

It was on the 9th November back in 1989, when the first bricks of the Berlin Wall were taken down and the first steps to reunite Germany once again. It is not by coincidence that St. Paul's Missionary College decided to celebrate German Day on the 9th of November! Coordinated and led by the Teacher of German, Mr Joseph Spiteri, many activities were held for students as well as for the staff to familiarise themselves all the more with the German language, culture and traditions. Senior School students received a thorough explanation of the national anthem during morning assembly and students studying German led the rest of those present in singing the anthem, ending with the prayer of the Our Father, also in German.

The premises were also prepared to hold such a day - an exhibition was set up purposely in the corridors of the main foyer, a corner with German Library books were displayed, whilst flags were also put up as the school welcomed His Excellency Walter Haßmann, German Ambassador to Malta to participate in what was planned out for the entire day. He was accompanied by Mr Ralf Eden, First Secretary and his Personal Assistant, Ms Alba Bustamante, together with Dr. Alice Micallef, Assistant Director for Foreign Languages; Ms. Erica Kawka Armeni, Education Officer for German; and Ms. Michelle Vella Gobey, Head of Department for German. It was a pleasure to also welcome back Mr. Andreas Reiff, former Teacher of German at the College to be part of this day.

The guests had the opportunity to meet with the Junior 6s and all Senior Students who opted to take up German as a language of study. The different speakers touched upon historical and cultural elements as well as the relevance of German in today's world. Culinary traditions brought the day to a close as students and staff were able to taste Currywurst and Gingerbread! Spelling Bee competition and Newsletter prizes were distributed and students were also able to participate in a Kahoot Quiz about Germany and German football. It truly was a day of celebration in eliciting cultural awareness amongst our students, whilst showing our appreciation to the beauty of the German people, their culture and their strife that in their diversity, they were true to their values and traditions whilst remaining united!