

Friday 6th of September 2024

Dear Parents,

Many thanks to all parents who engaged with our expression of interest for Irish language workshops this term.

We had a really positive response from parents across both our Senior and Junior school. There was a strong level of interest across all levels of learner from total beginners, to returning learners, and current learners and speakers. Sincere thanks to all parents who provided feedback, and we look forward to welcoming you to the evening series of workshops which begin on Tuesday 17th of September.



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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!

A considerable number of parents reported that they were motivated to learn Irish in order to support their child's learning of Irish. Developing the ability to support children in engaging with Irish language activities and homework was also referenced by parents. The collective feedback has really informed how we- as a school team- are designing and facilitating the Evening workshops.

For example, our school team have composed Irish lesson tasters on relevant themes and in response to identified areas of need from parents. For example, some lesson tasters shall focus on Irish language phrases to express support and interest in your child's Irish language learning, and will also explore the types of Irish language content and activities that the children undertake but in class and at home.

Our guest speakers have also been invited to speak on themes of importance to parents- such as the learning path of learners of Irish as a second or additional language, opportunities for parents to support children's Irish language learning and Irish language engagement at home and in school, and opportunities to engage with the Irish language in the community. We look forward to sharing more details on the details of each workshop with you early next week.

Some parents may wish to learn more about how the 4 workshops and how to take part before signing up!

Ms. Jane O'Toole and Ms. Rita Doyle from the Senior School will facilitate two information drop-in meetings for parents this Tuesday 10th of September should any parent like to find out more about the programme.

You are very welcome to drop into the School Hall at 2:45 p.m or 7 p.m. this Tuesday 10th of September to learn more about the programme and how to sign up.

Do join us at the school hall at either of these times if you would like to learn a little more about the workshops- we will be delighted to chat with you!

Parents will be able to register for the Irish Language Workshops Evening Series online from Tuesday 10th September until lunchtime on Friday 13th of September. We look forward to sharing the sign-up details with you via the school Databiz messaging service. Watch this space for more details early next week!

Yours sincerely,

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