

Ar scáth a chéile a
mhairimid



Scoil an Linbh Iosa

Helping your child with Irish

Many parents find it hard to help their child with Irish so we have put a few ideas together which we hope you will find useful.

Pronunciation and Meaning

1. Irish Pronunciation Database (teanglann.ie)
<<https://www.teanglann.ie/en/fuaim/>>
You type in the word. There is a choice to play the sound in each dialect, Munster Pronunciation, Ulster Pronunciation and Connacht Pronunciation
2. New English-Irish Dictionary from Foras na Gaeilge (focloir.ie)
<<https://www.focloir.ie/en/>>
3. Forvo: the pronunciation dictionary. All the words in the world pronounced by native speakers <<https://forvo.com/languages/ga/>>
4. Seomra Ranga also do a very usable app link on their website entitled Fuaim. There are free and paid versions through Google Play.
Fuaim U / Fuaim C Gaeilge Phonics Apps | Seomra Ranga
<<https://www.seomraranga.com/2014/11/fuaim-u-fuaim-c-gaeilge-phonics-apps/>>

General Resources

1. Irish For Parents <<https://irishforparents.ie/>>
2. Gaeloideachasfor parents <<https://gaeloideachas.ie/i-am-a-parent-pupil/>>
3. Leigh Anois is good for reading and pronunciation:
<https://www.leighanois.com/index2.php>
4. Also www.leighleat.com has lots of user friendly activities
5. www.tearma.ie is great for terms related to specific areas of language.

6. Freagra: www.acmhainn.ie/freagra. You can text or email your query in and you'll get a speedy answer.

Irish at home

1. Parents who are looking to begin learning Irish they could start with [Duolingo](#) which includes Gaeilge among the many languages taught. There is a free app and the lessons are short enough to fit in to the busy working day.
2. This book for parents comes recommended:
<https://www.lulu.com/shop/lynn-nalty/introduce-irish-into-your-home/paperback/product-23110788.html?page=1&pageSize=4>
3. Click on [THIS link](#) for a book that encourages introducing Irish at home, as your child starts school. 'Introduce Irish into your home' is a simple story book and dictionary.
4. The Cúla 4 Ar Scoil [YouTube Channel](#), videos are in short snippets and organised according to topics. This may be more manageable for you and your child.
5. Cúla4 also has cartoons and children's programmes as Gaeilge on the following [LINK](#): Again watching these help children get the language 'on their ear' and to see Irish as a living language.
6. Raidió Rí Rá Irish radio with lots of fun topics at www.rrr.ie
7. [HERE](#) is a link to Irish Language Programming for children on TG4. Apps can be downloaded onto phones from TG 4 – e.g. Cúla Caint or Seinnteoir TG 4 (TG 4 Player)
8. ['Muzzy' Episodes 1 – 6 on YouTube](#) 'Muzzy' is an award-winning language course for learners of all ages, developed by the BBC. It is subtitled in English.
9. [Rang Maher](#) is a new and helpful website suitable for 4th – 6th class. It is particularly helpful for teaching Irish Grammar with videos to learn from, practical activities and useful summaries.

Songs and Stories

1. The You Tube channel [Scéal an Lae](#) (Story of the Day) has good quality Irish picture books read aloud. They are five to ten minutes long and would be suitable for Infants to Fourth Class approximately.

2. Reading, writing, listening and writing exercises are to be found on [Séideán Sí](#) for each class level. If your child finds the exercises for their class level too hard, try an easier one.
3. There are stories on Soundcloud: [Scéalta](#) by Foras na Gaeilge
4. Lots of songs available at www.songsinirish.com
5. Here are a number of publications of Irish Songs and Rhymes [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).
6. You can purchase Irish language games [here](#).

Adults might like to improve their Irish further using the following:

1. Scroll down this link for Phrases of the Day and Adult Irish Language Courses (All Levels) with [Gaelchultúr](#) and there are many other useful resources for Gaelchultúr [here](#).
2. Learning about Irish placenames is also interesting. You can do so [here](#).

Tír gan teanga, tír gan anam.

Beir bua.