

The Hedge School



Second Class Gaeilge

Course Manual

Day-by-Day Lesson Plans & Instructional Tips

Authentically Irish, Faithfully Catholic

Dia is Muire agus Ládraig duit!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SELECTING *The Hedge School* for your Gaeilge curriculum provider for Second Class. We are very excited to have you with us and we are looking forward to working with you and your family this year and beyond!

The study and love of our native language is a very important subject. We encourage children to really love Irish by selecting a relevant and engaging textbook. We provide parents complete translations to the text and answers to the exercises in our custom-made Answer Key. We also help parents and children with their pronunciation and reading abilities with a phonics text designed for the Gaelscoil environment. Additionally, we work on our reading and vocabulary expansion with the delightful and vintage Soilse series. We really want to foster fluency!

We hope that you and your child(ren) have an excellent year. Remember that we are here if you have any questions or need any extra support!

May St. Patrick, St. Brigid and all the Irish Saints, pray for us!

Let's get started!

Detailed Introduction

Books/resources required:

As go Brách Liom C

Publisher: Lamh Chunta

Around €11; free online

<https://www.siopaleabhar.com/en/tairgi/as-go-brach-liom-c/>

Answer Key:

http://www.lamhchunta.com/uploads/9/2/3/3/9233717/as_go_brach_book_c_answers.pdf

ISBN: Not applicable

Used in Terms 1-4

Bun go Barr 2

Publisher: CJ Fallon

Around €20, widely available

<https://schoolbooks.ie/products/cjfallon-bun-go-barr-2>

ISBN: 9780714416946

Used in Terms 1-4

Bréagáin

Publisher: Soilse Leabhar C

Around €5, widely available

<https://schoolbooks.ie/products/cjfallon-soilse-leabhar-c-breagain-first-class>

ISBN: 9780714410647

Used in Terms 1-2

Féasta

Publisher: Soilse Leabhar D

Around €5, widely available

<https://schoolbooks.ie/products/soilse-leabhar-d-feasta>

ISBN: 9780714411521

Used in Terms 3-4

Optional: Your selection of any Irish-English dictionary

As desired: Selections from the *Séideán Si* programme of Irish readers, free online

<https://seideansi.ie/rang-a-do.php>

During this year, we will build upon the Irish your child learned in First Class. We will use *Bun go Barr* as our main text to learn vocabulary and improve our Irish conversation skills.

We will supplement this text with *As go Brách Liom*, which is a Gaelscoil phonics book for teaching children to read in Irish. This should also benefit any parents who didn't study Irish themselves. As in our previous Classes, we hope that you incorporate the vocabulary and phrases into your day-to-day life! There are suggestions for daily Irish in the Answer Key.

Next, we will utilise the Soilse series of readers *as Gaeilge*. We will read *Bréagáin* and *Féasta*. We ask that you first introduce your child to the words in pink at the bottom of the page. He may know some of these words and may be able to figure out others from context. Have him copy all the words in pink and write or draw a definition for them, using an Irish-English dictionary as necessary.

Translation Notes & Answer Key

Ceacht 1: Sobal... Sobal Lather... Lather... Talk with your child about the items in the bathroom, about bath time and about being hot and cold, or wet and dry. Try to use as much Irish in every-day situations as you can! *This is the real key to ensuring your child becomes fluent in our native language.*

Ceacht 1 Phrases to Use: For each chapter, we will have a “Phrase(s) to Use”; try to use the Irish *each time* you would normally say the English phrase to your child!

For this Unit, begin to revise the phrases we studied in First Class:

Go raibh maith agat	Thank you.
Fáilte romhat	You’re welcome.
Gabh mo leithscéal	Excuse me.
Slán	Goodbye.
Amach leat!	Out with you!
Ar aghaidh leat!	Go ahead!
Isteach leat!	In with you!

Poem & Pronunciation Note: We’ll also have a Pronunciation Note and a Poem or Saying to read/ memorise (as desired). You’ll see notes in the Day-by-Day Lesson Plans of when to read the Pronunciation Note and Poem, but feel free to do so more if you want!

<i>Poem:</i> A Lúidín, a Lúidín, a mhic, Crom do cheann go glic, Níl tú mór, Lag go leor, A Lúidín, a Lúidín, a mhic.	Little finger, little finger Bend your head cleverly, You are not big, Quite weak, Little finger, little finger.
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A note on pronunciation: Read this aloud to your child:
Éist le fuaim na seachtaine –sssss! Éist agus abair na focail seo:
súil smig srón sos scátaí scuab sobal.

(Listen to the sound of the week –sssss! Listen and say these words:
eye chin nose break skates brush muzzle.)

Parent: Faigh focal a thosaíonn leis an bhfuaim “s”

Child: Fuaireas focal leis an bhfuaim “s” – srón

(Find a word that starts with the “s” sound

Child: Found a word with the “s” sound – nose. Try to find more items in your house!)

Week 1 Day 1

Be sure to have an Irish-English dictionary on hand for your child to use.

Féach ar leathanach 2 agus ar leathanach 3. Éist leis na focail. Cuir méar ar an bhfocal a chloiseann tú.

(Look at page 2 and page 3. Listen to the words. Put your finger on the word you hear.)

1. Cad é seo? Cad é sin?

What is this? What is that?

Answers to can be given as “Is ... é”

2. Cé / Céard atá sa phictiúr?

Who/ What is in the picture?

Answers to can be given as “Tá ... sa ...” (There is/ (Someone) is...in...) *ex.* Tá Mímí sa phictiúr.

3. Inis dom faoin seomra folctha.

Tell me about the bathroom.

Child should tell as much as possible about what is in the picture.

4. Céard atá ar an urlár?

What is on the floor?

Answers to can be given as “Tá ... ar an ...” (There is...on...)

Week 1 Day 2

1. An bhfuil ... ag ...?

Does...have...?

2. Cé atá fliuch? Cé atá tirim? Cé atá sásta?

Who is wet? Who is dry? Who is happy?

3. Cá bhfuil an lacha, an madra, an cat?

Where is the duck, the dog, the cat?

Week 1 Day 3

1. An bhfuil bríste, t-léine, tuáille, veist ar Chlóna, ar Neasa?

Does Clóna, Neasa have trousers, a t-shirt, a towel, a vest?

2. An bhfuil bríste, t-léine, tuáille, veist ort ar maidin?

Are you wearing trousers, a t-shirt, a towel, a vest this morning?

3. An maith leat an seomra folctha, galúnach, sobal srl?

Do you like the bathroom, soap, the lather etc?

Week 1 Day 4

Exercise B (pg. 5)

Éist agus abair na focail. Cuir méar ar na focail: fuar, fliuch, fuar agus fliuch, táim fuar agus fliuch, te, tirim, te agus tirim, táim te agus tirim

