

Irish Language Activities for Parents at Scoil Chrónáin

Announcing Irish Language Workshop Series for Parents Autumn 2024!

Our school has a long tradition of promoting the Irish language, and exploring innovative approaches to engage our students with the Irish language.

This year, we also invite parents to connect with the Irish language!

We look forward to welcoming learners of Irish of all levels (including complete beginners) and collaborating with you to explore Irish learning opportunities in our local area, and to sample some short Irish language lesson tasters. We will also reflect on how we might go about learning Irish, and connect with guest speakers in relation to the Irish language, and language learning. All welcome!

Both the Senior and Junior Schools will be in touch with parents before the summer break to seek an expression of interest in the project so that we can plan accordingly over the summer months. We hope that you will consider joining up!



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Explore the Irish language!

Evening Workshop Series this Autumn for Parents at Scoil Chrónáin!

Come along to Irish language tasters, guest speakers, and discussion with other learners!

What? 4 x Workshops starting in September

When? Tuesdays 17th & 24th Sept., 1st & 8th Oct
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Where? Our School Hall

Who? Parents of St. Cronan's Senior & Junior Schools

Why?

- Take part in a short language taster class
- Listen to guest speakers
- Find out about Irish language opportunities and services in the area
- Connect with other learners
- Support your child's Irish language engagement
- Consider your next steps for learning Irish!

Reconnect with the Irish language, or explore for the first time!

ALL levels welcome!

Our school was recently awarded a research grant by the Foundation of Endangered Languages to carry out this community-based project. The project seeks to support and empower parents to (re-)engage with the Irish language through exploring ways of engaging with the language in our community over the course of four evenings. The project is coordinated by Ms. Jane O'Toole, teacher at Scoil Chrónáin Senior School and parents from both the Senior School and the Junior School are warmly invited to participate.

The project seeks to revitalise parents' engagement with the Irish language within the local community in order to potentially support and enrich parents' Irish language learning journey, and to connect with their child's'/children's Irish language journey.

Parents are invited to (re-)engage with the Irish language through a facilitated exploration of Irish language learning opportunities and services for learners within the local area of North County Dublin. Parents are initially invited to express their interest in the programme via a short questionnaire (June 2024) which will inform a series of four Irish language workshops (September-October 2024).

The workshop structure proposes three phases (a) an Irish language tuition taster session which will cater for all learners (from complete beginners to intermediate!), (b) an invited keynote speaker on a specific aspect of Irish language learning (Irish in the community, the use of technology etc.) and (c) group discussion.

A final debrief and planning session (November 2024) will reflect on participant feedback and review, exploration of project outcomes, and how the parent community of learners may intend to progress their Irish language engagement within the local community in the new year (2025).

Ms. Jane O'Toole, lead teacher, has a keen interest in both language education and action research Scoil Chrónáin Senior National School, as host institution, actively supports parental engagement, collaboration with local education and community stakeholders, and research in education.