

**Ballinderreen National School**  
**Our Self-Evaluation Report and Improvement Plan**

## **1. Introduction**

This document records the outcomes of our last improvement plan, the findings of this self-evaluation, and our current improvement plan, including targets and the actions we will implement to meet the targets.

### **1.1 Outcomes of our last improvement plan from September 2015-2018. The focus of our last area of SSE was Science. The following are the improvements made as a result of SSE.**

- New school plan was developed
- Sharing of resources on google drive
- Participation in Discover Primary Science & Maths Award
- Participation in Science Week
- Improvement in the schools Science Resources.

### **1.2 The focus of this evaluation**

We undertook self-evaluation of teaching and learning during the period *September to December 2019*. We evaluated Gaeilge.

## **2. Findings**

### **2.1 The main strengths of the school in teaching and learning.**

1. There is a very positive attitude to Gaeilge in the school with two thirds of pupils reporting that they like the subject.
2. Over half of the children reported that they liked speaking as Gaeilge.
3. 99% of pupils surveyed wish to improve their Irish.
4. We operate Gaeilgoir na Míosa.
5. List of Irish phrases are displayed throughout the school.
6. Celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge every year including a Ceilí Mór
7. Bua na Cainte has been introduced from Junior Infants to 5<sup>th</sup> class (*highly interactive with a strong emphasis on oral language*)
8. We use a spiral approach in our teaching of Irish in each class using the feidhmeanna teanga – and we have a structured list which is passed along from class to class each year.

### **2.2. This is how we know**

- *All students were surveyed and results were compiled. See attached results from questionnaire*
- A focus group of students in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class helped inform us.

### **2.3 This is what we are going to focus on to improve our practice further**

*Specify the aspects of teaching and learning the school has identified and prioritised for further improvement.*

- A further student survey of all students in June 2022 will demonstrate self-reported pupil confidence over 50% in all classes
- Assessment of children in June will show an increased confidence and ability making requests and asking questions as Gaeilge.

## **3. Our improvement plan**

On the next page we have recorded:

- The **targets** for improvement we have set
- The **actions** we will implement to achieve these
- **Who is responsible** for implementing, monitoring and reviewing our improvement plan
- How we will measure **progress** and check **outcomes** (criteria for success)

As we implement our improvement plan we will record:

- The **progress** made, and **adjustments** made, and **when**
- **Achievement of targets** (original and modified), and **when**

Targets	Actions	Success Criteria	Responsibility	Timeframe
<p><b>Target 1</b> A student survey of all students in June 2022 will demonstrate self-reported pupil confidence over 50% in all classes</p>	<p>All teachers will introduce <b><u>Assessment for Learning</u></b> at the start of each new fortnight/topic. The identification of clear Learning Outcomes for children which describes what they should know, understand and be able to do as a result of learning will help increase their confidence.</p>	<p>The numbers of pupils reporting they like Irish will increase by 5% across all classes in June 2022</p> <p>The numbers of pupils reporting they have confidence in their own ability will increase to over 50% across all classes</p>	Principal & Teachers	June 2022
	<p>Each week all children will be given <b><u>at least one opportunity</u></b> to put into practice what they have learnt through Obair Bheirte</p>	<p>There will be an improvement in the children's ability to speak Irish and use the phrases.</p>	Class Teachers	Once a week
	<p>Teachers will teach oral Irish daily.</p>	<p>Increase in teaching of Oral Irish</p>	Class Teachers	Daily
<p><b>Target 2</b> Assessment of children in June will show an</p>	<p>Every class teacher to be familiar with and actively use, the feidhmeanna</p>	<p>Feidhmeanna Teanga will be used by all teachers</p>	Class teachers	June 2022

<p>increased confidence and ability making requests and asking questions as Gaeilge.</p>	<p>Teanga relevant to their year.</p> <p>Each class will have a copy of the Feidhmeanna Teanga displayed in their room.</p> <p>All staff members will increase the use of Gaeilge neamhfhoirmiúil in their classroom and around the school Staff will be encouraged to give children the opportunity to use the Feidhmeanna Teanga in Obair Bheirte agus Gaeilge Neamhfhoirmiuil</p>	<p>Increase use of Gaeilge Neamhfhoirmiúil throughout the school on a daily basis.</p> <p>Pupils will be able to ask questions and make requests</p>	<p>All Teachers</p>	<p>Daily</p> <p>January 2020-Ongoing</p>
	<p>A reward system for using Irish will be introduced throughout the school.</p>	<p>Class Teachers to operate a reward system in their classroom to promote the use of Irish in the school.</p>	<p>Class teachers</p>	<p>Termly</p>