

Tá súil againn go bhfuil sibh ar fad agus ár Naíonáin Bheaga go maith. Le bhur dtoill abair leo go n-airíonn muid uainn iad agus go bhfuil muid ag súil le bheith ar ais sa seomra ranga leo. Idir an dá linn, agus anois nach mbeidh muid ar ais roimh bhriseadh na Cásca, tá níos mó áiseanna agus smaointí anseo chun cabhrú libh sa bhaile leis na hábhair/téamaí éagsúla ag an t-am seo. Tá súil againn go gcabhróidh siad seo libh, ach níl aon bhrú aon chuid no gach cuid den obair seo a dhéanamh.

1. **Folensonline.ie**

- Brú “register”
- Roghnaigh “teacher”
- Lón isteach username, ríomhphost, agus pasfhocal.
- Don uimhir rolla scoile, úsáid an cód- **Prim20**
- Clliceáil ar “register”

Taobh istigh den suíomh seo, beidh sibh in ann go leor áiseanna, leabhair srl. a úsáid, na cinn seo leanas san áireamh. (Is féidir téama, topaic nó téacsleabhar faoi leith a lorg sa bhosca ar barr.)

Abair Liom. Tiocfaidh sibh ar go leor ceachtanna ar an téama Bia a bhí ar siúl againn. Tá roinnt acu tosaithe cheanna féin inranga ach bainfidh na páistí sult astu arís. Baineann Abair Liom A le na Naíonáin Bheaga ach is féidir áiseanna úsáid as na ranganna eile freisin de réir téama. Tá ceacht álainn faoin Chásc ar Abair Liom B – comhrá shimplí, foclóir, scéal, amhrán agus dán.

- Má tá tú ag lorg téama faoi leith is féidir cuardú leis an bosca ag barr an scáileáin.

Tá na scéalta An Tornapa Mór agus An Circín Rua a bhí á chlúdú ar scoil ar an téama Bia, ar fáil ar Abair Liom freisin. Tá an scéal á léamh ós ard le pictiúir. Má chuirtear ainm an scéil isteach sa bhosca ar barr an scáileáin, tiocfaidh sibh ar nascanna chuig na scéalta agus pictiúirchártaí leis an bpríomh foclóir.

All write now - is é seo an scéim scríbhneoireachta atá ag Folens. Faoi réimse na naíonáin bheaga, is féidir leis na páistí breathnú ar an bhealach ceart le gach litir a scríobh.

Planet maths – tá a lán cluichí idirghníomhacha anseo gur féidir leis na páistí imirt. Tá cuid acu déanta againn ar scoil cheanna féin agus thaithin sé go mór leo seans a bheith acu ag an gclár bán idirghníomhach. Cuardaigh “Planet Maths” agus faoin gceann Junior Infants, roghnaigh “Resources” agus ansin is féidir topaic faoi leith a roghnú. Má roghnaítear aon ceann acu seo, tiocfar ar thopaicí clúdaithe go dtí seo, san áireamh topaicí a bhí tosaithe roimh a dúradh na scoileanna – airgead, maitseáil, rangú, cuir in ord, Cruthanna 2T, Pátrún, uimhreacha 1,2,3,4,5, meáchan, uimhreas.

Is féidir freisin bogadh ar aghaidh chuig roinnt de na gníomhaíochtaí faoi réimse na Naíonáin Mhóra má tá níos mó dúshlán de dhíth ó éinne.

2. **Futa Fata**

Rinne Futa Fada ceardlann sa scoil le déanaí agus bhain na páistí an-sult as. Tá siad anois ag cuir scéalta ar fáil gach lá tríd an suíomh Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/futafata/about/?ref=page_internal

Tá go leor dá gcuid ceol srl. ar fáil tríd youtube, mar shampla Blián na hAmhrán, Peigín Leitir Móir, Gugalaí gug! – Bhain na páistí ard sult go háirithe as na hamhráin “Beidh Aonach Amárach”, “Froganna Beaga Glasa” agus “An bhfaca tú mo Shéamuisín?”!! 😊

