

## **Ways a parent can keep up to date with what their child is doing in school....**

- Check the homework journal for homework and notes.
- Listen to your child read aloud each evening.
- Try some of the "Reading with Your Child" tips and guidelines issued to parents and available on our website. [www.stmolaga.scoilnet.ie](http://www.stmolaga.scoilnet.ie)
- Look over your child's homework and classwork and ask your child about their work.
- Ask your child about their work in different subjects.... Tell me what you learned in Maths/Irish etc. this week?
- What do they find easy? What do they find difficult?
- When working on Maths with your child ask him or her to explain how they got an answer. If they cannot solve a maths problem, try rewriting the maths problem using simple numbers and let them try again.
- Check for written work and tests completed in school.
- Check out the school blog at [www.stmolaga.scoilnet.ie](http://www.stmolaga.scoilnet.ie) to see all the different activities that take place in school.
- Please contact the class teacher by writing a note in the homework journal if you need any information in regard to your child's work or progress.

## Gaeilge do Thuismitheoirí

Why not try using a few phrases in Irish with your children at home?

Here are a few suggestions that you could use perhaps when dropping or collecting the children from school.

We will put a few with each newsletter home so you can build up a little “stór focal” to use.

We have included a rough pronunciation guide, but bear in mind that this isn't 100% accurate as the sounds of Irish are different to the sounds of English. For example, in Irish many “t”s and “d”s have a softer sound than in English, more like “th”. So here we go, and remember: **“Tús maith, leath na hoibre”** (Thews moh, la na hibre - A good start is half the work!)

**Dia dhuit.** (Dee-a gwith). Hello.

**Conas atá tú?** (Kunas a-thaw thew\*). How are you?

**An bhfuil tuirse ort?** (On vwill theer-sha earth?) Are you tired?

**Faigh do mhála.** (Fie\* thuh\* vawla). Get your bag.

**Cá bhfuil do mhála?** (Kaw vwill thuh\* vawla?) Where's your bag?

**Isteach sa charr anois.** (Is-chock sa kawr\* anish). Into the car now!

**Brostaigh ort!** (Brus-thig earth!) Hurry up!

**An bhfuil a lán obair bhaile agat?** (On vwill a lawn uber volya a-gooth\*)

**Slán leat!** (Slawn lath) Bye bye.

\* “thew” rhymes with “few”, “fie” as in “tie”, “thuh” just like “duh!” but with a softer d, the aw of “kawr” as in “law” and the oo of “gooth” as in the word “book”.

