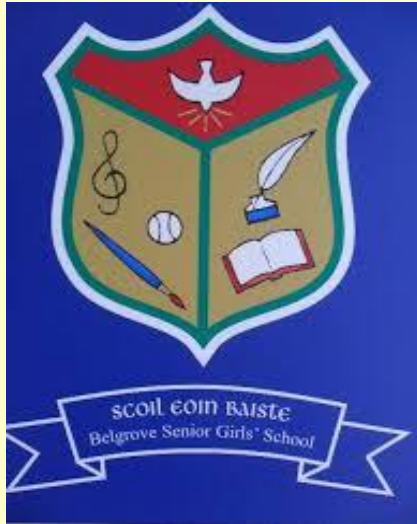




6th Class
2020-2021

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM SIXTH CLASS TEACHERS



Introduction

Dear Parents,

We hope this final year in Belgrove will be an enjoyable and rewarding experience for your daughters. As the senior pupils in the school we look forward to seeing them maturing and taking on new responsibilities and setting a good example for the younger classes. It is an exciting year with such memorable occasions as receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Graduation.

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

Ms. Davey, Ms. Deegan and Ms. Moore.

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/6th-class-blogs/>

School Requirements

Your child will need the following supplies this year:

1. Pens and pencils
2. Colours
3. Eraser and pencil sharpener
4. Ruler
5. Pritt Stick
6. 2 whiteboard markers
7. Highlighters
8. Maths Set

The pencil case must be left in school

Homework

Homework is an essential part of your child's learning. It reinforces what she has learned in class that day. It is important she completes it fully and correctly. In Sixth Class we try to prepare the girls for secondary school by including revision for small tests as part of the homework. We also allow extra time for certain homework tasks (two or three days to complete tasks at home).

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.

All journals should be signed by a parent/guardian every night after checking that homework has been completed accurately.

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-6th-class-skills-book>

Reading

We cannot over-emphasise the **importance of reading**. We would encourage the children to read as much as possible, and expect them to read for at least twenty minutes every night. Reading material should always be at your child's reading level. Read to your child, read with your child (paired reading), let your child read to you. Make it fun!



Spelling

The children are encouraged to learn spelling using the “**Look and Say, Cover, Write, Check**” method. The actual writing down of each spelling using the spelling strategies they have been taught in class, is a very important part of the learning process. Their spellings will be checked on an on-going basis through dictation exercises.

Weekly spellings are taken from Brendan Culligan’s Core Word List. In addition to this each child is maintaining a personal spelling wall.

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.

Handwriting

The system in use is Cursive Writing. Neat handwriting 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. We would encourage each child to use the phrases and vocabulary she learns in school at home. These can be found on the back of the spelling sheet each week.

Please use the online recordings to practice reading, this will help with pronunciation. They can be found on the Folens website: <https://www.folensonline.ie>

Be positive and use the “cúpla focal” whenever possible!

Maths

The Sixth class maths programme is challenging, with problem solving as a central part of the curriculum. Mental Maths and the use of mathematical language are very important. By now children should be proficient at regular tables. Those who have difficulty should revise them as often as possible.

Check your child’s Maths homework each night. If she is having a problem doing it, or has been unable to complete it, please put a note in her Homework Notebook.

Busy at Maths Sixth Class is available online. It can be found on CJ Fallon website: <https://www.cjfallon.ie>

S.P.H.E

S.P.H.E. fosters self-worth and self-confidence and helps the children to develop a sense of personal responsibility for their own behaviour and actions. The children learn about their own rights and responsibilities and the rights and responsibilities of others. As part of the Sixth class RSE programme, the girls will have one session with Accord counsellors, generally in November. Accord have postponed their school visit for the foreseeable future. We hope they will be able to visit in the new year. We recommend that you familiarise yourself with the programme - <http://www.pdst.ie/primary/RSE>. Children will also engage in the Webwise programme. Information can be found at www.webwise.ie

Religion

We are continuing with Grow in Love programme in class. If you wish to engage with the Home-School Links you can register on www.growinlove.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 written on a separate sheet, not in the Homework Journal

- Absence
- Lateness
- Leaving early
- Staying in from yard

All journals should be signed every night after checking that homework has been completed accurately.

Please email us at:
6thclass2020@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

Please remind your daughter that phones are prohibited on school grounds. Mobile Phones/Devices Policy can be found on the school website.

Assessment

Standardised Tests -The MICRA-T Reading Test is usually administered in September. The Sigma-T Maths Test and Drumcondra Reading Tests are 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.

