

# School of Foreign Languages' Monthly Bulletin

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# Latest News of SOFL

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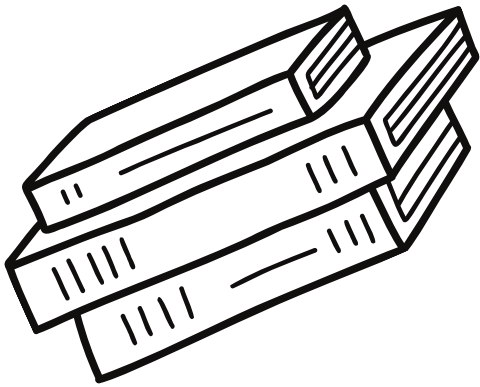


- **Summer School Quizzes were conducted on 03.08.2022**
  - **IGUYET Exam date was announced and will be held on 22 September 2022 at 10:00 - Face to face (F block)**
  - **Summer School Progress Test will be held on 05.09.2022. (details of the exams are published on the [ydyo.edu.gelisim.tr](http://ydyo.edu.gelisim.tr))**
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# Back To School: Tips for Language Learners

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# BACK TO SCHOOL

It's the start of a new academic term and new courses are about to begin. This is the perfect opportunity to set your goals, focus, and learn a new language.

But it may have been a long time since you were last in the classroom. Or you might be apprehensive about the first day of school. As we all know, this year (more than any other), will present a new set of challenges, so it's important to be prepared.

What can you expect? How do you stay on track?

Read on for our back to school tips!



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# Back To School: Tips for Language Learners

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## **Ask yourself why you are learning**

There are lots of reasons for learning a language. Understanding your own motivations can help you decide on the best way to approach your classes. If you want to be able to travel, then you'll probably be more focused on General English. If you need to deal with international clients, you might want to consider Business English. Looking to live or study abroad? You may need a qualification like IELTS or Cambridge English. Your reasons for studying will help you decide which course you choose.



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## Remind yourself later down the line

It can be easy to forget why we start a new activity when things get *tough*. If you're worried about losing motivation, try writing down ten reasons why you're learning the language, and put them in your folder to remind yourself *further down the road*. Remember, the beginning is the fun part, but it's not always going to be easy, and you might need that extra push in the future.



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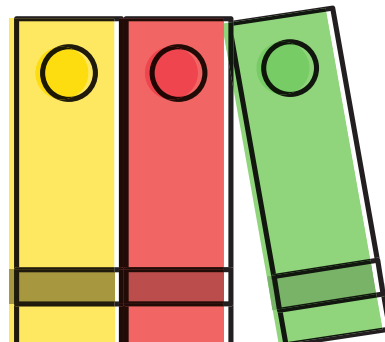
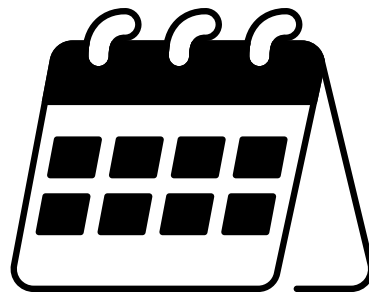
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## Get your study survival kit together

Speaking of folders, get yourself a brand new one for the beginning of term. Invest in some section dividers to separate your notes into topics – that way you'll have everything *neatly* presented. And don't worry about a notebook, we give you your very own Oxford House one at the beginning of term!

Writing by hand has been shown to improve memory; so you may want to invest in some coloured pens to organise your notes and highlight different verb tenses. Anything to help make life easier when it comes to revision is good!



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## Be Covid-safe

It's important to be cautious, and keep those around us safe too. That's why we ask everyone to wear a mask in and around the school at all times. This includes in the classroom where social distancing rules apply. And if you're worried about people not being able to understand you, you could make your own.



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## Find yourself a study buddy

Just because you're learning a language on your own, doesn't mean you have to do it alone. Partner up with someone on your first day – someone that can *hold you accountable*. That way you always have someone to study with, or help you out if you miss a class and need to find out the homework.



