

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Class - 6<sup>th</sup> 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

<p>1. Write a short letter to your favourite music or sports star telling them why you admire them so much!</p>	<p>2. Draw a scene.  In the scene, include two nouns illustrated, two verbs illustrated and two adjectives illustrated.</p>	<p>3. Visit My Storybook <a href="https://www.mystorybook.com/">https://www.mystorybook.com/</a> to create stories in a fun and easy way. All you do is drag &amp; drop icons on the left and add your text.</p>
<p>4. Read a chapter of your class novel. Make a list of 20 interesting words you find. Write a short summary of the chapter, using as many of those words as possible!</p>	<p>5. Imagine you met the main character in your class novel. Write or record a conversation you could have with him/her.</p>	<p>6. Read a book or comic for pleasure for 20-30 minutes. Tell someone at home about what you read.</p>
<p>7. Start a diary (a little like the one that Anne Frank wrote) and add an entry once a day to share the experience of staying at home during this time. Add little illustrations too if you like!</p>	<p>8. Partner read with someone in your family for 30 minutes. Try reading a page and then letting a family member read a page!</p>	<p>9. Create a Spelling Competition for the whole family. Use your Spell Well to help you!</p>
<p>10. Visit The Literacy Shed <a href="https://www.literacyshed.com">https://www.literacyshed.com</a> Scroll down through the Home Page and select a 'shed' that you would like to explore eg The Inventors Shed.. Have a look at some of the videos in there eg Girl and Robot and use a video to inspire you to write or make something unusual.</p>	<p>11. Bring a story to life... make small models of characters from your favourite book; create a backdrop from a piece of cardboard and share the story with someone in the family.</p>	<p>12. Play a game of charades with the family..</p>

## NUMERACY CHOICE BOARD

<p>1. Create a quiz/puzzle for helping younger children to learn their tables!</p>	<p>2. Get coding - 1 With parental consent, set up a free account on SCRATCH <a href="https://scratch.mit.edu/">https://scratch.mit.edu/</a>  (If you don't set up an account, you can still code, but your work won't save)</p>	<p>3. Get Coding - 2 With parental consent, try to create a coding game on Hour of Code via this link that includes help tutorials <a href="https://hourofcode.com/ie/learn">https://hourofcode.com/ie/learn</a></p>
<p>4. Play Maths Games on <a href="https://www.mathplayground.com">https://www.mathplayground.com</a></p>	<p>5. Mental Maths - have fun, using this site: <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10</a></p>	<p>6. Fun Tables: Create an interactive family fun quiz on tables with this game: <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</a></p>
<p>7. Make a 3-D construction using recyclable materials only...</p>	<p>8. Maths all around us! Around your home, photograph or draw examples of where you find maths e.g. 2D shapes in the windows; numbers on a clock etc...there are LOADS of examples to find!</p>	<p>9. Get creative! Create a maths trail around the home for family members... This is like a treasure hunt with only maths things... the first person/team to solve all the problems is the winner! Think about all your maths... money, time, measures, shapes, length, weight, capacity etc....</p>
<p>10. Maths Bake Off!!  Visit the "Baking Link" on the school website 6<sup>th</sup> class page.  Measure out the ingredients and get baking... for an extra challenge.. can you calculate how much it would cost to make each of the recipes?</p>	<p>11. Create a Maths board game a bit like Snakes and Ladders... Test the family's maths skills with some fun questions.</p>	<p>12. Be an entrepreneur... come up with the idea for a product that you could make and sell. Design it and calculate how much it would cost to make. Then work out how much profit you could make if you sold it at a reasonable price.</p>

## SCIENCE, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY CHOICE BOARD

<p>1. <b>Science</b></p> <p>Visit Science Kids <a href="http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/">http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/</a> and select an experiment that you would like to try with adult supervision. There are loads, so maybe chose this option a few times. Also, many items can be found around the house!</p>	<p>2. <b>Science</b></p> <p>As the weather improves, get digging and planting in the garden or in pots.. Again, this could be an ongoing project.</p>	<p>3. <b>Science</b></p> <p>Signs of Spring... It's finally beginning to feel like Spring. What are the signs? Record the temperatures, rainfall, the number of birds you see etc</p>
<p>4. <b>Science</b></p> <p>Design and make that bird table we planned! Don't forget to make it squirrel-proof!!</p>	<p>5 <b>Geography</b></p> <p>Select a country or a city that you would like to visit someday and do a small project on it.</p>	<p>6. <b>Geography</b></p> <p>What is YOUR geography at the moment.. draw or photograph your surroundings to show the space you live in.</p>
<p>7. <b>Geography</b></p> <p>Make a family "Around the World" quiz or game... all the questions have to be about countries, cities, seas, rivers, mountains.. You may have an atlas at home to help, or if you can use Google Maps, that will be helpful too!</p>	<p>8. <b>Geography</b></p> <p>Do a mini project on your city.. -where is it -key landmarks -things it's famous for -food -festivals etc</p>	<p>9. <b>History</b></p> <p>What is YOUR family history? Select someone in your family to do a small project on - eg a grandparent, parent, aunt, uncle etc. If possible, interview them over the phone with questions that tell you all about life when they were growing up.</p>
<p>10. <b>History</b></p> <p>Pick an event in history that you would like to know more about e.g.</p>	<p>11. <b>History</b></p> <p>Make a time capsule! You are living through an international event that</p>	<p>12. <b>History/Geog/Science</b></p> <p>Visit the NASA website for Kids... <a href="https://www.nasa.gov/ste">https://www.nasa.gov/ste</a></p>

the Great Famine.  
Research all you can  
about this event.

National Geographic  
Kids is a good website  
to help you:

<https://www.natgeokids.com/ie/>

is making history. Record  
your time/experiences,  
bury it somewhere safe  
and maybe dig it up in 20  
or 30 years from now!  
Don't forget to select  
what you put into your  
capsule carefully. They  
need to remind you in the  
future of life in Spring  
2020.

[m-at-home-for-students-  
k-4.html](https://www.natgeokids.com/ie/learn-at-home-for-students-k-4.html)

It has loads of fun STEM  
things for kids to do while  
they have to stay at home  
- puzzles, experiments,  
space activities, history  
of space travel etc