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A weekly discussion involving Irish & World educators. This week's topic: "How should Irish be taught in school? Should it be two tiered? Tier 1 - Focussing on Oral / Written Fluency. Tier 2 Advanced study of Irish." Mon 11th June, 2012



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Aidan [#edchatie](#) cartoonist comic publisher and interested in Irish language and all languages really

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Fáilte - Fred Boss is ainm dom. Art teacher with NCTE, now officially a part of PDST -

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[@AnGaeilgeoir1](#) I'm not sure if it can be implemented - students not seeing where it goes after force-fed in school [#edchatie](#)

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[@henrymartin1](#) Welcome along [#edchatie](#)

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[@fboss](#) better than it has benn taught for the past 30 years [#edchatie](#)

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Proinsias anseo. First timer on this sort of thing too. watching with interest[#edchatie](#)

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Pam in Tipp, Maths lecturer. Not sure I can contribute much to tonight's chat[#Edchatie](#)

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RT @cmccoy605: @fboss @angaeilgeoir1 problem starts at early age.Each teacher has to teach an hour of Irish. #edchatie

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#edchatie Laurence Cuffe, listening in, its not my area, though it is an interest

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Mary. Primary teacher, degree n Irish. Putting youngest to bed- will b in and out:-) #edchatie

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@cmccoy605 You need to add in #edchatie to each of your tweets so that they appear to everyone in the discussion

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RT @cmccoy605: One properly qualified Irish teacher in each primary/national school should go to each class and teach Irish. #edchatie

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#Edchatie Hellie primary sub went to school through Irish

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Different approach. People on @TG4TV have helped tease people into using the language more. Also stand out individuals/projects #edchatie

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RT @cmccoy605: Lang teach requires quite specialised skills #edchatie

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• RT [@cmccoy605](#): [@fboss](#) [@angaelgeoir1](#) ...if teacher not confident/enthused about the language, students will pick up on that [#edchatie](#)

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• "[@7MJB](#): I believe we should concentrate more on spoken Irish [#edchatie](#)" I AGREE It is a language after all!

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• Surely all Primary teachers are properly qualified to teach Irish [#edchatie](#)

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• There needs to be (again personal experience from other languages) a click moment where there is a payoff [#edchatie](#) when someone gets a kick

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• [@7MJB](#) [#edchatie](#), it would probably help. My German and my French are both a lot better on much shorter teaching time. Culture is an issue

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• [@cmccoy605](#) No apologies needed - it takes a bit of getting used to. I left out the [#edchatie](#) when I intro'ed myself & had to do it again

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• Hate to say, but it's not seen as a cool language- need better role models for the kids. [#edchatie](#)

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@fboss @cmccoy605 @angaeilgeoir1 I'd agree re: confident /enthused teacher #edchatie

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Rt @m2thefizzle The chn love Irish up to 3/4 th class- so what goes wrong then? #edchatie << agree!

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#edchatie Emma, Tipp, educational researcher, former Tefl teacher (Germany & Ireland). Think the most important issue is WHY we teach Irish.

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@m2thefizzle The chn love Irish up to 3/4 th class- so what goes wrong then? <- is it all down to how it's taught? #edchatie

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#edchatie Practise with Gaelscéal! <http://t.co/SaP16Dkj> - in the shops every Wednesday morning

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@gaelsceal Excellent paper. #edchatie Fresh.

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The use of drama seems to spur the chn on to learning phrases n irish for performing for the others n class #edchatie

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Not all primary teachers suitably qualified to teach Irish. negativity towards the language by them picked up on by primary kids. #edchatie

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• RT [@fboss](#): <- is it all down to how it's taught? Yes- more written work at that stage. No written work up to second class [#edchatie](#)

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• [#edchatie](#) Is it for culture & identity or is it for language skills (or both)?