## Speak, speak, speak

The beginning of term can be scary. But when learning a language, conversation is king. When speaking with real people, you are far more motivated than if you're staring at a book or listening to an audiobook. And what's great is you don't need to know a lot to start talking. Studies show that 100 of the most common words in any language account for 50% of all communication. So you can get on the ground running with any language app, then join a conversation class to put it all into practice and the conversation will start flowing.

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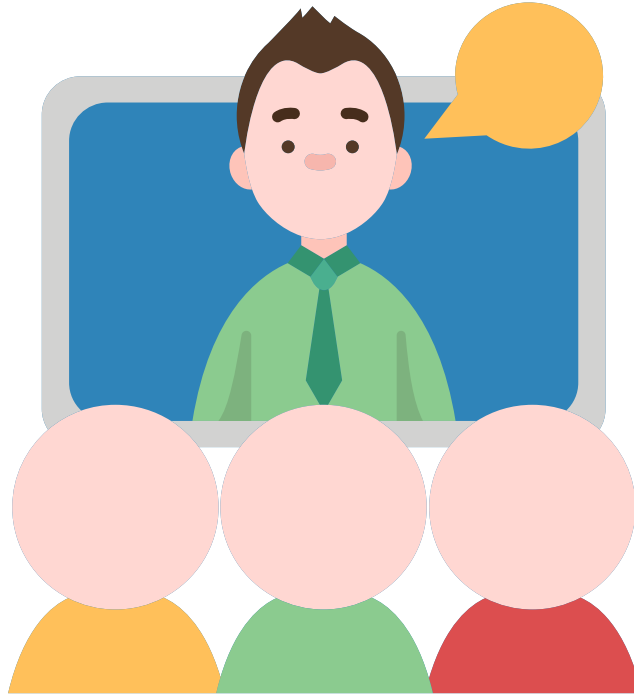


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# Our Staff's Academic Activities

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In SFOL, we support our instructors' academic endeavors.



## Webinars

Webinars and events take place on a regular basis because the need for being up to date when it comes to teaching in the 21st century, makes seminars an inseparable part of professional development. For a detailed list of webinars on English language teaching, you can visit the following website:  
<https://webinars.eltngl.com>

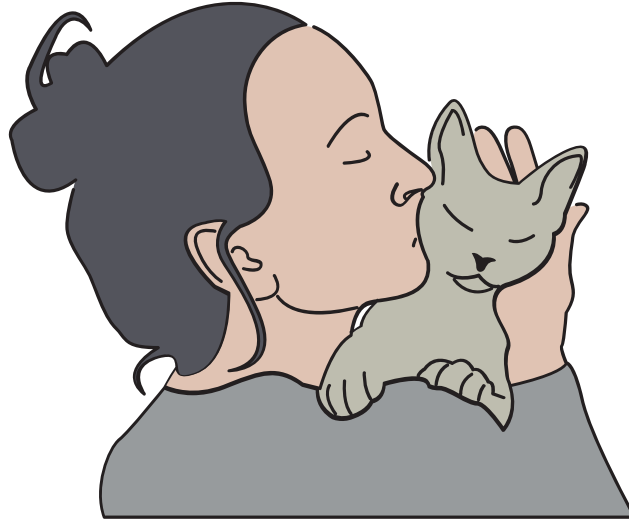
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# International Cat Day

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August 8 is International Cat Day — a day to celebrate one of man's most common and ancient pets.



The first historical human record about cats could be found in Ancient Egyptian Civilization's culture. We all seem to relate cats with Egyptians, because of their adoration and consideration of cats as gods. Mafdet was the first known cat deity and was regarded as the protector against snakes, scorpions, and evil during the First Dynasty, so for them, cats were not just deities, but also protectors. Later, after the Egyptian Dynasty collapsed, Cats became popular everywhere! Greeks and Romans used them as pest control, and in the East, cats were originally owned by rich and wealthy people. But during the Middle Ages, in Europe, Cats became associated with superstition and suspected of carrying the disease during the Black Death of 1348, that is the reason why too many cats got killed in that era, and it wasn't until the 1600s that cats' reputation started to recover.

