Mon 20th April 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed a pleasant Easter and our lovely, sunny weather. Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring the continuity of your child’s learning, in very unusual circumstances. The different tasks and everyday learning experiences which you are providing will undoubtedly enhance your children’s independence, confidence and life-skills. Please be assured that when school resumes, we will be very conscious of covering and revising key curricular areas, addressing areas of difficulty and ensuring that every child continues to progress to the best of his/her ability. In the meantime, I hope that the menu of suggested activities may prove beneficial and even enjoyable!!

Please do not feel that you or your child need to be under pressure to complete all tasks or engage in lengthy study sessions each day. Each day is different and some days your child might do a lot, other days a little. Hopefully, your child can manage many of these activities independently, or with little help.

The important thing is that your child might read a little, write a little, keep up the cúpla focal Gaeilge and practice some Maths skills on a regular basis. Two very good television programmes which I would highly recommend are;

**Cúla 4 Ar Scoil** commences today, 20th April on TG4, continuing from Monday-Friday at 10 a.m. and will also be available online at Cula.com and on Cula4 YouTube. While this programme is aimed primarily at Gaelscoileanna and Gaeltacht schools, your child may be able to follow most of the content and it will be an enjoyable, colourful way to keep Irish in the picture!

**RTÉ Home School Hub**

RTÉ Home School Hub is on RTÉ2 Monday to Friday at 11AM and a follow-up; RTÉ Home School Hub Extra is on RTÉ2 Monday to Friday at 04:10PM. Both are also available on RTÉ Player. Additional activity sheets are available for each episode of RTÉ Home School Hub. These are available for each class group and can be downloaded in both Irish & English where appropriate at <https://www.rte.ie/learn/> Tailored audio content is available based around the daily lesson themes on the RTÉ Home School Hub Podcast which is available at <https://www.rte.ie/radio/radioplayer/html5/#/podcasts/series/31814>. A weekly ‘Big Kids Quiz’ is also available each Friday for 1st-3rd class & 4th-6th class groups on the RTÉ Home School Hub Podcast at <https://www.rte.ie/radio/radioplayer/html5/#/podcasts/series/31814>. RTÉ will also add additional educational based content on https://www.rte.ie/learn/ with existing collaborations with institutions such as IMMA, Fighting Words, Microsoft DreamSpace, Irish National Heritage Park, Science Foundation Ireland, UCD Insights Lab for example. Other collaborations will be curated and added weekly to the 3 individual RTÉ Home School Hub class sections.

Of course, the most important thing is that your child is safe, happy and stress-free. I will be happy to address questions or help in any way and I can be contacted at the school e mail address;

[nickerprimaryschool@gmail.com](mailto:nickerprimaryschool@gmail.com)

I can send on an individual password for each child to Studyladder, if you would like to e mail me. Every good wish to you all for a safe and happy few weeks and I very much look forward to meeting you and your children again, when school resumes. In the meantime, take care.

Yours sincerely,

S. English