

THE DAILY NEWS

This is an activity in most school day schedules and is a great way for children to practice their recount and sequencing skills. It can be done in a number of ways but here is a suggestion for Junior and Senior Primary.

Infants to 2nd Class

- Child tells you the news they have for the day. Stick to things in their own life rather than focusing on the news on the radio or television.
 - The day, the date, the weather
 - 1 or 2 things they did yesterday
- Write down what they tell you on a whiteboard or piece of paper.
- Child either types out what you have written or copies it down in a copybook.
- You could create your own little newsroom on the kitchen table by recording your child reading their news.
- Send the video to loved ones to keep in touch.

3rd Class - 6th Class

- Child writes/types their news as well as news happening in the outside world.
- You could create your own little newsroom on the kitchen table by recording your child reading their news.
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IRISH TIMES

Even if you can't speak Irish, there are some great ways to pick up some vocabulary. One really easy activity is to pick a topic, for example: food, colours, sports, and so on, then write down 20 words associated with that topic in a list. Next, go to <https://www.focloir.ie/en/> and translate the words. The great thing is that almost every word on the website has an audio recording of it so you can listen how to pronounce the words. As a family, you could try to learn a few words every day!

For more advanced speakers, how about doing any of the tasks in the grids through Irish? The Daily News is probably the easiest one to do as Gaeilge.

Another idea is to sign up to <https://www.duolingo.com/course/ga/en/Learn-Irish> to learn some Irish - 5 to 10 minutes a day and who knows how fluent you'll be when you get back!

Things to stay on top of each day

- ★ Spell Well
- ★ Master Your Maths
- ★ Reading
- ★ Revision Spellings
- ★ Practicing Tables
- ★ Phonics
- ★ Keeping active

LITERACY CHOICE BOARD

1.

Play a clapping game
(e.g. Pat-a-Cake)

2.

Read 6 words from your
word bag

3.

Read a book or listen to
a book being read to
you

4.

Write a shopping list

5.

Play I Spy

6.

Make 3 words from the
sounds in your sounds
bag.

7.

Keep a diary

8.

Write about your
favourite book

9.

Practice writing the
names of the people in
your family

10.

Make your own book

11.

Make a comic for your
family

12.

Write a
postcard/card/letter to
someone you know

NUMERACY CHOICE BOARD

1.

Play snap or another card game

2.

Make some patterns

3.

Pair some socks

4.

Play shop with money

5.

Do a jigsaw

6.

Sort your toys by size.
Sort your toys by colour.

7.

Find something longer/
shorter than your arm

8.

Play snakes and ladders
(or another game)

9.

Go on a shape hunt.
Find circles, squares,
rectangles, triangles.

10.

Roll 2 dice. Add the numbers together.

11.

Talk about which months your family have birthdays. Can you name the months of the year in correct order?

12.

Pick up 10 toys and put them away

SCIENCE, HISTOTRY, GEOGRAPHY CHOICE BOARD

1.

Bake something nice

2.

Practice tying your shoe laces

3.

Play with water. How many cups does it take to fill a pot? What holds more/ less?

4.

Draw your favourite animal and talk about it. Can you find out any new facts about it?

5.

Help to make lunch or dinner

6.

Design a fort and then build it with lego/ blocks

7.

Play in the garden
Can you see and hear the signs of Spring?

8.

Investigate!
Do your toys float or do they sink?

9.

Talk about your family.
Make a family tree.

10.

Plant some seeds

11.

Hide something and make a treasure map to find it.

12.

Write about where you live