

a passion for learning



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# Promoting Learning

Through Mother Tongue in the Mainstream Classroom

## What is Mother Tongue?

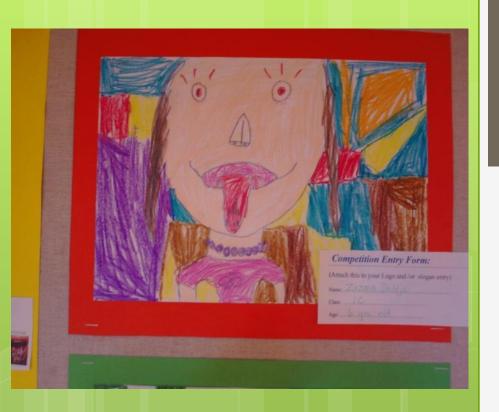
- The language you learned first
- The language you identify with
- The language others identify you as a native speaker of
- The language you know best
- The language you use most

Skutnabb-Kangas, 2011.

# A common situation in International schools:



- Many school directors are monolingual English (Carder, 2011)
- Teachers are predominately
   British/American (Canterford, 2003)
- Culturally-based misunderstandings arise
   (Gallagher, 2008)



# Initiatives in the Primary School

Promoting learning through language and culture

# Mother tongue in the classroom

#### Parent support is **essential**

- Provide information about the importance of support mother tongue
- Identify mother tongue of students
- Ask for parent volunteers and collect contact information

Shows students and parents that we value their language and culture

## **New Arrivals**

- Dual language survival booklets and fans
- Mother tongue buddy
- Google translate

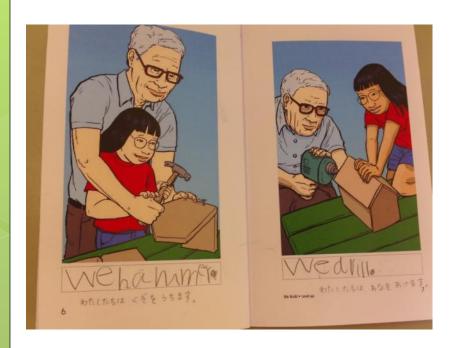


### A1 Students

With teacher and parent support, students can:

- Use dual language vocabulary cards
- Create their own dual language books
- Insert MT words / phrases into songs and games
- Share MT music and videos

## DIY dual language resources



Reading, writing, phonics

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Sorting, comparing, categorizing, games

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### A2 and B1 Students

In addition to strategies used in A1, students can:

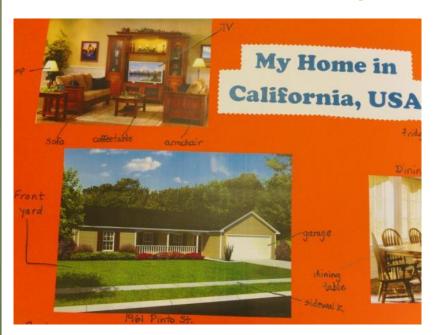
- Use MT to collaborate on project work
- Use MT to plan and/or write texts

#### Teachers can:

- Create opportunities and resources to help students link new information with background knowledge and MT
- Promote reading mother tongue inside and outside the classroom

# Comparing and contrasting languages and cultures

L1 and home country



L2 and host country



# Creating dual language texts Planning

ANIMALS AND THEIR HABITATS PROJECT PLANNER

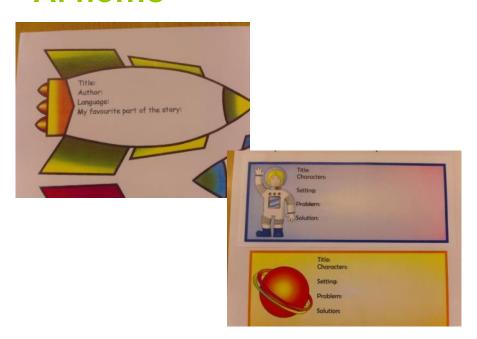
#### **Publishing**

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Type of habitat	gard	farm	
Food	hoy	hay	
Food	grass	gras	
Food	frukt	fruit	
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Type of shelter	gård	farm	
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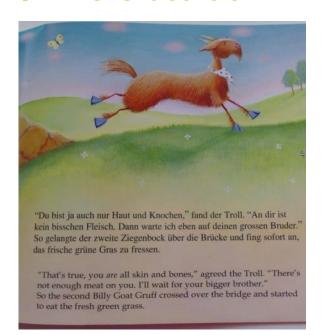


