Fourth Class– March 30th

Dear Parents,

First of all, I hope you and your families are all keeping well in these unprecedented times. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the great work you are doing with your child at home.

Outlined below is some suggested work that your child may complete. I am fully aware that every household is busy at the moment and some of you may be caring for elderly relatives / neighbours so please don’t feel under any pressure to complete all the assigned tasks. Your child should be able to complete the majority of the work I am assigning independently. I hope this work will give the children some routine in their day and allow them to progress with the curriculum.

Can I also ask that ye please encourage children to label all the work they are doing with page number, question number and letter with a red pen if possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if ye have any questions in relation to work assigned at: kosullivan@lachteen.ie

Again, I would like to thank you for all the work you are doing with your children.

Stay safe.

Kevin O’ Sullivan.

**Message for the children:**

Hello from my house 😊 I hope you are all keeping well and staying safe. I really miss school and hearing all of your stories every day. It is a strange time with us all staying at home, but I hope you are all getting on ok.

The Taoiseach (leader of our country – I hope ye knew that anyway) said

“To all the young people watching – I know you are bored and probably a bit fed up. You want to see your friends and you might even be wishing you were back at school. I hope you remember that this time is tough on your parents as well. So I’m asking you ta ask your parents at least once a day what you can do to hele them. Keep up your school work and call your grandparents and try not to fight with your brothers and sisters.”

I thought this was really good advice and I encourage you to remember this.

I have put a lot of thought into the coming weeks work so you can keep moving forward with your school work while being at home. Like everything at the moment, this is a very difficult and different situation for all of us, and trying to figure out the new ‘normal’ will take some time. This is completely new for you and us teachers too, so don’t worry if you find some of the work difficult at home. All work will be revised when we get back to school, so please don’t stress about it – you may not be able to complete all activities and again don’t worry. All I ask is that you try! Remember what I said to you all in September – “You can only do your best, but it is important to always do your best”. Nobody knows for sure when we will return to school, but hopefully it will be sooner rather than later.

The work you are getting is a guide to some of work that we would have been completing in school. Just to give yourselves routine – Each day complete: 1 day of Mental Maths, 1 day of English in Practice, Read at Home, Léigh sa bhaile and Spellings & Tables. After that add in the other pieces of work that I have set each day.

You have work for this week and then enjoy your Easter Holidays. We will hopefully know more about schools reopening towards the end of Easter so we will be in touch again. Don’t eat too many Easter Eggs!!

Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Buckley have also asked me to pass on their best wishes and hope ye have a lovely Easter.

Stay safe – wash those hands!!

Mr. O’ Sullivan 😊

**Numeracy:**

* Continue with one day of Mental Maths each day. – Answers will be uploladed the following week.
* Busy at Maths. – It is so important to please label everything ye are doing. Page number, Question number and letter. It will make it much easier for us to correct it together when we are back in school.
* Pg. 111 Q.1 a – l, Q2. a- h
* Pg. 112 (Look at the yellow box **FIRST** to help you!!) Q1 a – f
* Pg 112 (Again, look at the yellow box **FIRST** to help you!!) Q2 a – e
* Pg 113 Q1 a – d. Q2 a – d ---- In these questions there are are no decimal points. As ye know, I always say keep the decimal point under the decimal point. In this case we keep that in mind BUT, we just keep the M’s under the M’s and the cm’s under the cm’s. When ye are doing them in the copy leave an empty box between the M and the cm.
* Revision of multiplication and division tables.

**Literacy:**

* Continue with one day of English in Practice each day.
* Spellings – I will attach spellings at the end of this document. Continue as we have always done with five new spellings each day.
* Read at Home – Continue from where ye are ( I think ye should be doing page 91 on Monday 30th? If you are not on this exact page don’t worry, just continue from where you are)
* and complete a page of reading each day. As usual complete the questions on each page.
* I presume most of you will have seen my post about keeping a Diary on the school website. This week I want you to try and do a Diary entry each day.
* Remember
1. The date ( top right hand corner)
2. Dear Diary ( on the line under the date, to the very left of the page)
3. Use informal langugae ( This is not an offical letter like ye sent to President Michael D. Higgins last year. Use simple language like you would use when chatting at home or talking with your friends)
4. Puncutation – Remember your full stops, capital letters etc. and be careful with your handwriting.
5. Sign off. – At the end of you Diary entry you always sign off by writing something like ‘Bye for a while’ or ‘Write again soon’. Remember it is not a letter where you mihght write ‘Yours faithfully / sincerely.

\*\*\* Please choose a Diary Entry and email it to me if you would like to. You don’t have to but I’d like to see how ye are getting on with them. You don’t have to type it. You can hand write it as usual and then get Mom or Dad to take a picture of it and email it to me. You can do this at any stage of the week. Let Mom or Dad know about this and give them plenty of notice. They might be busy and might not be able to upload this straight away. That’s fine. There is no panic. Do it whenever ye get a chance.

**Gaeilge:**

* Litriú – Litriú nua.
* Léitheoireacht – Léigh sa bhaile ag tosnú ar leathanach 91? agus lean ar aghaidh gach oíche go dtí an chéad leathanach eile. Déan na ceisteanna le do thoil (Do the Questions please) As ye know you can listen to the recordings of each reading on the CJ Fallon app which you will all be aware of at this stage.
* Comhrá – I will upload a powerpoint with all the revision questions we covered in relation to ‘Mé Féin’ – Go through this at home and make it relevant to yourself or even try it with another family member. It might help if you want to write out the answers into your copy book or you might not need to.

**S.E.S.E.:**

 - I know our latest project was due this week. I was looking forward to seeing them and allowing you present them to the class. I would like to see how ye got on with them so if you would like to get Mom or Dad to email me a picture/ pictures of the project I would be delighted to offer some feedback by email.

 - Geography and Science. Pg. 98 & 99 ‘The Solar System’ – Read these pages and watch the following youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qd6nLM2QlWw>
(I will put the link on the school website page too)

In your SESE copy write some interesting facts about the Solar System. Five is plenty but if you want to do more that is fine work away.

**Religion:**

* Read and Discuss pages 55 – 59 ( Holy week and Easter) Resources available online if you wish but no need. Plenty information in the book. To access online content google ‘Veritas Grow in Love login. Use the username: trial@growinlove.ie and password: growinlove

**P.E.**

Hopefully the good weather continues. If not don’t worry. Go to the Body Coach Youtube channel (P.E. with Joe) every morning at 9am. Its really good (I even did it three mornings this week) and a great way to start the day. I also saw that Donoughmore GAA are running challenges so keep an eye on that too.

**Music.**

* As some of you will have done your project on Annie Moore I was going to teach ye this song in school this week. Just listen to the song and the lyrics – make out the story that is being told. Available at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10Pb2ia28QM>

**English Spellings**

**Monday:** Mother, father, brother, weather, other

**Tuesday:** always, already, almost, alright, alter

**Wednesday:** deny, delay, decide, debate, detail

**Thursday:** decimal, animal, several, numeral, plural

**Gaeilge Litriú**

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| IascBiaBialann  | ScianPianDialann (journal) | An Ghrian Liam Brian  | iall ( shoe lace ) liathrtóidrialóir (ruler) |

We would also like to draw to your attention that Twinkl Ireland are offering all parents a one month free ultimate membership on Twinkl.ie. This will allow you access a wide variety of resources in order to support your child/childrens learning during this closure should you wish to avail of this service.

To set up your free account go to [www.twinkl.ie/offer](http://www.twinkl.ie/offer) and enter the code IRLTWINKLHELPS

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