3. **Joe Wicks**- Ranganna corpoideachais beo do pháistí ag 9am gach lá. Sábháilte ina dhiaidh ar youtube más mian le daoine iad a dhéanamh ag am éagsúil.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYCLOPd4VxBvQafyve889qVcPxYEjdSTI>

4. **Khan Academy** – ábhar foghlama do ghach aois grúpa. Tá app acu atá oiriúnach do pháistí níos óige. Leis an app seo, is féidir le páistí leabhair a roghnú a léitear dóibh, nó is féidir leo gníomhaíochtaí mata nó loighic a iniúchadh.

5. **Scileanna phearsanta** – le bhur dtoill, ná déan dearmad go bhfuil an oiread eile bainteach leis an bhfoghlaim nach mbaineann le téacsleabhair agus scileanna acadúla. Is féidir le bhur bpáistí an oiread a fhoghlaim sa bhaile – ag gléasadh iad féin (zip, lámhainní, bróga srl.), cabhrú le tascanna tí srl.

6. Bhí muid ag obair ar **“An Bhialann”** sa chúinne Rólimirt an mhí seo. D’fhéadfadh se seo a bheith déanta sa bhaile go héasca, agus is féidir le siblí páirt a ghlacadh chomh maith!
7. Tá Amazon tar éis scéalta a chur ar fáil saor in aisce do pháistí tríd **Audible** ag <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>
8. **Scileanna mhínluaile** – Roinnt smaointí ar an suíomh seo leanas: <https://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Services/National-Educational-Psychological-Service-NEPS-/NEPS-Guides/Org-Motor-Skills/NEPS-Fine-Motor-Strategies-Early-Years.pdf>
9. **Scileanna oll-luaile** <https://ncse.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Gross-Motor-skills-Parent-Booklet-Primary.pdf>
10. Roinnt achmhainní eile le tacú le **téama na Cásca** atá ag teacht:

-**Twinkl.ie** (tríd an mí saor in aisce atá curtha ar fáil acu do chách) Tá go leor gníomhaíochtaí de ghach sort ar théama na Cásca agus is féidir teacht orthu mar seo:

- Cuir ‘Easter’ isteach sa bhosca ag barr an leathanach
- Roghnaigh teanga – Gaeilge (tá go leor gníomhaíochtaí ar fáil sa réimse Béarla freisin a bheadh an-úsáideach, m.sh. powerpoints, rudaí le priontáil srl.) Tá fhios againn nach mbeidh printéir ag gach teach ach is féidir roinnt de na háiseanna sin a úsáid ar bhealaigh eile ar an scáileáin, m.sh. cuir do mhéar ar X, seachas dathaigh X; nó meaitseáil le do mhéar,
- Sa réimhse Easter-Gaeilge, tá seit póstaier as “Display Posters Gaeilge” a léiríonn cuid den foclóir don Chásca le pictiúir. Is féidir le seo, chomh maith le háiseanna Cásca eile a bheith athchóirithe de réir rogha pearsanta reiligiúnach/neamhreiligiúnach tríd roinnt de na pictiúir nó slides srl a bhaint amach
- Sa réimhse seo freisin, tá roinnt áiseanna “Dathaigh de réir uimhir” agus leabhráin Mhata don Chásca, (cé go bhfuil siad as Béarla, is na huimhreacha orthu atá tábhachtach anseo) dóibh siúd le printéir sa teach. Arís ná bí buartha muna bhfuil printéir agaibh. 😊