# Ideas for promoting mother tongue reading

#### At home



#### In the classroom



## Become a Library Star!



#### Getting the word out:

- EAL parent orientation evening
- MT information leaflets
- Parent-Teacher conferences
- MT & Culture events

#### Getting the parents in:

- Mother Tongue lunches
- Mother Tongue and Culture Day celebration



#### **Parent Partners**

Parent involvement is crucial to the effective use of MT in the school environment

## Providing resources

Mother tongue book drive

Dual language book sale

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# Mother tongue – a diagnostic tool

For struggling students:

- Check with parents to find out if the student has the same problem when using their mother tongue
- Enlist older students with the same MT to double check accuracy of information from parents and to pin point specific problem areas



Initiatives in the Secondary School

# Vocabulary Lists in Mother Tongue

Word	Mother Tongue	Definition
medium	3	the material through which a wave travels
radiates	せき	sends out in rays or waves
ray	7-1101	a thin beam of light
reflect	世曾	
source	李对	an object that gives out light energy
speed of light	मानिर्द	The speed that light travels which is approximately 300
absorb	84	suck or take up or in
reflect	FOT	to throw or bend back or reflect (from a surface)
disperse	至のカストナ	to cause to separate and go in different directions
ppaque	मु इ पत्र	not letting light through; not clear
scatter	させれてけ	to cause to separate and go in different directions
ranslucent	80 2-10	to let some light to pass through, but giving an unclear in
ransmit	715	to send out, pass along
ransparent	६०५%	allowing light to pass through

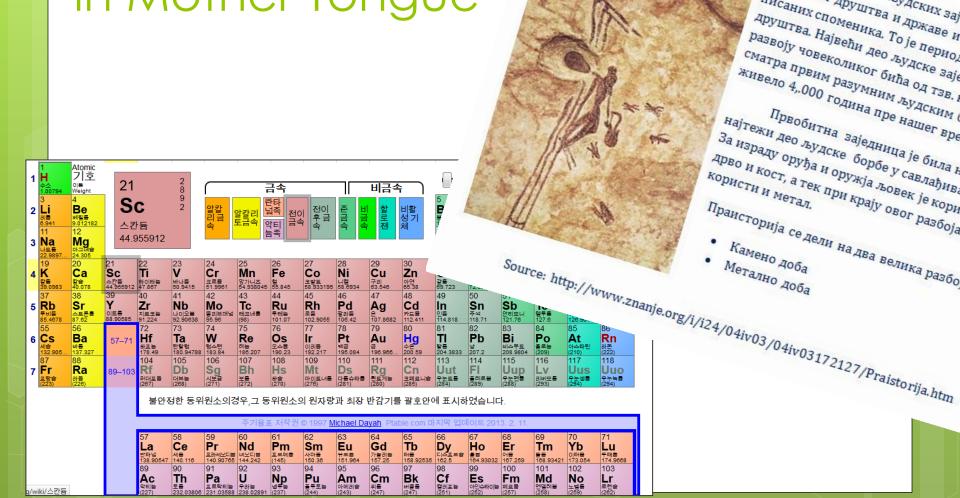
#### **Common Elements**

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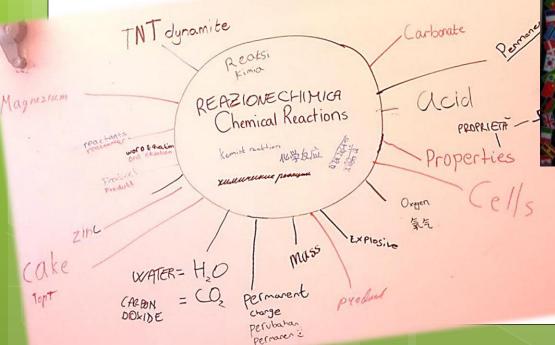
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Content materials in Mother Tongue



