Dear parents,

We hope that you are all well and are staying safe during this difficult time. We are very aware that this is a worrying time for all of us but it can be especially difficult for children to understand how life for them has changed so quickly. As you know, our teachers have prepared schemes of work, which are available on the North Pres. website. Some of our teachers have also prepared schemes on the *Padlet* platform. Links to the individual *Padlet* pages were provided in the class schemes on the website.

As all children work at a different pace, we do not want to overload you with work. If you are looking for some extra work or fun activities to do at home, here are some links to online resources, which you may find useful. We look forward to the day when we are all back in North Pres. and send you all our best wishes. Stay safe and don’t forget to get some fresh air!

Best wishes

*The North Pres. staff*

***Multiple subject areas:***

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| <https://www.sparklebox.co.uk/> | Sparklebox offers activities and games for all subject areas.  |
| <https://www.twinkl.ie/> | Twinkl are offering one month’s free subscription for parents. The website has a huge range of resources for all of the subject areas and some lovely eBooks too. |
| <http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/> | Primary Resources provide resources for all subject areas. Key stage 1 refers to Senior Infant and 1st class levels. Years 3 – 7 of Key Stage 2 refer to 2nd to 6th class.  |
| <https://www.scoilnet.ie/> | Scoilnet is a portal offering a range of different resources / links to other websites for all subject areas. You can refine the search by class level and topic. Their EdTV section provides lists of educational t.v. programmes.  |
| <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/> | This provides a range of English and Maths resources, sorted by age.  |
| <https://www.seomraranga.com/> | This Irish website provides many resources categorized by class level and subject area. Their stay at home quizzes are a great way for the older children to challenge themselves.  |
| <https://ie.ixl.com/> | You will find a huge range of Maths and English resources on this website, all organised by class level. |
| Michael O’Connor on Youtube  | Teacher Michael O’Connor is posting daily Maths, Gaeilge and reading lessons on YouTube for the kids in his class, which might be useful to other 4th, 5th and 6th class kids and their parents: [youtu.be/bt4rFdbpGkY](http://youtu.be/bt4rFdbpGkY) |
| <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/> | This is a wonderful website where you can learn about science, geography and history. |
| <http://nasa.gov/kidsclub/>  | A great way to learn about Science and space.  |
| <http://kahoot.com/>  | Search from lots of existing games on any topic such as brain teasers, trivia of all sorts, news quizzes and science. |

***English:***

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| <https://www.starfall.com/h/index.php> | This website offers a huge range of phonics, reading and Maths resources. The kindergarten section is suitable for Junior Infants / Senior Infants. The Grade 1 / 2 / 3 is suitable for 1st / 2nd / 3rd class.  |
| <https://www.audible.co.uk/> | Audible are offering one month’s free access to their audio books. There is a large range of books available.  |
| <https://www.librariesireland.ie/> | If your child is not a member of the library, you can now join online and access their range of eBooks through the Borrow Box portal.  |
| <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com>  | The resources on the David Walliams website are easy and fun, many of which are linked to his kids’ novels.  |
| <https://www.storylineonline.net/> | On this website, you can watch videos of authors reading their children’s books. There are also many online storybooks read by celebrities on YouTube.  |
| <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary> | This BBC website has some lovely eBooks and fun games.  |
| <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr> | Dance Mat is a great way for kids to learn touch-typing.  |
| <https://worldbookonline.com/kids/home> | World Book online offers a wide range of educational and fiction eBooks. There are also some great brain teasers, science and art activities.  |
| <https://www.storyberries.com/> | This is a free, online collection of stories, comics and poems for kids.  |
| <https://www.handwritingpractice.net/> | There are printable handwriting worksheets on this website.  |
| <https://twitter.com/MoLI_Museum> | Award-winning children’s writer Sarah Webb is posting fun writing games and story prompts over on Twitter. |

***Gaeilge:***

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| <https://www.cula4.com/ga/> | As well as Gaeilge TV shows, there are games and creativity sections. |
| <https://www.duolingo.com/course/ga/en/Learn-Irish> | This online resource would be a great way for children to practice their Gaeilge at home.  |

***Maths:***

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| [https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting) | Topmarks has a range of fun Maths games covering all of the curriculum areas. The games are organised by age and by topic. There is also a section with a Daily 10 minute challenge.  |
| <https://coolsciencelab.com/math_magician.html> | This website offers free Tables challenges for kids.  |
| <https://www.primarygames.com/math.php><https://www.mathplayground.com/> | There are many Maths resources on these sites. The kindergarten section is suitable for Junior Infants / Senior Infants. The Grade 1 / 2 / 3 is suitable for 1st / 2nd / 3rd class. |
| <https://scratch.mit.edu/> | This website offers lots of fun Maths games, worksheets and assessments. Key stage 1 refers to Senior Infant and 1st class levels. Years 3 – 7 of Key Stage 2 refer to 2nd to 6th class. |
| <https://scratch.mit.edu/> | This wonderful coding website teaches you how to program interactive games, stories and animations. |

***Art:***

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| <https://minimadthings.com/blogs/news> | This blog offers lots of fun, easy Art activities.  |
| <https://twitter.com/hashtag/wewilldraw?src=hashtag_click> | Will Sliney is an artist who is offering daily ‘we will draw’ challenges for kids.  |
| <https://www.mrsbrownart.com/> | There are many fun art ideas on this webpage, including lesson plans.  |
| <https://www.deepspacesparkle.com/> | This website has many simple step-by-step Art lesson ideas.  |
| <https://disneylife.com/uk/view/art-attack> | This website provides video tutorials of Art activities.  |

***P.E.:***

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| <http://gonoodle.com/>  | This is a very popular website with the kids as it offers lots of dance, movement and relaxation videos.  |
| <http://supertroopers.ie/>  | Super Troopers offers a health homework programme that encourages children and their families to live happier and more active lifestyles. |
| Body Coach TV on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)  | Every morning at 9am the Body Coach is hosting an online P.E. lesson.  |

***Schoolbooks:***

The major publishers of schoolbooks - including Edco ([edco.ie](https://www.edco.ie/)), Gill Education ([gillexplore.ie)](https://www.gillexplore.ie/) and CJ Fallon ([cjfallon.ie)](https://www.cjfallon.ie/) are making their online education resources for primary and secondary students available free of charge, including eBooks, podcasts, games and puzzles.