

## 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

1. Write a letter to your granny or grandad

2. Learn to tie your shoe laces

3. Look for old photos. Write a caption under each photo. No two captions can be the same! Store in a scrapbook/copybook.

4. Write a disgusting recipe

5. Retell your favourite story

6. Change the ending of your favourite story

7. Write about your favourite game. What are the rules? How do you play. Draw pictures

8. Continue reading Dance shoes for GG. Count the words on each page. Find the biggest word on each page. How many new words can you make? Can you read the text backwards?

9. Start a diary. What are you doing each day? How do you help your Mam or Dad? What do you miss about school? Draw pictures.

10. Play the Philosopher's Cat. The Philosopher's cat is a good cat, a grumpy cat and so on.

11. Magazine Art. Cut out pictures/words from old magazines or newspapers. Write captions. Find as many words as you can that represent you and things you like. Put your name at the top.

12. Look up native Irish trees. Have you any in your garden? Can you see any from your window? Draw a picture. Write up some interesting facts about trees

# NUMERACY CHOICE BOARD

1. Go for 2D/3D shape hunt around your house

2. Play shop using coins up to 50c. Add up the cost of the items and give back the correct amount of change.

3. Create 20 sums using 2 and 3 numbers;  
 $26 + 10 =$   
 $8 + 10 + 8 =$   
 $4 + 27 + 6 =$   
 $20 - 8 =$

4. Bake a cake. Focus on grams and kilograms and litres and millilitres when baking.

5. Create a board game with dice.

6. Practice your tables. Say them, write them, get someone to ask you them.

7. Make a data chart. Ask your family which do they prefer cats or dogs?, chocolate or crisps?, winter or summer? etc. Make a chart to show your findings.

8. Find 10 items in your house that are longer than a metre and find 10 things that are shorter than a metre.

9. Join the dots.  
<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/connect-dots-worksheets-1357606>

10. Practice your counting skills. Count up and down from 100. Pick a random number and count up and down from it e.g. 34. Pick another number and count in 10s e.g. 3, 13, 23, 33, 43. Count in 2s, 5s, 10s. Count odd and even numbers.

11. Create a shape monster using as many 2D shapes as you can.

12. Create a target board and ask questions

5	10	4
8	7	2
3	6	9

What are the odd/even numbers?

What two numbers make 17?

What is the sum of the first row/column?

What is the largest/smallest number?

'What's my number?' Pick a number and the children must ask questions to figure out your number.

## SCIENCE, HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY CHOICE BOARD

1. Make a weather wall  
You will need small squares of paper, crayons, markers etc. Draw weather symbols on the paper. Create a wall using your symbols to record each day's weather.

2. Observe birds from your window.  
Look up Irish birds on [birdwatchireland.ie](http://birdwatchireland.ie). Sketch your favourite bird. Write some facts about them.

3. Make homemade playdough.  
1 cup of table salt  
1 cup of flour  
Teaspoon of oil to help bind the mixture.  
Drop of food colouring (optional)  
Little warm water  
Mix the dry ingredients. Add the colouring to the water first. Then mix wet and dry ingredients together. This will keep in a ziplock bag.

4. Design the most amazing toy in the world! Draw a picture, write labels

5. Look up native Irish mammals. Find your favourite. Write some facts. Draw a picture

6. Make some pancake batter.  
125 grams flour  
1 egg  
3000ml milk  
Pinch of salt

Sieve flour into a bowl. Make a well in the centre of the flour. Add the egg and a little milk. Beat well, gradually pouring in the rest of the milk, drawing in the flour to make a smooth batter. Leave to stand for 30 minutes. Brush a frying pan with oil. Heat on a medium heat. Add a thin layer of batter. Fry until golden. Flip and fry on the other side.

7. Go for a Spring walk in your garden or in

8. Interview your grandparents, by

9. Create a personal timeline from when you

<p>your local park (remember social distancing). What changes so you see?</p>	<p>telephone, about their childhood. How was their childhood different and similar to yours?</p>	<p>were born until now. Mark all the big events in your life e.g. when you first walked, when you started school, the birth of a sibling etc.</p>
<p>10. Design the house you would like when you grow up. A bungalow or two-story house? How many bedrooms? Do you have an attic, dining room, garden?</p>	<p>11. Look up the Irish folklore story of 'The Children of Lir'. Retell the story, write your favourite part about the story and draw a picture.</p>	<p>12. What are your hobbies? Write about your hobbies and why you enjoy it. Draw a picture of you doing your hobby. Do this for all your hobbies.</p>