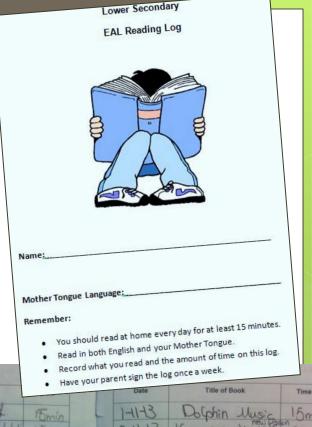
# Checking prior knowledge in Mother Tongue





## Extensive Reading in English and Mother Tongue

- o 10 min in class
- 15 min a day at home
- Reading log signed by parent



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20-10-13	约想数学检	13 min	341-13	Vampire diaries new season	15 min
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**Lower Secondary School** 

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2014

## International Languages & Culture Day

HAVE FUN DOING 2 ACTIVITIES SUCH AS:

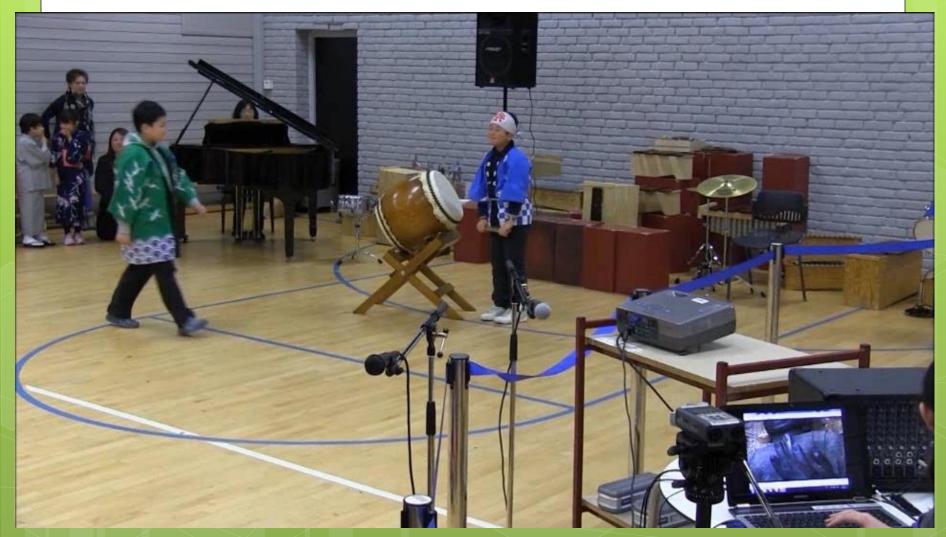


- \* Learn a language \* \* learn a dance \*
  - \* Learn a cultural hobby eg origami \*
    - \* SING OR ACT IN A NEW LANGUAGE \*
      - \* LEARN HOW TO HENNA PAINT \*
      - \* LEARN CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY \*

Let's celebrate our languages and cultures!



## Mother Tongue Concert



# Students' Mother Tongue and Culture



A hindrance or an asset to secondary international school teachers?

## Four Interconnected Areas



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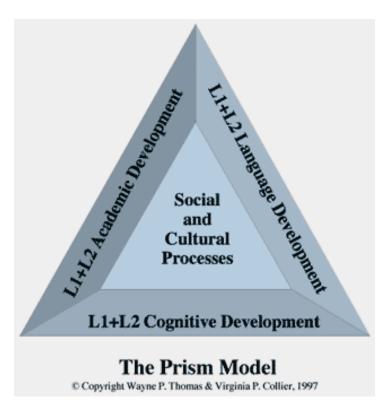
cognitive



academic



socio-cultural



## Keys to Success

- ✓ Intellect and Identity
- ✓ Transfer of knowledge / skills
- ✓ MT proficiency
- ✓ Prior knowledge
- ✓ Language journey
- ✓ Scaffold learning
- ✓ Role of parents



