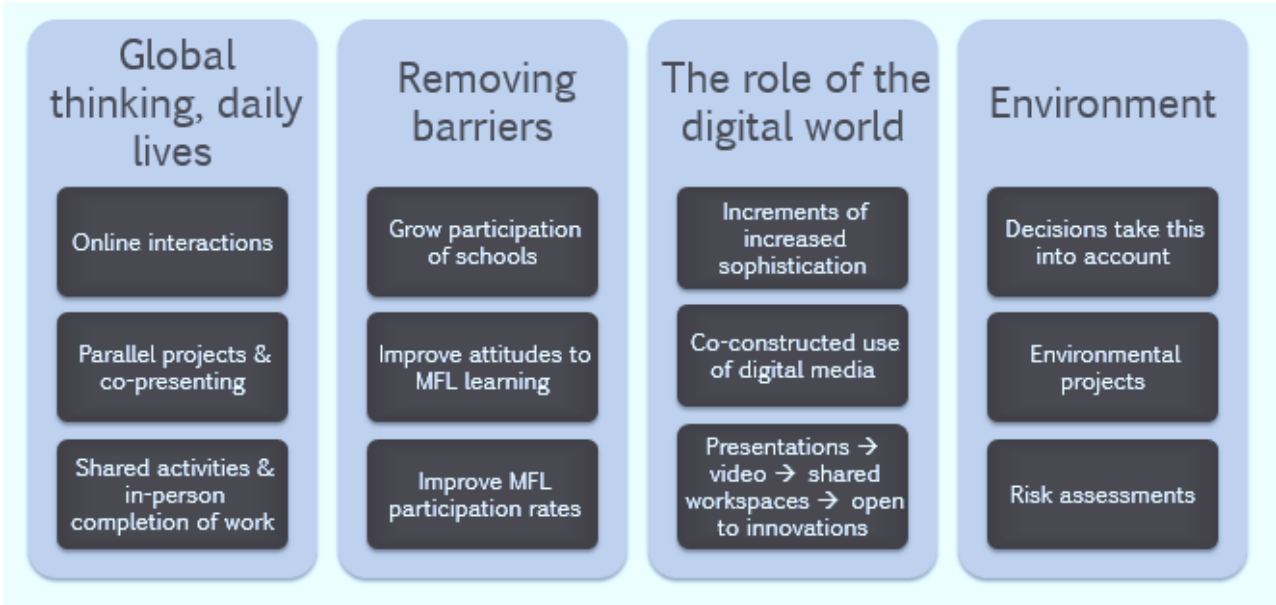
Encourage students to think globally about issues and relate them back to their daily lives.

Encourage more students into language learning and cultural exchange by removing barriers to participation

Explore the role of the digital world in supporting global thinking

Develop global, environmental awareness

Approaches to integrate the core objectives in our Project



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What is Erasmus+?

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe.

The 2021-2027 programme places a strong focus on social inclusion, the green and digital transitions, and promoting young people's participation in democratic life.

It supports priorities and activities set out in the European Education Area, Digital Education Action Plan and the European Skills Agenda. The programme also

- supports the European Pillar of Social Rights
- implements the EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027
- develops the European dimension in sport