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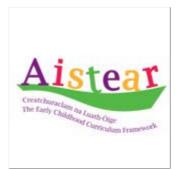
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Junior cycle changes

Junior Cycle is changing. For regular updates, visit www.ncca.ie/juniorcycle.
Or, sign up for email updates by emailing newsletter@ncca.ie. Just put 'Junior Cycle' in the subject line.



What's new in the *Aistear* Toolkit?

Teaching junior and/or senior infants? You might be interested in the new podcast, *Language* development in the preschool year by Dr Anne McGough.







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What's New

Towards a new language curriculum for primary schools

Read the <u>audit of language objectives</u> in the *Primary School Curriculum* (1999) and language goals in *Aistear* (2009) and discover to what extent they could inform learning outcomes for the new language curriculum.

Junior cycle

We would welcome feedback on the <u>toolkit for Level 2 learning programmes</u>. These programmes are due to be introduced as part of the changes, in 2014. Please click 'feedback' on the web page and fill in the comments box, or email <u>denise.kelly@ncca.ie</u>.

Maths resources for parents

Do you have parent/teacher meetings coming up? Perhaps you'd like to share some ideas about how parents can support their children's maths learning at home?

Our <u>maths tip sheets</u> for junior infants to 2nd class are now available in Chinese, French, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian and Russian. And don't forget the videos and podcasts.

They feature parents and children in their own homes and are full of useful ideas.

Aistear toolkit

<u>Play tip sheets</u> for parents are now available in six more languages—Chinese, French, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian and Russian.

Towards an integrated language curriculum in Early Childhood and Primary Education

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