11. Cúpla gníomhaíocht eile don Chásca:

- Tóraíocht Uibheacha Cásca sa teach nó sa gháirdín. Bhí na páistí tar éis a bheith ag obair ar léarscáil shimplí sa Tíreolaíocht ar scoil le déanaí, mar sin d’fhéadfadh sibh léarscáil a tharraingt le chéile den gháirdín, nó an teach.
- Ag déanamh Burróga atá cosúil le Neadacha Cásca – cosúil le burróg Rice Krispie, ach baintear úsáid as rud éigin cosúil le Shreddies measctha leis an seacláid. D’fhéadfadh na páistí iad a mhaisiú le huibheacha beaga nó le cearc beag déanta as páipéar nó cairt. Tá gníomhaíocht cur in ord bunaithe ar seo ar Twinkl faoin ainm “Easter Egg Nests Sequencing Activity” – is gníomhaíocht gear agus greammaigh atá ann ach arís muna bhfuil printéir ar fáil, d’fhéadfadh díreach roghnaigh an pictiúir ceart le do mhéar agus plé a bheith ar siúl ag baint úsáid as an teanga cuí – ar dtús, ansin, tar éis, roimh, ar dheireadh
- Cárta Cásca a dhearradh/ Uibheacha Cásca a dhearradh – tá teimpléid ghlan do seo ar Twinkl.ie nó is féidir go simplí ubhchruth mór a tharraingt de lámh agus ligint do na páistí é a mhaisiú ag baint úsáid as a gcuid dathanna agus pátrúin féin. D’fhéadfadh mata a nascadh isteach anseo agus ligint dóibh pátrún a leanúint leis na dathanna – m. sh. Lintí buí gorm buí gorm, nó spotáí dearg dearg bándearg, dearg dearg bándearg, nó fiú cruthanna – ciorcail, cearnóg, triantán, ciorcail, cearnóg, triantán.
- Tá cainéal ar youtube darbh ainm “Art for Kids Hub”. Tá ceachtanna simplí agus gear acu don líníocht. Tá rannóg air – Easter Art Projects. Tá go leor acu do pháistí níos sinne freisin.

Gaeilge -Áiseanna Breise – féach thíos ag bun an leagan Bhéarla do thuilleadh áiseanna don Ghaeilge.

Ba mhaith linn a rá arís nach bhfuil anseo ach smaointí chun cabhrú libh. Tá a lán eolas anseo ach, tuigeann muid go noirfidh tascanna éagsúla do theaghlaigh éagsúla agus níl aon bhrú ar aon duine aon rud/gach rud a chlúdú. Ná déan ach an méid/cibé sort gníomhaíochtaí a oireann daoibh i bhur suíomanna féin ag an t-am deacair seo. Má tá aon cheisteanna agaibh go dtí go bhfuil socrúcháin eile réidh ag an scoil, le bhur dtoill tar i dteagbháil linn mar a bhí luaite sa nuachtlitir an seachtain seo.

Le gach dea ghuí,

Gráinne, Clíodhna & Elaine

We hope you and all our Naíonáin Bheaga are well. Please tell them we miss them and we are looking forward to being back in the classroom together. In the meantime, and as we will now not be returning before the Easter holidays, we would like to send on some more ideas that have come to light since the school closed. So many companies are opening their resources for everyone to share and enjoy. We hope you find some of these suggestions helpful to you for various subjects/topics, but again, we are in no way suggesting that any or all work should be done.

1. Folensonline.ie-

- Select register
- Select **teacher**
- Fill in username, email and password
- For roll number use the code- **Prim20**
- Click register

Within this site you will have access to the following:

Abair Liom. You will find many lessons on various themes, including our theme Bia, some of which have already been started in class but I'm sure the kids will enjoy them all the same. Abair liom B has a lovely lesson for An Cháisc (Easter). A simple conversation, some vocabulary, a story, a song and a poem.

All write now is the Folens writing scheme. Within the junior infant resources the children can watch letter formations. They could copy/practice these in the air, on paper, in sand, shaving foam etc.

Planet maths has a lot of interactive games for the kids to enjoy. We have played some of these in school already and the children loved having their turn on the interactive whiteboard. Select Junior infant resources and then you can filter using topic, selecting any of the following will bring you to topics covered to date (including those we had started working on before school closure)- money, matching, classifying, ordering, 2D shapes, extending pattern, numeral 1/2/3/4/5, weight, numeration

Senior Infant activities could be used if more of a challenge is required.

