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Leagan Gaeilge

Welcome...

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

Conference website

[CHILDREN* their lives their learning](http://www.childrentheirlivestheirlearning.ie)

Visit our special, new website,

www.childrentheirlivestheirlearning.ie, where you will find video podcasts from a cross section of professionals, writers, educationalists and business and media people. Each speaker offers a unique perspective on children and their lives in Ireland in 2011 and the kinds of primary schools we need. It's food for thought as we begin an exciting phase of work to develop an integrated language curriculum for primary schools.



The site is being launched in conjunction with a conference of the same name to be held in early May. The conference, organised jointly by NCCA and Colaiste Mhuire Marino, will be addressed by President Mary McAleese and will feature a keynote address by Professor Robin Alexander, Director of the Cambridge

Primary Review.

NCCA wins eGovernment award!



Many thanks to all who voted for the **Curriculum Planning Tool**, developed by the NCCA, which won the People's Choice category in the eGovernment Ireland Awards 2011.

Junior cycle

consultation findings

So what do people think about the developments at junior cycle? Find out by going to the **Junior Cycle Developments** page on our website where you can also read the submissions and watch an overview presentation.

Feedback from the consultation is currently informing the development of a Draft Framework for Junior Cycle, on which you will have a chance to give your thoughts and comments in the near future.

Better literacy and numeracy for children and young



people

The NCCA has submitted a response to the Department of Education and Skills draft plan to improve literacy and numeracy. Download the [submission](#) here.

Supporting progress in Irish

We've been recording examples of children's learning in Gaeilge and you can watch videos of the emerging stories on the [Primary School Network](#) pages of our website.

Flexible learning profiles

[Read about](#) how six schools have been exploring ways that they can improve the learning experience for their senior cycle students.

Innovation happens: classrooms as sites of change

Have you thought about innovation happening in real classrooms and early years settings? We have been asking questions about innovation in a [video and paper](#) which aim to put schools back in the picture... and the conversation!

Senior cycle

Senior cycle is currently undergoing a significant phase of review. To stay informed about all developments, click on the link to our [Senior Cycle](#) web pages.

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