**Language of the Month Assembly**

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| Date: | November 2022 |
| Language of the Month: | **Ukrainine** |
| Resources: | PowerpointFlag (if available)Ukrainian students (if available) |
| Assembly notes: | Can you work out what out Language of the Month is this month?* Clue 1: During a competition in Italy it was voted as the 2nd most melodic language in the world (after Italian of course!)
* Clue 2: The colours of blue and yellow
* Clue 3: They celebrate their language day on 9th November every year

UKRAINIAN!So, where in the world is Ukraine?It is in Eastern Europe.It borders 7 countries… Russia, Belarus, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, and Moldova. It also has a coastline along the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov.The Ukrainian flag is a blue stripe over a yellow stripe.The colours actually date back to medieval heraldry, but in modern times they are sometimes claimed to represent grain fields under a blue sky.Ukraine is often called the “Breadbasket of Europe” because it boasts the ideal conditions for growing wheat, and is a major producer of it. That’s a good reason to have it as part of your flag.Why is Ukraine famous?Unfortunately at the moment Ukraine is famous because of the war happening there where Russia invaded them and many had to leave their homes and try to find safety elsewhere.But Ukraine is famous for much, much more…For one, it is the largest country completely in Europe.It also boasts 7 wonders having 7 different World Heritage sites across the country.Let’s take a look at how beautiful and magnificent they are…It also gets deep, deep down.Arsenalna, a station on Kiev’s Sviatoshynsko-Brovarska line, is the world’s deepest at 105.5 meters below ground.That’s not Arsenal by the way!Have you been on the London Underground? Our deepest station below ground level is is Hampstead on the Northern line, which runs down to 58.5 metres. That’s really deep, but not even close to Arsenalna!Kiev is the capital city of Ukraine, and it is also the most populous city of Ukraine… that means it has the most people living there.But kiev is also a popular Ukrainian food……the chicken kiev!And a fun fact for you. Did you know that Ukrainian President Volovdymyr Zelensky used to be an actor. In fact in the Ukrainian version he is also the voice of Paddington Bear!Okay, let’s see if we can learn some Ukrainian.The language uses a Cyrillic alphabet which makes it more difficult for us to read as the alphabet is different to ours.Hello – Привіт (pryvit)Goodbye – до побачення (do pobachennya)Please – будь ласка (budʹ laska)Thank you – Дякую тобі (Dyakuyu tobi)Well done – молодець (molodetsʹ) |
| Questioning:COULD YOU MENTION OUR VALUES?(Courageous optimism, Boundless creativity, Heartfelt compassion) | Courageous Optimism It takes courageous optimism to learn a new language.Boundless Creativity So many languages and so many creative and different ways of saying things.Heartfelt compassion Attempting to speak even just a word or two in someone else’s language shows heartfelt compassion. |
| Reflection and stillness time: | Let’s think about how hard it is for so many Ukrainians who have had to leave their beautiful country and all they have known. |