2. **Futa Fata**

Futa Fata recently did a workshop in the school and the children really enjoyed it. They are providing daily stories through their Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/pg/futafata/about/?ref=page_internal

A Lot of their material is available through youtube including music- Blian na hAmhrán, Peigín Leitir Móir, Gugaí gugaí – The children particularly enjoyed their versions of “Beidh Aonach Amárach”, “Froganna Beaga Glasa” and “An bhfaca tú mo Shéamuisín?”!! 😊

3. **Joe Wicks**- live PE classes for kids during school closures every morning at 9am, and available afterwards on youtube if you want to do them at a different time.
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLyCLOpd4VxBvQafyve889qVcPxYEjdSTI>
4. **Khan Academy** provides learning material for all ages. They have an app which is suitable for younger children. Within the app the children can select books to be read to them or explore maths and logic activities.
5. **Personal skills**- please remember that there is so much more to learning than text books and academic skills, you children can learn so much from the home- dressing themselves (practicing zips, shoes, gloves etc.), assisting in household chores, etc.
6. We had been working on “**An Bhialann**” (The Restaurant) in our roleplay corner, this could easily be continued at home and can involve younger (or older!) siblings!
7. Amazon have made stories available for all children and students to listen to through **Audible** at <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>
8. **Fine Motor Skills** –Some ideas are outlined on the document linked here:
<https://www.education.ie/en/Schools-Colleges/Services/National-Educational-Psychological-Service-NEPS-/NEPS-Guides/Org-Motor-Skills/NEPS-Fine-Motor-Strategies-Early-Years.pdf>
9. **Gross Motor Skills**
<https://ncse.ie/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Gross-Motor-skills-Parent-Booklet-Primary.pdf>
10. A few other resources on the upcoming theme of “**An Chásac**” (Easter)

Twinkl.ie (via their free month unlimited membership) have a huge amount of easter themed activities of all kinds and can be accessed as follows:

- Type ‘Easter’ into the search bar at the top
 - Select language “Gaeilge” (there are also many many activities in the English section that will be very useful, including powerpoints, printables, cut and stick etc.) We are conscious that not every home will have access to a printer but even some of the printables can be used as talking points and adapted, e.g. point to X, rather than colour X, or match with your finger, rather than draw a line etc.
 - In the Easter - “Gaeilge” section, there is a set of Display Photos as Gaeilge which has some of the main Easter vocab with pictures. These and indeed all Easter resources can be adapted or selected to suit religious/non-religious preferences by excluding particular pictures, slides etc.
 - This section also has some lovely colour by number Easter pictures, and Easter maths booklets for those with printers. Again, please don’t worry if you don’t have a printer! 😊
11. Other **Easter** Activity Suggestions:
 - Easter Egg Hunt in the garden or house. The children had been working on simple maps in Geography this month at school, so a simple hand drawn “treasure map or trail” could be

enjoyable but again is not necessary. The children could draw their own map of the garden too.

- Making Easter Nest Buns – similar to rice krispie buns but using any brand of cereal similar to Shreddies mixed with chocolate. They could be decorated at the end with little eggs, or even a little chick made from paper and cut out. (There is a sequencing activity to support this called “Easter Egg Nests Sequencing Activity” – involves cut and paste or again could be used by just pointing to the right sequence and discussing – ar dtús, ansin, ar deireadh, first, next, last etc.)
- Design an Easter Card
- Design your own Easter Egg – blank templates on Twinkl.ie or simply draw a large egg shape by hand and children design using their own patterns, colours etc. Could link in with Maths here and include a pattern, e.g. stripes – yellow blue, yellow blue; or spots – red pink pink, red pink pink, or shapes – circle square triangle, circle square triangle.
- On youtube there is a lovely channel called ‘Art for Kids Hub’. They have simple and short tutorials for drawing. There is a section called “Easter Art Projects”. They also have plenty of material to keep older children engaged also.

