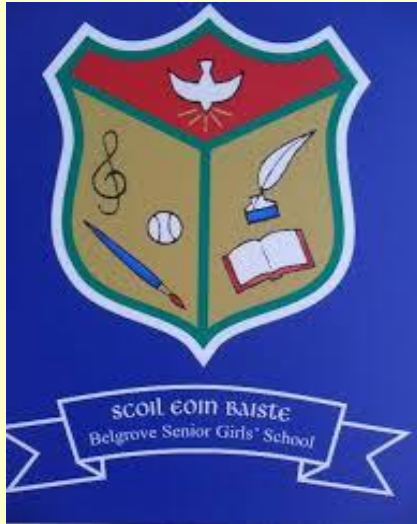




4th Class
2020-2021

Mrs Daly
Ms McCarthy
Ms Duffy

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM FOURTH CLASS TEACHERS



School Requirements

Your child will need the following supplies this year:

1. Pared HB pencils
2. Red pen
3. Coloured pencils and crayons
4. Eraser and pencil sharpener
5. Ruler
6. Pritt Stick
7. 2 whiteboard markers

The pencil case should be left in school

Introduction

Dear Parents,

We welcome you and your daughter to 4th Class. Teachers and pupils alike are all excited to be back in the classroom.

Your daughter should now be becoming more responsible and independent in their learning and in the organisation of their school books and equipment.

A reminder that 4th class arrival time is between 8.40 and 8.50, lessons start at 9am.

We are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable year. Lots of work and lots of fun! ☺

Mrs. Daly, Ms. McCarthy and Ms. Duffy

Class Blog

We use our Class Blogs on the school website to keep parents updated in classroom activities and projects. Click on:

<http://www.belgroveseniorgirls.ie/category/class-blogs/4thclassblogs/>

Homework

This year the girls will have traditional homework ie Mental Maths and also online homework through **Seesaw** and e-books online. This is in effort to reduce the amount of books being brought home and also to help the girls gain the technology skills needed, should there be further restrictions or closures.

4th Class homework should take up to 50 minutes.

Oral homework is as important as written homework. All journals should be signed every night, after checking that homework has been completed accurately. The amount of time spent on homework should also be recorded.

A Seesaw activity will be set every week, to be completed and uploaded by the following week.

English Scheme

We are excited to be using a new English scheme in line with the new language curriculum. Over the Moon is available online

<https://www.gillexplore.ie/gill-explore-resources/over-the-moon-4th-class-skills->

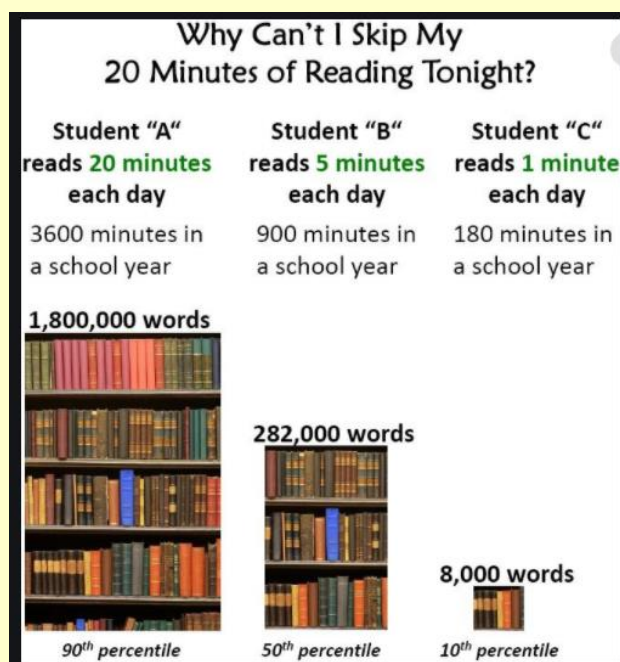
Reading

In 4th class the children should still be encouraged to **read aloud** to you.

We would encourage you to engage in paired or **shared reading** with your daughter as part of her homework. Take turns by reading a page each. Ask your child to predict what she thinks a book might be about, or what she thinks might happen next. At the end of the reading session, question her about the content of what she has read.

Reading material should always be at your child's reading level.

We encourage 15+ minutes reading for pleasure every night after shared reading.



English Writing

We encourage the children to be accurate with sentence structure, punctuation, spellings and grammar.

In order to promote self-expression and fluidity of ideas during creative writing, all mistakes may not be corrected.

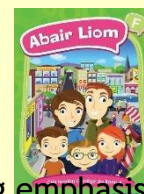
We monitor spelling on a regular basis through dictation exercises.

Handwriting

Written work should be neat, tidy and well presented. At the beginning of the year print writing is the style used by the children in their copies while still practicing cursive writing in their workbooks. When the children are ready they will use cursive writing in their copies. The children will use pencil.

Neat hand writing is expected in classwork, homework and in project work. The neat layout of work is an important skill. This is reinforced in class on a daily basis and should be encouraged at home.

Gaeilge



The revised curriculum has a strong **emphasis** on oral language. Abair Liom is available online. Please use the online recordings to practice reading, this will help with pronunciation.

www.folensonline.ie

Children will be given Irish foclóir and verbs each week to learn as part of obair bhaile.

Maths

Multiplication and division tables will be continuously revised throughout the year. Children must revise their tables on a nightly basis with emphasis on accuracy and speed.

Busy at Maths is available online, you may need to school roll number (17148D) if you are setting up an account for the first time.

www.cjfallon.ie

Healthy Lunches

Children should bring healthy lunches to school and should bring home unfinished lunches. Crisps and fizzy drinks are not allowed. Sweets and chocolate should be discouraged.

Please ensure that your child brings home her recyclable cartons in a plastic bag or in their lunch boxes. A re-useable water bottle with a sip lid which does not spill is recommended!

Communication Requirements

Written notes from parents are necessary in the following circumstances;

- Absence - this needs to be retained by the class teacher therefore please ensure it is on a **separate page**.
- Late arrival
- Leaving early
- Staying in from yard
- Incomplete homework
- Taking medication
- Non-participation in P.E. or classroom activities
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Please email us at:

4thclass2020@belgroveseniorgirls.ie if you have any queries or wish to discuss something with us.

Social Media

Please monitor your child's use of the internet, they should be supervised when online. The HSE recommended Screen Time allowance is 2 hours.

See www.webwise.ie



Assessment

Standardised Tests -The MICRA-T Level 2 Reading Test is usually administered in September and The Sigma-T Maths Test is administered at the end of the school year.

Currently we are awaiting DES guidelines in relation to these.

Class based tests are important ways to communicate, please sign and return to school to keep informed of your daughter's progress.



Seesaw

Our school is using the online platform to help facilitate blended and distance learning. It is a fantastic way for students to submit work and receive feedback from their teachers.



Project Work

Don't Stress! Projects at this stage are usually short. Keep it simple and in the childrens' own words. Encourage neat and tidy presentation.