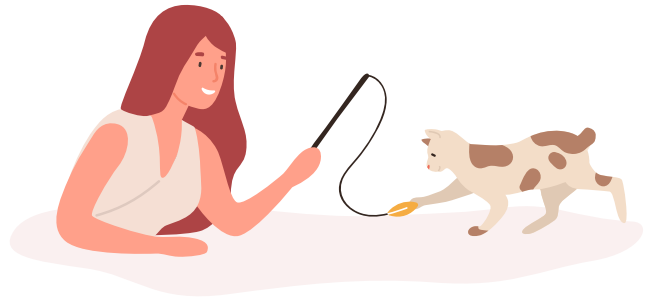
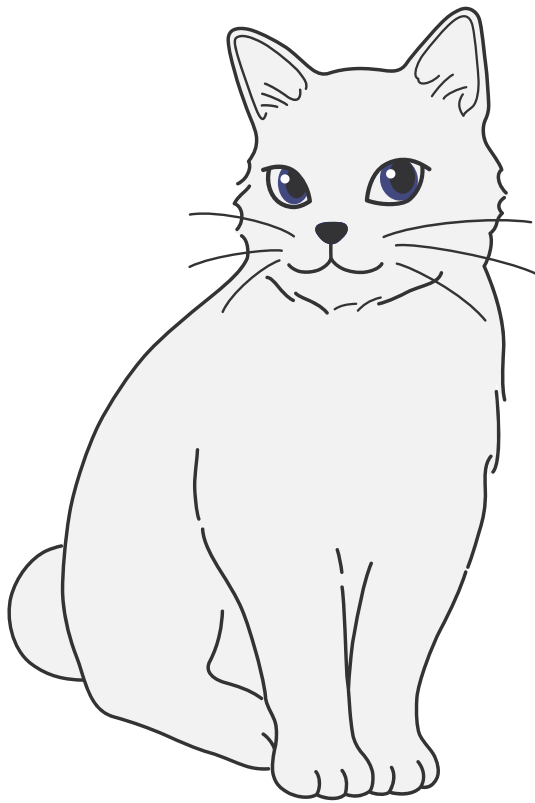
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In America, cats were part of the cargo on the colonization ships to minimize vermin and disease, so those cats went ashore and flourished. Nowadays, cats seem to be one of the pop icons in modern society – we have about half of a billion among us. And, since 2002, thanks to the “International Fund for Animal Welfare” cats have their own holiday!



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# 30 August

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World Impact Ranking 2022  
Quality Education - (SDG4)

**16<sup>TH</sup> IN THE WORLD**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> IN TURKEY**



Ecological, Economic and Social Sustainability

**#THEGlobalImpact**

**Gelişim University ranks 1st in Turkey in 'The Impact Ranking 2022' where it rises higher ranks every year.**

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# Our School On Social Media

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As always, our school was very active on social media to announce important events or celebrate public or national and international holidays. Here, we will take a look at some of them without any explanation because sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words!



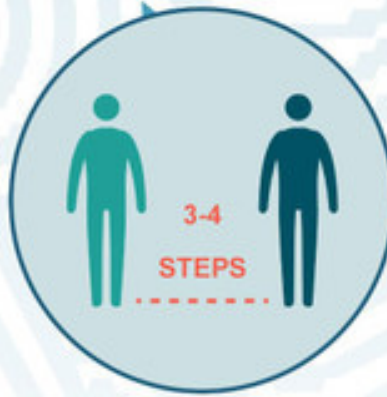




# PROTECTING FROM THE VIRUS IN OUR HANDS



COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE WITH DISPOSABLE PAPER TISSUES DURING COUGHING AND SNEEZING. IF THERE IS NO TISSUE, USE THE INNER SIDE OF YOUR ELBOW.



AVOID CLOSE CONTACT SUCH AS HANDSHAKING AND HUGGING.



AVOID CROWDED PLACES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.



DO NOT TOUCH YOUR MOUTH, NOSE AND EYES WITH DIRTY HANDS.



WASH YOUR HANDS WITH WATER AND REGULAR SOAP FOR AT LEAST 20 SECONDS.



USE HAND SANITIZER IF THERE IS NO WATER AND SOAP.