



Lá Domhanda na Leabhar i Scoil Aonghusa 2 Márta 2017

A Thuismitheoir, a chara

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment everyday not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, have an increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

In fact, there is evidence to suggest that reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

What difference can you as a parent make? The short answer is, **a very big difference!** Parents are by far the most important educators in a child's life and you can make a considerable difference to your child's overall progress by reading with your child every day.

You can play an important role in helping to keep your child interested in books, finding out what interests them and helping them to find books that will be engaging and enjoyable for them.

Reading to your child and with your child is a very important contributing factor to your son or daughter's overall success in school. In order that your child reaches his/her full potential it is important that reading has a focus at home and that parents do not just leave it to the school to make it a priority. All it takes is at least 15 - 20 minutes of a parent's time each day to make a difference.

Reading to your child is about so much more than simply teaching them to read. Here are a few reasons why you should be obsessed with reading aloud daily to and with your child, **no matter their age.**

1. **It's time well spent.** Reading time is a time when you're focusing on nobody else and nothing else but your child.
2. **It's a conversation starter.** Books always give a good reason to talk with each other. Reading keeps communication open.
3. **It's a great way to talk about emotional health.** Books give you the opportunity to talk about what happens in a story, how you would feel if that happened to you, how you might deal with such events the same or differently. Books allow parents to broach topics that they might not have thought to raise if it weren't for the subject matter in a story.
4. **You can open up new worlds for your children.** Reading allows you to introduce your children to subjects, hobbies, facts or skills that the school curriculum does not.

5. You gain an insight into where your child might need help. Reading with your child gives you the opportunity to teach the meaning of words and to broaden your child's vocabulary. It improves the child's comprehension skills and their understanding of abstract concepts. Reading allows your child to excel in all subjects.

6. It can lead to a lifelong love of reading.

What do I do if my child doesn't enjoy reading?

1. Make sure that your child is not tired, hungry or anxious to watch their favourite television programme when you read to them. Sit with them **every day** and read a book with them on a subject that interests them. Don't expect them to read it for themselves. Just show them how interesting it is to be able to read so that they will want to do it for themselves.

2. For many children, especially boys as they get older, non-fiction books are more interesting than fiction, so it may be as simple as changing the type of book you are reading together.

3. Give plenty of praise. Show interest in the reading material your child has chosen. Remember, children develop at their own rates when it comes to reading.

***In summary, children who read at home daily with their parents have an advantage over the children who do not. It is important that reading has a focus at home and not left to the school to make it a priority.

Lá Domhanda na Leabhar: On Wednesday, every child in Scoil Aonghusa visited our School Library. There was great excitement as this was the first time the children visited the library since our library system was digitilised and re-stocked with lots of new books. All children in the school have received a World Book Day voucher. At 12 o' clock today, we had DROP EVERYTHING AND READ TIME. Everyone in the school stopped what they were doing and read a book.

Glacaim go bhfuil an t-eolas seo úsáideach duit agus tú ag tabhairt cabhair agus tacaíocht do do pháiste. Cuireann an léitheoireacht sa bhaile go mór le foghlaim agus le forbairt an pháiste. Muna bhfuil sé de nós agat léamh a dhéanamh le do pháiste gach lá faoi láthair, molaim duit tús a chur leis an léitheoireacht laethúil inniu.

Please make contact with the school if you have any questions or require advice relating to this.

Ní gá duit ach teagmháil a dhéanamh linn sa scoil má tá ceist nó comhairle ar bith uait faoi seo.

Is mise le meas,



Edel Ní Bhroin
Príomhoide