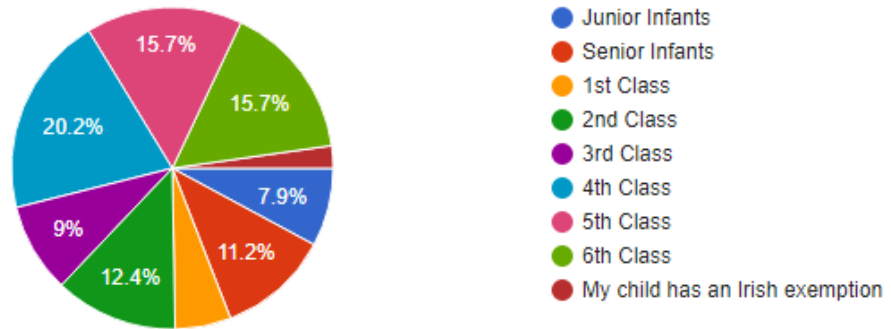


Gaeilge Survey Results

My Child is in:

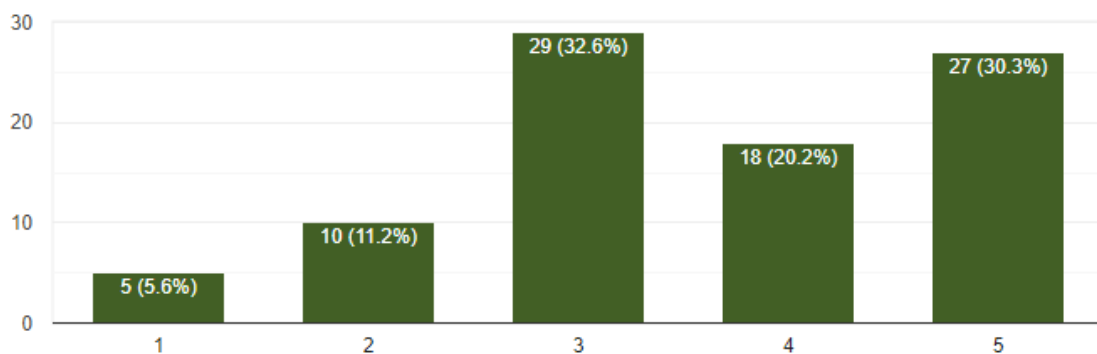
89 responses



Junior Infants	7
Senior Infants	10
1st Class	5
2nd Class	11
3rd Class	8
4th Class	18
5th Class	14
6th Class	14
My child has an Irish exemption	2

How would you rate your own attitude towards Gaeilge?

89 responses

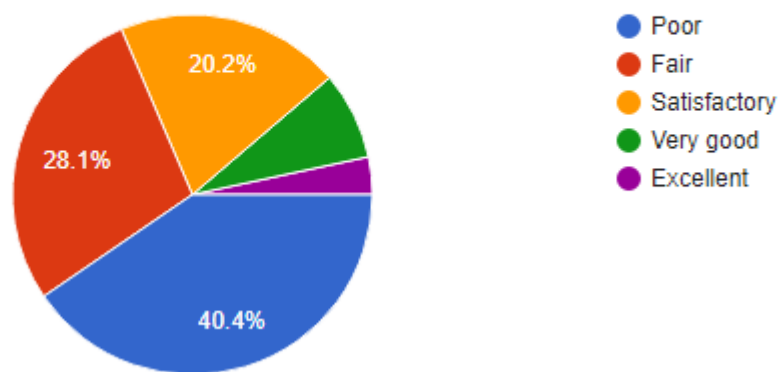


Value	Count
Poor	5

Value	Count
Fair	10
Satisfactory	29
Very Good	18
Excellent	27

How would you rate your own level of Gaeilge?

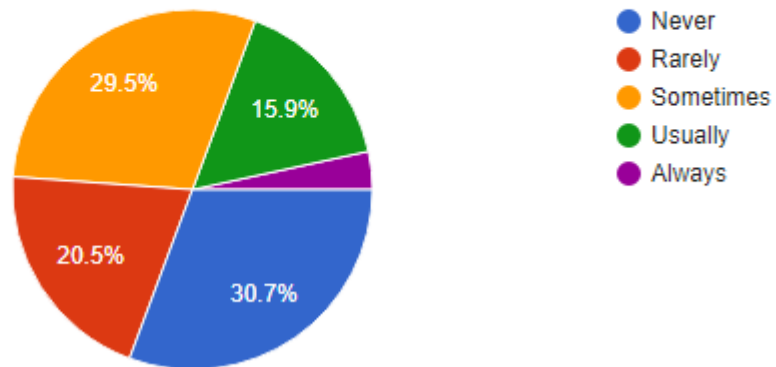
89 responses



Poor	36
Fair	25
Satisfactory	18
Very good	7
Excellent	3

Does your child ask for help with his / her Irish homework?

