

# Self-Evaluation Report and School Improvement Plan

## **1. Introduction**

This document is a blueprint of our current improvement plan.

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

We undertook self-evaluation of teaching and learning during the period *September 2018* to *Jan/2019*. We evaluated the following aspect(s) of teaching and learning:

- Literacy

## **2. Findings**

### **2.1 This is effective / very effective practice in our school**

*List the main strengths of the school in teaching and learning.*

- *Pupils enjoy their learning, are motivated to learn and expect to achieve as learners*
- *The teacher selects and uses teaching approaches appropriate to the learning objective and to the pupils' learning needs.*
- *Teaches work together to devise learning opportunities for pupils across and beyond the curriculum*

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

*List the evidence sources. Refer to pupils' dispositions, attainment, knowledge and skills.*

- *Pupils see themselves as learners and demonstrate this in their positive approach to classwork and homework*
- *Pupils' subject-specific skills and attitudes are developed in accordance with the Primary School Curriculum.*
- *Pupils' achievement in summative assessments, including standardised tests, is in line with or above realistic expectations.*
- *Relevant surveys*

### **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.*

- Following detailed and lengthy staff discussion, through SCOT analysis and teacher reflection, it was decided that Literacy would be our area for self improvement.
- In accordance and adhering to the New Primary Language Curriculum we decided that Oral Language would be our area to focus on, and more specifically Oral Reports.
- In relation to this we propose that:
  1. *The pupils' knowledge, skills and understanding for the specific subjects of the curriculum are at a good standard in accordance with the objectives, skills and concepts of the Primary Curriculum*
  2. *Pupils take responsibility for their own learning, and use the learning resources provided to them to develop their skills and extend their knowledge.*

### **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**

## School Improvement Plan –Literacy-Oral Language

<b>TARGETS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To improve the standard of Oral Language, that the children will move one place to the right when delivering an Oral report.</li> <li>• Use technology to assist this aim</li> <li>• To foster and enhance self-confidence when delivering an Oral Report, to move from 30% of children feeling confident to 70% of children feeling confident delivering an oral report</li> </ul>	
<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>Who?</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Engage in CPD and obtain guidance, Elizabeth Breen (PDST) onsite visit for SSE and Oral Language</b></li> <li>• <b>Review English Plan - whole school approach</b></li> <li>• <b>Timetable specific lessons, regulate English lessons, putting an emphasis on an independent Oral Language lesson per week.</b></li> <li>• <b>Utilising Croke Park hours for planning, reviewing and sharing of resources</b></li> <li>• <b>School Closure for PLC</b></li> <li>• <b>Engagement with Digital Cluster and CPD in VR goggles</b></li> <li>• <b>Purchase of new english scheme, that manages and incorporates the three elements of the PLC more efficiently</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All the staff will implement the plan</li> <li>• The children will participate and engage with the plan.</li> <li>• Parents will contribute and receive feedback</li> <li>• The principal (Cliona) will ensure that the plan is being implemented</li> <li>• Whole school approach to reviewing and adapting plan</li> </ul>	

**MONITORING:**

- **Whole school**
- **Staff meeting and Croke Park hours specifically designated to update and review improvement plan**
- **Oral Report rubric**
- **Cuntaisí Míosúla - accounts and evidence of deliverance**
- **Questionnaires, Teacher/Pupil/Parent**

Whole Staff / Co-ordinator

Principal

Relevant Teachers

Class Teachers

Children and Parents

**EVALUATION APPROACH:**

- Rubric in relation to Oral Reports to be used at the beginning and at the end of term to monitor progress
- Teacher Evaluation
- Adhering to the timetable and allowing a class per week for Oral language independently
- The use of technology, our VR headsets to focus and motivate the children on a specific topic for reports
- Issue questionnaires at the beginning of the process and at the end of term 2

**EVALUATION TOOLS:**

- Oral Language Rubric
- Questionnaires
- Teacher assessment of Oral Reports

## **NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS THROUGHOUT IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS:**

- **The entire school plan and schedule had to be reviewed and altered, this resulted in a delay in the implementation**
- **A new English programme was purchased, this contributed to the delay, as we wanted to plan with the new material in mind**
- **The strong link between the writing and the oral process was very much apparent, the children felt more supported by writing their reports initially before delivering them orally.**

### **TARGET**

### **ACHIEVED:**

To improve the standard of Oral Language, that the children will move one place to the right when delivering an Oral report.

**Yes**

**No**

Use technology to assist this aim

**Yes**

**No**

To foster and enhance self-confidence when delivering an Oral Report, to move from 30% of children feeling confident to 70% of children feeling confident delivering an oral report

**Yes**

**No**

