



Seachtain na Gaeilge

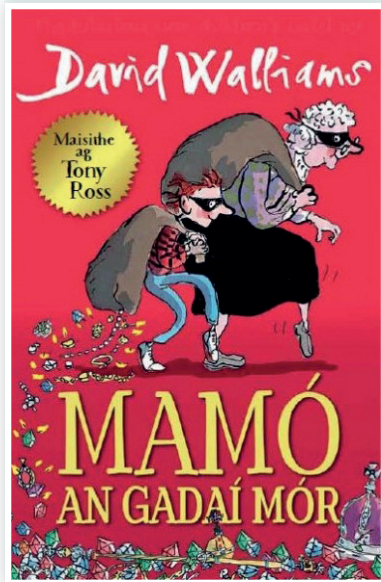


With Seachtain na Gaeilge well underway, we are all doing our best to remember and use the cúpla focail gaeilge. We all learned Irish in school and many of us still retain good memories of the language and remember various phrases, particularly when we are abroad and don't want anyone else around us to understand what we are saying! Seachtain na Gaeilge is not just for experts in our native tongue. It's for those of us who remember a few words and phrases and want to try them out again. So, even if you keep your head down and hope no one asks you a question as Gaeilge, it's time to try out a few phrases - even if that is only 'Níl a fhios agam'!

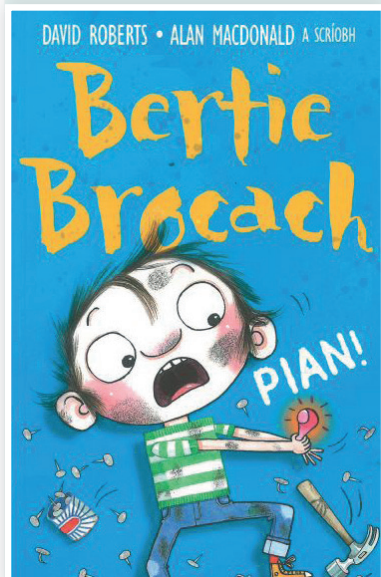
Library Services & Events

The library is a great place to start on your journey to speak more Irish and there are lots of resources available to help you to improve your 'Cúpla Focail'.

You can develop your knowledge of the written and spoken language, by simply having a current library membership and access to a great range of Irish language books.



As well as being able to request a variety of books as Gaeilge for all ages and levels, your Library membership will give you access to our free online language service Transparent Languages. You can learn Irish as one of over 110 languages available in your own time. Through listening, speaking, reading and typing, you can improve your language skills at your own pace.



Books as Gaeilge are also available through our online service Borrow Box. You just need to download the Borrow Box app, and login with your library card number and pin number.



Irish Circle Meetings

Progress your conversational Irish by joining an Irish Conversation Circle - Ci-



rcal Comhrá Gaeilge. Groups meet on a weekly basis in Loughboy Library and Ferrybank Library. These conversation circles encourage people of all levels to join and converse as Gaeilge. Open to beginners, improvers, and advanced speakers and no booking is required, just come along for the chat. Find all the details of meeting times on our website www.kilkennylibrary.ie.

Long-time member of Loughboy Ciorcal Comhrá Gaeilge Frank Marshall says:

"The group is up and running about 5-6 years now, and has grown since then. It's not a class, just a group of people who have a shared love for the language! Recently we even went on a trip to the cinema to see 'An Cailín Ciúin'.

We chat about everything and any-

various other libraries around the city and county over the two weeks. Check with your local library in your area for availability. For the puzzle lovers among you, Graiguenamanagh Library will also have word searches as Gaeilge available in the Library from Tuesday March 14th.



Beginners Irish Conversational Classes

Beginners Irish Conversational Classes are currently running in Graiguenamanagh and Thomastown Libraries funded by K.C.E.T.B. While the Thomastown classes are full, there are

TOP 10 Seanfhocail

- 'AN RUD IS ANNAMH IS IONTACH' - WHAT IS SELDOM IS WONDERFUL!
- 'IS FEARR AN TSLÁINTE NÁ NA TÁINTE' - HEALTH IS BETTER THAN WEALTH!
- 'AN DONAS AMACH IS AN SONAS ISTEACH' - LET THE DARKNESS OUT AND THE LIGHT IN!
- 'NUAIR A BHÍONN AN CAT AMÚIGH, BÍONN NA LUCHA AG RINCE' - WHEN THE CAT'S AWAY, THE MICE WILL PLAY!
- 'IS BINN BÉAL INA THOST' - SILENCE IS GOLDEN!
- 'GO N-ÉIRÍ AN BÓTHAR LEAT' - MAY THE ROAD RISE UP TO MEET YOU!
- 'NÍ NEART GO CUR LE CHÉILE' - STRENGTH IN UNITY!
- 'MÚINEANN GÁ SEIFT' - NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION!
- 'NÍL AON TINTEÁN MAR DO THINTEÁN FÉIN' - THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE HOME!
- 'AITHNÍONN CIARÓG CIARÓG EILE' - IT TAKES ONE TO KNOW ONE!

thing, and there is a lot of laughter-I am very grateful to be part of the group."

Seachtain na Gaeilge Activities in the Library

Bingo as Gaeilge

In conjunction with Tinnypark and Crosspatrick Nursing homes, as well as its regular monthly book delivery, the Mobile Library service will help to deliver Bingo as Gaeilge to its residents this month!

Kilkenny County Council Library Service is also delighted to partner with local schools for Bingo as Gaeilge in

still limited spaces are available for the Graiguenamanagh class. Keep an eye on our social media for details on any upcoming classes in the future.



Am scéalaíochta gaeilge

For Seachtain na Gaeilge, Ferrybank Library's usual Wednesday 4pm Storytime Slot on March 8th and 15th will also be as Gaeilge.

We hope the above has given you some inspiration. Starting with this coming Seachtain na Gaeilge, take the next year to improve your Irish skills in any way you can. Embrace the language is some small way and make it part of your every day. As they say, 'Tír gan teanga, tír gan anam'-A country without a language is a country without a soul!