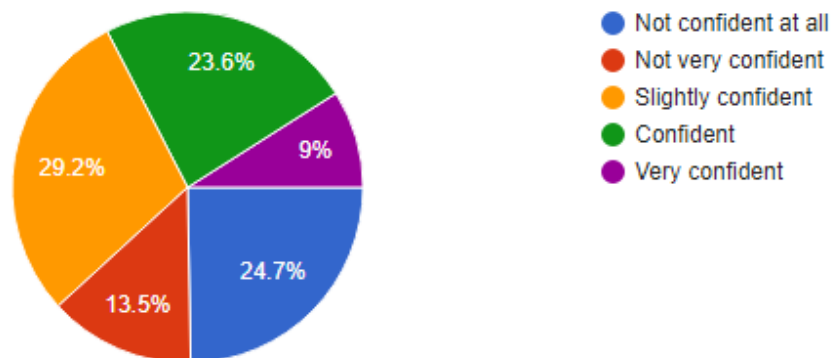
88 responses



Never	27
Rarely	18
Sometimes	26
Usually	14
Always	3

How confident are you in your ability to help your child with his / her Irish homework?

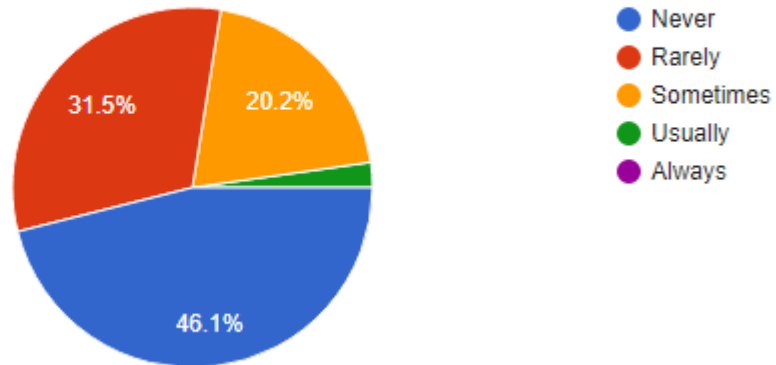
89 responses



Not confident at all	22
Not very confident	12
Slightly confident	26
Confident	21
Very confident	8

Do you speak Irish at home?

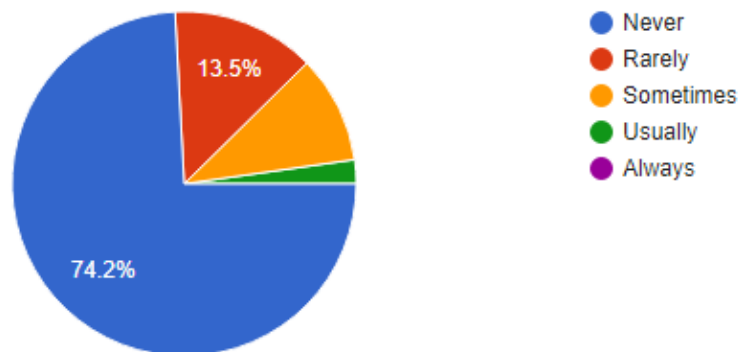
89 responses



Never	41
Rarely	28
Sometimes	18
Usually	2
Always	0

Do you practice 'Frásaí na Seachtaine' on the school website with your child?

89 responses



Never	66
Rarely	12
Sometimes	9
Usually	2
Always	0

Have you suggestions on how RETNS could help your child make greater progress in Irish?

(spoken, reading, writing, spellings)36 responses

Spoken Irish day/ spoken Irish in yard?

More spoken Irish throughout the day and phrases to come home and teach to parents

Get child to bring Frásaí na S home to teach us!

I think the level of Irish at senior infants is good. I do think there is quite a jump between senior infants and 1st class. Now I'm not sure could something be done so it's a more gradual shift?

Make up plays in Irish. Small groups each Friday. All for fun

Didn't actually know there are frasai na seachtaine on the school website. Don't think most parents visit the site too often. Getting the Irish spellings on Class Dojo is great so maybe try the frasai there too? Think we'd be more inclined to practice those at home if they were easily available on our phones.

While my Irish is fine for helping our child, my wife has no Irish and is more often the one helping with homework for work reasons.

Teaching an art/writing class on the old Irish alphabet is pretty cool. I went to Ring (Irish boarding school in Waterford) and learned that alphabet there and it did give me a real interest in the language.

Some basic reading books would be good too for homework. I'd do that with our child once a week for example if we had them. Love the language myself and happy to support any initiative to get the kids interested, positive and open to it. Tying it into history and heritage always worked for me. Gave the language meaning. On the questions below – I'd do the paired reading but again, work hours don't permit.

Make 'Frásaí na Seachtaine' really relevant to home life - (helping at home, at the supermarket, phrases for the season/holidays - everyday phrases that most of us struggle with!)

By parents learning more Irish and developing a more positive attitude towards it.

More homework

I'm not really sure but I think to engage students in Irish its best to speak it, therefore it might be an idea to get students to create short plays or scenes that they've created then they could maybe perform them for the rest of the school at assembly, perhaps once a month the assembly is in Irish?

More spoken Irish in the classroom. Everyday use. Activities such as art or p.e. taught through Irish.

