

## **28. Recruitment to a 'Minimus' club**

The following ideas have all generated interest in 'Minimus' clubs. If you have found other successful methods of recruitment, please let me know, so that this sheet can be extended. Thank-you. B.Bell

### **1. Play for assembly**

A fun and effective idea is for members of the Latin club to perform an extract from the 'Minimus' pupils' book for the whole school. This will give maximum exposure within the school and show younger pupils that Latin is fun! The picture stories have proven to work well, especially scenes such as Chapter 2: Dinner for the Governor, Chapter 6: Off to town and Chapter 8: A visit to the doctor. As the stories are short, they could be performed more than once or even told in English and then performed in Latin. Costumes, props, scenery etc. are entirely optional, but might provide a link between the 'Minimus' club and the school's art department, and also may encourage pupils who are less confident on stage to become involved.

### **2. 'Minimus' notice board**

You might like to put up a 'Minimus' notice board in a corridor of the school to display examples of pupils' work (acrostic poems, cartoons, work relating to the Greek myths etc.) Again, this introduces the rest of the school to the 'Minimus' club.

### **3. Christmas service**

It may be possible for the 'Minimus' club to sing a Latin carol in the school carol service. Some schools have even allowed a Latin Nativity play.

### **4. Outing**

Some 'Minimus' clubs have chosen to visit a local Roman site. If you are able to do this, take lots of photos, which could be put up on the 'Minimus' notice board (see above).

### **5. Latin mottoes**

Each week, a new Latin word or phrase in everyday use could be put up on the 'Minimus' notice board (see above), e.g. AD, e.g., a.m. or p.m. This is a good way to promote the relevance of Latin and encourage an interest in the development of pupils' own language.

### **6. Publicity in local radio and TV**

Some 'Minimus' clubs have invited local media representatives to run a piece on their activities. This always raises great interest in the school. Photos from the local paper can be displayed on the 'Minimus' notice board (see above) to show younger pupils that everyone is having fun!