

Supporting your Child with Irish General Information

The NCCA, National Council for Curriculum and Assessment, has recently developed a range of “tip sheets” to help parents support their children as they learn Irish. There are 4 documents available on the links below.

1. *Irish All Around Me*
<https://ncca.ie/en/resources/irish-all-around-me-an-ghaeilge-morthimpeall-orm/>
2. *Praise, Praise, Praise!*
<https://ncca.ie/en/resources/praise-praise-praise-mol-an-oige-agus-tiocfaidh-si/>
3. *Speaking and Reading in Irish*
<https://ncca.ie/en/resources/speaking-and-reading-in-irish-ag-labhairt-is-ag-learnh-as-gaeilge/>
4. *Fun at Home*
https://ncca.ie/media/5624/an-ghaeilge-sa-bhaile_cuid_4-v14-1.pdf

Céim 1

Naíonáin Shóisearacha agus Naíonáin Shinsearacha
Junior and Senior Infants

Words and Phrases

The core programme we use in the school for teaching Gaeilge is called “Abair Liom”. The link below will bring you to the Parental Resources Hub. Digital flashcards can be used to reinforce words and phrases covered in school. Encourage your child to use their Gaeilge when they can. Many of the phrases covered at infant level can be used in daily life- greetings, at mealtimes, numbers, colours etc. Many of the songs and rhymes covered in class are also available on the link below.

[Primary | Abair Liom Parent Resources](#)

Frequent exposure to Gaeilge in the home can help to foster your child’s language development. There is a wide range of tv programmes available “as Gaeilge” on the Cúla 4 website. While your child may not be able to fully comprehend these shows, the familiar characters and plots will allow them to follow the stories whilst exposing their ear to the words and sounds of the Irish language.

<https://cula4.com/en>.

Céim 2

Rang a Haon agus Rang a Dó

First and Second class

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<https://www.folens.ie/books-and-programmes/primary/abair-liom-parent-resources/digital-resources/all>

Irish Reading

Formal reading instruction in Gaeilge begins in 1st class. In recent years, the school has adopted a new reading scheme called “Léigh Liom”. All books covered in 1st/2nd are available with supporting audio material on the following link:

<https://www.folens.ie/books-and-programmes/primary/leigh-liom-parent-resources/digital-resources/all>

Additional reading material is available on the “Séidéal Sí” website below. As this material has been designed for “Gaelscoileanna”, Irish-medium schools, books from the Naíonáin Mhóra, senior infant, section are suitable for students in 1st and 2nd class. The books available in this section of the website are divided into two stages: “Céim 1” and “Céim 2”. In school 1st class cover material from “Céim 1” and 2nd, “Céim 2”.

<https://www.seideansi.ie/>

Céim 3

Rang a Trí agus Rang a Ceathair

Words and Phrases

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Irish Reading

In 2024, the “Léigh Liom” reading programme was introduced in third class. During the 2024/2025 school year this reading scheme will also be introduced in our 4th classes.

All books covered in 3rd/4th are available with supporting audio material on the following link:

<https://www.folens.ie/books-and-programmes/primary/leigh-liom-parent-resources/digital-resources/all>

Spelling

Cód na Gaeilge games can help students improve their Irish spelling skills. These games are available on the link below. Alternatively, they can be downloaded for free from the App Store. Simply search “Cód na Gaeilge”.

<https://ccea.org.uk/learning-resources/cod-na-gaeilge>

Céim 4
Rang 5 agus Rang 6
Fifth and Sixth Class

Helping with homework

If you ever wish to check the spelling of a word or its pronunciation the link below will bring you to a website called “Teanglann”. This free site is home to an extensive Irish-English dictionary, an English-Irish language dictionary, pronunciation database and a grammar database. The “Grammar Wizard” is a particularly useful resource for pupils in the senior end of the school. Teanglann can also be downloaded free of charge from Apple/Google Play.

<https://www.teanglann.ie/en/>

Verbs

Verbs are the building blocks of Irish sentences. A good knowledge of the Irish verbs in the past, present and future tenses is of great benefit to students’ oral, reading and writing skills. In fifth/sixth class we cover regular and irregular verbs across all three tenses. Many of the irregular verbs are the most frequently used in Gaeilge. The pdf attached on this webpage “Irregular Verbs” can be used to help students with homework and to aid revision.

Words and Phrases

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<https://www.folens.ie/books-and-programmes/primary/abair-liom-parent-resources/digital-resources/all>