



Gaelscoil an Chaistil

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A thuismitheoir, a chara,

Tá súil agam agus ag m'fhoireann go bhfuil tú féin agus do chlann slán sábháilte ag an am corraitheach seo. Mar is eol duit, chuir muid roinnt áiseanna ar an suíomh Idirlíne nuair a druideadh na scoileanna i mí an Mhárta. Agus ó shin ar aghaidh bíonn muid ag cur a thuilleadh smaointe in airde ar ár leathanach Gnúisleabhair.

Leis an litir seo chuaigh tú cuid eolais eile faoi áiseanna litearthachta agus mata atá ar fáil dár bpáistí. Beidh cuid rudaí luaite agam thíos nach bhfuil ar fáil do gach aoisghrúpa. Ag deireadh na litreach, gheobhaidh tú seoltaí ríomhphoist gach múinteoir, ó Naíscoil go Rang 7.

My staff and I hope that you and your family are safe and well during this tumultuous period. As you're aware, we uploaded some sites and resources on our website when the schools closed in March. And we have continued to upload various ideas on our Facebook page.

With this letter, we are giving you some more information about other literacy and maths resources that are available to our children. Some resources will be mentioned that aren't available to every age group. At the end of the letter, you'll find email addresses for all teachers from Naíscoil to Rang 7.

Tabhairigí aire agus coinnigí slán.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Brídín Ní Dhonnghaile

LITEARTHACHT / LITERACY

NI Libraries can be accessed at <https://librariesniuk.overdrive.com/>

The website offers free eBooks and eMagazines. This can be especially useful because our libraries are currently closed.

BookTrust have launched a new digital hub, www.booktrust.org.uk/hometime which is packed with reading advice, ideas, activities and resources.

Naíscoil an Chaistil

Ráichéal will be organizing some activities through a programme called Seesaw. She'll need your email to register you. You'll find her email at the bottom of the letter. I'm also uploading some activity ideas with this letter.

Dréimire – (one reading scheme being used by Rang 1 and Rang 2)

<http://legacy.ccea.org.uk/dreimire>

Click on 'Scéalta' to read the various stories or hear them read aloud – you need to click 'Fuaime ar obair' to hear the story. Click on 'Bosca ealaíne' if you want to download pictures to colour in and click on 'Gníomhaíochtaí' to complete various activities connected to each book.

Clár Luathléitheoireachta (main reading scheme being used by Rang 1 to 4)

http://legacy.ccea.org.uk/curriculum/gaeloideachas/bhonnchéim/réimsí_foghlama/teanga_agus_litearthacht/an_clár

Here you can access games relating to the various books that children are reading.

Rang 1 – Cluichí Bhanda 1 (1A and some of 1B)

Rang 2 – Cluichí Bhanda 1 (1A, 1B and 1C)

Rang 3 agus 4 - Cluichí Bhanda 2 and 3

The Gaelic group who compiled this scheme have launched a very new website with a view to uploading 'talking books' of the books. This is a work in progress and they hope to add to it each week – www.leighanois.com. Click the Band you wish to work from and click each book to read it. Click on the sound link to hear the book being read aloud. You can also access the games from this site.

Fonaic na Gaeilge – used by Rang 2 to 7

http://legacy.ccea.org.uk/curriculum/gaeloideachas/eochairch%C3%A9imeanna_1_2/r%C3%A9ims%C3%AD_foghlama/teanga_agus_litearthacht/c%C3%B3d_na_0

Click into your child's class on the left hand child and have a look through the books relating to their year group.

Scéalta as Gaeilge

<https://padlet.com/maire8/iv5c9jic9h6i>

This link is for listening to Gaelic language stories. However, it is best accessed on Microsoft Edge which you may not have.

Foghláí Focal – Gaelic spelling games – useful for Rang 5 and 6 for revision

http://legacy.ccea.org.uk/curriculum/gaeloideachas/foghláí_focal

Seomra Nuachta and Newsdesk (Rang 3 – Rang 7)

Children need to use their c2K username and password for these. These are being uploaded alongside this letter. Most passwords are the same but note that not all are. I checked all passwords at school this week, so they should be working but if, at any stage, you need to change your child's password, follow this link – <https://services.c2kni.net/ums>.

Seomra Nuachta caters for our Gaelic literacy and Newsdesk is for our English literacy.

Seomra Nuachta and Newsdesk are very useful tools to develop children's fluency in reading, comprehension and writing skills. Various articles and podcasts on different themes are uploaded daily and you can also access archive documents. Children can listen to interesting articles, watch video content and write about what they have read or have learned. Children can also take a picture and upload it onto School Reporter section of the main site. Children can also post responses to various articles.

Accelerated Reader (AR) (Rang 4 – Rang 7)

Children need to use their AR username and password for this. These are being uploaded alongside this letter.

<https://ukhosted56.renlearn.co.uk/2780303/>

Accelerated Reader is a reading management and monitoring programme that aims to foster independent reading. The internet-based software assesses reading age, and suggests books that match children's needs and interests. The children take computerised quizzes online once they complete the book.

Click on I am a Student, Login with username and password, click on the second button Accelerated Reader and type in a book title that you have read, click Search. If it is an Accelerated Reader book, the title will come up and you can take the quiz. You can also click on the third button – Accelerated Reader Articles in order to read short articles and answer questions based on them.

Taisce Tuisceana (Rang 3 – Rang 7)

<http://www.cogg.ie/taisce-tuisceana>

This is Gaelic language comprehension that the children can complete themselves. They are used to using this in class and can work their way through the 'animal' connected to their class. On the site you will see the teachers' books, then the children's work and then the answer booklets. Your child will know what animal / colour they are working on. Cárta Dalta is the text to be read and Cárta Freagraí is the answer booklet. Children should work through the task and then use the answer booklets to check their answers.

Box 1 Eilifint – Rang 3

Box 2 Asal – Rang 3 and 4

Box 3 Béar – Rang 5

Box 4 Caora – Rang 6 and 7

Box 5 Dobhareach – Rang 7

If you are not comfortable helping your child with Gaelic activities, please take the time to read and discuss stories in English as your child will be developing their literacy skills.

English reading skills

www.ereadingworksheets.com

There is a list of skills on the right hand side and worksheets or online activities. Related to this is www.ereadinggames.com with fun games practising reading skills. Another useful site is www.everyschool.co.uk which has interactive comprehension activities. Good if you do not have a printer.

www.oxfordowl.co.uk have free ebooks and you can search by age level. This site also has other literacy and numeracy activities for all age levels.

From Monday 20th April there will be lessons daily for all ages on www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

UIMHEARTHACHT / NUMERACY

Number Fun- Free of charge for one month and accessed at <https://parent.numberfunportal.com/free-account-page/>

The portal contains over 200 song video presentations, accompanied by their respective resources for learning and teaching mathematics. There are four age ranges and nine themes in each age range to include: number and place value; addition and subtraction; multiplication and division; fractions, ratio and proportion; measurement; shape; position and direction; statistics; algebra; and extras. It doesn't matter if you are doing maths with your child is English as maths is maths and it is the concepts that we want the children to focus on. Working on the connections between timetables, fractions, percentages and decimals would be very beneficial to Rang 4 onwards.

TEICNEOLAÍOCHT / TECHNOLOGY

Sentinus Facebook page

Simple design challenges posted every Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Excellent learning activities for a range of age levels.

Please forward your email to your child's teacher, so that they can continue to suggest ideas for learning, specific to your child's age. The email addresses are as follows:

Ráicheál – rmhicniocaill105@c2kni.net

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