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Welcome...

to the February issue of **info@ncca**, keeping you up to date with what's new in the NCCA.

Senior cycle

Senior cycle is currently undergoing a significant phase of review. Features of this work include the development of more flexible programmes of learning, outcomes-based syllabuses for subjects and short courses, the development of key skills and new ways of assessing.

Vote for the Curriculum Planning Tool in the eGovernment awards



The Primary Curriculum Planning Tool has been shortlisted for two *Ireland eGovernment Awards 2011*, in the categories for **Education** and **Irish Language** sites, and is also nominated for a **People's**

Choice award. Please visit the **eGovernment People's Choice Awards** and give us your vote. There's still time!

You can try the tool for yourself at www.curriculumonline.ie/primaryplanningtool.

Research reports available online

A further five reports (Nos. 8 to 12) in the NCCA Research Report series are now available to download through **Publications**. Titles include *Primary Curriculum Review Phase 1*, *Reporting to Parents in Primary School*, and *Standardised Testing in Lower Secondary Education*. You can also access the final reports of two phases of research on Science in Primary Schools.

Assessment for Learning

Are you a primary teacher looking for practical ideas on how to make greater use of assessment to support children's learning? Or, perhaps you want some support for making judgements about children's learning? Check out the new **Supporting teacher judgement: Assessment for Learning** pages on **ACTION** including samples of children's work and an **Assessment for Learning toolkit**.



Junior Cycle consultation

Many thanks to everyone who took the opportunity to submit their ideas, comments and suggestions to the consultation on the *Innovation and Identity: Ideas for a new Junior Cycle* paper. The findings of the consultation will be published online, along with the submissions we have received, so keep an eye on the NCCA website – it's always worth a visit!

Primary School Curriculum: Mapping the way forward

What is a primary education for? How does a curriculum support teachers to enable children become the people they have the potential to be? In 2011 we find ourselves facing significant challenges and opportunities in primary education and the NCCA will be simultaneously returning to, and welcoming discussion on the key questions. Visit the [Primary School Curriculum](#) section of our website for more information.

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