Gaeilge – Áiseanna Breise/Additional Resources

- On this site there are some posters for phonics, you will notice that there is a link for the poster and a second link for the vocabulary associated with the poster
<https://ccea.org.uk/learning-resources/fios-fuaimeanna>
- On this site there are several stories. One story could be completed over a few days or a week. Ask questions about the story, see what vocab the children understand. The children are not yet reading fluently but they will enjoy listening to the story and may be able to follow along with their finger
The “bosca ealaíne” section has a few printables
The “Gníomhachtaí” section has some games.
<http://legacy.ccea.org.uk/dreimire/>
- This page includes a link to “Túsghuaimeanna” (initial sounds). When clicked on it will download a folder. Within the folder you will find a little book for each sound. We use these books in school and you could use them in a variety of ways. With the folder open the children could point to the different letters and tell you the sound they make. They could be printed/cut up to make some games. The children could copy down the words and make a little dictionary or perhaps they may want to make their own poster for each letter, writing the letter in different colours and drawing pictures that begin with that letter.
http://legacy.ccea.org.uk/curriculum/gaeloideachas/bhonnchéim/réims%C3%AD_foghlama/teanga_agus_litearthacht
- On this page you will find a little story for each letter sound. When you click on a letter, a video will pop up of an image, with a voice recording of a little story which includes some words associated with the letter in question.
You will also find small video clips showing how to form the letters. The children can watch the videos and practice the letter in the air, on paper, on a plate which could have rice, sugar or shaving foam on it, on their friends back or perhaps on some sandpaper. This sensory experience can be great in helping them recall the accurate formation.
<https://www.maradearfa.ie/scoileanna/connacht-scoileanna/an-tuismitheoir/sceilini-na-bhfuaimeanna>
- This links to the text associated with each of the letter stories above
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_Ev6VJroLrrTHmGHbxQEEded-nVv6Ky2w/view

- These are the word lists we would have started giving to the children after Easter. Usually they would be given one sheet each week and can be cut up to be used as flashcards or to make games with them. They can of course be used on the screen, written on paper or any way you can manage from home. You will notice spots under the letters denoting one sound.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1QEExX6FvR9SbzKl1LKlbNoib7nvOzdS7/view>
- This is the teachers manual associated with this scheme. There are some pages within it which may be useful- page 12 is like an alphabet poster of the letter sounds
Page 30- letter sound cards
Page 34- word list page
You will see as you scroll down the book, that these word list pages are throughout and that they progress using the letter order we have been following in class
https://drive.google.com/file/d/12fUnuLGsmp0v_5BvltQRhGWlurpLxFMq/view
- Sorting activity for Irish phonics- does not need to be printed could be used on screen to reinforce words associated with the sounds being revised.
https://content.twinkl.co.uk/resource/34/85/roi-gge-34-phonics-sorting-cards-gaeilge_ver_3.pdf?token=exp=1585150263~acl=%2Fresource%2F34%2F85%2Froi-gge-34-phonics-sorting-cards-gaeilge_ver_3.pdf%2A~hmac=ed672ef65d9008624d91f7316a6dd58e135e12d04ed54005871f0c59f2ee1b04
- Initial sounds peg matching game- cut out the cards and clip a peg onto the correct sounds for each picture. Point to the correct sound associated with the picture.
<https://www.twinkl.ie/resource/initial-sounds-peg-matching-game-gaeilge-roi-gge-35>
- I hope this link works- I searched for Fónaí using Twinkl and aside from the above mentioned activities there are worksheets for most of the sounds. The children can identify which pictures belong to the letter sound and which ones do not
<https://www.twinkl.ie/search>
- This website has a variety of poems and songs for a variety of ages and covers all the themes
<http://resources.teachnet.ie/clane/2008/naionain-1.html>
- Traditional songs for a variety of ages
<https://songsinirish.com/>

We wish to reiterate that the above are just suggestions and ideas that may help you. There is a lot of information here but we are conscious that different tasks may suit different families, different children and different situations and there is no pressure on anyone to cover all/any of these. Please just do whatever amount/type of tasks that work for you in your home situation during this difficult time. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us as outlined in this week's newsletter, until the school has made further arrangements. We hope that you are all safe and well.

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