Scoil Naomh Bríd Our Self-Evaluation Report And Improvement Plan



We have chosen Oral Irish as our focus for School Self Evaluation. We will work to promote and to improve Gaeilge over the next three years

2019/2020 GAEILGE

In the past year in our school, we looked at the teaching and learning of Irish to find out what we are doing well. This is what we discovered:

- 98% of pupils say they learn lots of Irish
- 84% of parents rate the learning of Irish as important or very important
- 70% of pupils say they are good or very good at speaking Irish
- 70% of parents say their child/children have a positive attitude to learning Irish
- 91% of parents say their children are making progress in Irish in school

This is what we did to find out what we are doing well and where we could improve

We used parent surveys, pupil surveys and teacher surveys and looked at standardised test results

- We are not yet sustaining the enjoyment in speaking Irish to the senior classes, only 7% of 5th class and 9% of 6th class like speaking Irish
- 29% of pupils overall consider themselves weak at speaking Irish; 51% in 5th class and 40% in 6th class
- 70% of pupils would like to improve at speaking Irish
- 84% of parents would like their children to be more confident communicating orally
- 70% of pupils enjoy GAMES most as part of Irish lessons
- 45% of parents are not confident helping their children in senior classes with Irish
- 60% of parents rate their level of understanding of Irish as fair

This is what we are now going to work on

We will focus on teaching our pupils to communicate orally. We will use games, songs, poetry and informal Irish. We will plan systematically for progression from class to class. We will reward pupils for use of oral Irish in the yard. We will send home regularly the language the children are learning. We will increase the use of LISTENING and SPEAKING Irish as forms of Irish homework

This is what you can do to help

- Encourage your child to use at home the Irish they are learning at school
- Encourage your child to listen to Teilifís na Gaeilge
- Use the Irish vocabulary and phrases sent home on sheets by the teacher
- Attend any invitations to come in to school to hear your child's class perform Irish songs, poems drama or music