I am happy with how the school teaches Irish, I think the parents are responsible to maintain & encourage it. I will start using the 'frasai na seactaine' within the family as an extra tool.

There is a broader issue with Gaeilge throughout Irish society. It also hasn't been traditionally prioritised as it might have been in RETNS [understandably so]. Fostering a love of the language in most Irish children is very difficult and I think that RETNS has gone about it well over the last five or six years.

Providing more resources to both parents and children E.g.: websites, magazines, etc...

Short stories with illustrations to bring home equivalent to those in English.

Irish songs and poems for homework on YouTube

Take a play-centred approach where Irish is also treated and taught in a similar manner to other foreign languages. Can be difficult when there is no fluency in the home. (Would prefer if other foreign languages were also offered alongside but understand that that is a curricular issue.)

I didn't know Frasaí na Seachtaine was on the website. We will definitely use it now I know. I think that will be really helpful as I would love to use more Irish at home & my own Irish is too rusty. So I'm the one who needs help to use it & I know that, in turn, will help my child. I find I've forgotten all the basic words so as well as phrases access to vocab will also be helpful.

Very helpful to get spellings on clasdojo, maybe add suggested conversations for at home e.g. this week talk about breakfast in Irish with some key words, or talk about planning your next holiday with suggested key words. I haven't seen any Irish reading books like stories or mini novels like Diary of a Wimpy Kid as gaeilge.

Charlie spontaneously starts ag labhairt as gaeilge at home which is great. He seems to have picked up all the phrases and vocab and enjoys it. I don't have too much insight into what types of activities to promote at home but have chats in Irish with him when he starts talking in Irish. I did miss the curriculum meeting at beginning of year and I know there's no official homework in Irish for SI but it would be useful to hear what the themes/vocab is for a given period (month or term or whatever).

Wasn't aware of Frasaí na Seachtaine ? This should be communicated to parents via another platform so we are aware of it

Tasks to be completed outside of school with parents to encourage speaking Irish in the home

The paragraphs they are doing at the moment are great as they can write about their own interests.

Make it fun. Apps, games, no grammar no pressure.

Maybe Learn some Irish songs & Irish culture. Have Irish days in school or a ceile in the halla I'm sure you're doing lots already! Games in Irish eg homework with word matching/ pairs games. Songs/cartoons/ labelling items around the house - recording sentences?

Drama through Irish. Daily use of Irish in sports/active learning activities

Staff and parents encouraged to use phrases in home and school.

Focus should be on oral Irish getting kids to speak it more and spend less time on written particularly in the junior classes

Use it as much as possible everyday as you do already.

Practical use

My child is very interested in learning Irish but would benefit from classes in basic grammar and sentence construction rather than simply learning vocabulary and phrases.

Speaking Irish in smaller groups for practice

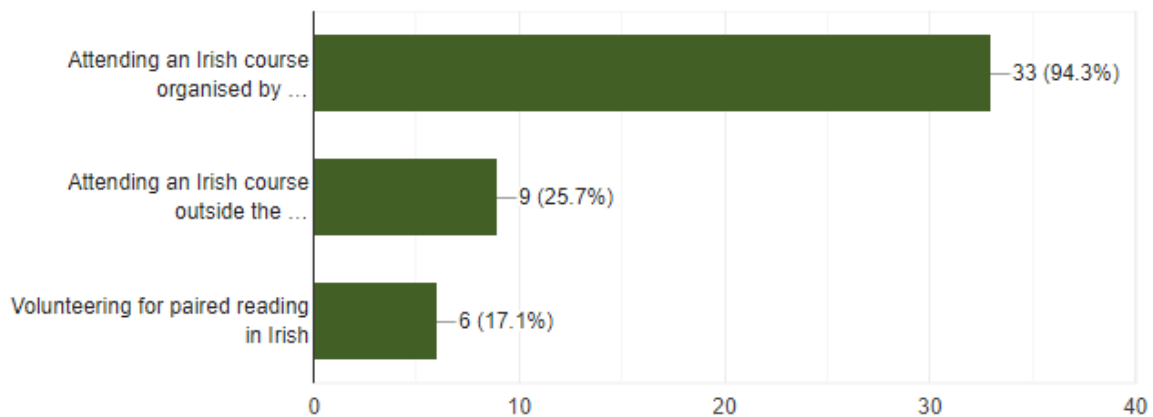
Encouraging older children to attend Club na bhFiann - there's one in Coláiste Éanna in Rathfarnham each week. Recognition/small prizes for efforts made with Irish

Maybe Frasai na Seachtaine could be on top of the weekly email.

The general feeling among parents is that RETNS is very weak on Irish and when children go to secondary school they are not as well prepared as other children. I think you should look at some of the English speaking schools that are considered to have a high standard of Irish and see what they are doing. A group of parents are probably not the best group to address this issue. Ronan has a strong Irish background and works with Gaeltacht's, the school should use his knowledge and input wrt developing Irish from J1 to 6th class Irish.

Would you be interested in:

35 responses



Value	Count
Attending an Irish course organised by ...	33
Attending an Irish course outside the ...	9
Volunteering for paired reading in Irish	6