

DOMONT: Shepshed Twinning Association welcomes Oxley and St Botolph's link-up

Youngsters embrace culture of France with new twinning link

SHEPSHED children are saying bonjour to French school pupils thanks to new links started by Shepshed Twinning Association.

The Twinning Association has for some time wanted to establish links between Shepshed schools and schools in the town's twin town of Domont in France.

Their wish had proved unsuccessful – until now, as both Oxley Primary School and St Botolph's Primary School have answered the call.

Oxley is now twinned with the école Jean Moulin, and St Botolph's with école Charles de Gaulle.

Members of the Twinning Association have been into the schools to speak to the children and the schools have so far sent cards to each other, practising their basic French vocabulary.

Penny Capoare, chair of Shepshed Twinning Association, told the *Echo*: "We were very pleased to get something going.

"We have suggested to the French schools that they send us their menus from their canteens and there is scope for a video conference as well."

Jane Evans, modern foreign languages co-ordinator at St Botolph's, said: "It is very early days but the children are really positive about it.

"They loved receiving their cards and did some lovely ones back, they really took care over them."



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Newcroft Primary School Orchestra have invited pupils from other Schools in Shepshed to join them to become The Shepshed Community Orchestra.

Community Orchestra united in song

SCHOOLS across Shepshed are playing from the same song sheet with the town's Community Orchestra going from strength to strength.

With ever decreasing resources many pupils are missing out on musical tutoring so Newcroft Primary School have opened the doors to all local children for what was

their orchestra to give youngsters somewhere to play and it has proved to be a resounding success.

Newcroft teacher Caroline Atkinson is the main woman behind the ensemble.

"We started just for Newcroft but quickly realised pupils at other schools didn't have anything like it."