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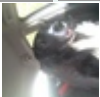
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• [@m2thefizzle](#) Agree Mary. Children love drama and doing a simple Irish play is really great for the class [#edchatie](#)

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Also kids moan about when are they going to use it again. I used more Irish in Canada backpacking with Canadians abroad [#edchatie](#)

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[@7MJB](#) A primary teacher born and trained in UK didnt do Irish at primary, might pass the Céim exam. Doesnt have foundation or love [#edchatie](#)

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[@Potuama](#) Spot on!!!! [#edchatie](#) You don't encourage kids by telling them they are wrong. You don't say that to a baby either. You carry on

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I have a weekly phrase on the notice board that all classes try to use for the week as often as they can. [#edchatie](#)

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Maybe lack of encouragement from parents is also a factor? [#Edchatie](#)

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• [#edchatie](#) I feel it should be taught for fun, project & cont assess. based, no terminal exam (controversial) unless chosen as a LC subject.

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• [@CuffeL](#) [@cmccoy605](#) "still memorizing paragraphs for the essay" <- My son just done the same. [#edchatie](#)

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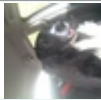
• We also need to cut out the useless workbooks. Infants' one is only a colouring bk, seniors are only filling blanks [#edchatie](#)

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• [@m2thefizzle](#) It may not have been but that is changing. If you ever watch S4C the Welsh Rugby team take part in programmes [#edchatie](#)

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• [@fboss](#) dont agree about it not being cool, motivate them to take ownership of the language [#edchatie](#)

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• [@cmccoy605](#) [@7MJB](#) Could Primaries not operate like Secondary & the "Irish" teacher is swapped around. Other subjects too? [#edchatie](#)

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• [@m2thefizzle](#) We need something similar here too [#edchatie](#) Welsh is not exactly the (and for anyone reading I like Welsh) biggest language

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• [@fboss](#) Did a TP where Irish culture promoted by Principal, spoken in staffroom like a Gaelscoil, filtered out to classrooms [#edchatie](#)

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RT @Potuama: any attempt to speak Irish should be encouraged and make lots of mistakes too. AGREE - mistakes required! #edchatie

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@m2thefizzle But it has some great people fronting it #edchatie and variety sure Fireman Sam was an S4C Welsh language product.

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@henrymartin1 That's a great way to promote a language in a school. Ownership seen by all = important in school #edchatie

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#edchatie Rozz Lewis, principal in Carlow. My own views tonight though!

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RT @fboss <-True, but there's moments. TG4 can be good > yes, but quite difficult for primary schools #edchatie

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@fboss @cmccoy605 I'm sure the teacher could be swapped, we do it for other subjects, but I'd prefer to teach my class myself #edchatie

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Get a kid to write their favourite punchline? Or stuff like that. #edchatie I feel a bit out of me depth here haha.

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@fboss is there any online component to Irish language ed? or do stus attend regular/special language schools? (my recollection) #edchatie

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OK - Elephant in the room. Irish @ home -not really used by the majority. Home is where the heart is= cardiac arrest for Gaeilge? #edchatie

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Rt @cmccoy605 @7MJB focus solely on speaking in first few years. Nobody made us write English before we could speak it #edchatie << agree!

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• That's why I thought comics would be good. I read Dutch and French comics and it's about the verbal as there are speech balloons [#edchatie](#)

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• [@tbbrwn](#) Irish is compulsory until you leave the school system in Ireland (or you have a dispensation from Dept of Ed) [#edchatie](#)

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• As well as visual. If I can laugh at a gag and I have bad Dutch I can pick up bits of the language here and there [#edchatie](#)

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• [@fboss](#) 100% workable but needs leadership from Principal, and appetite from fellow staff. [#edchatie](#)

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• It is also why Buntús Cainte has been working for people for so long. There was also a visual aspect [#edchatie](#)

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• [@fboss](#) gotcha...built into all curriculum, required class, summer course? can kids take it online? [#edchatie](#)

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• [@fboss](#) I'd have to agree re: Irish at home [#edchatie](#)

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• [@fboss](#) Kids need downtime from school. Teachers need downtime from school. They dont discuss Maths or Science at home [#edchatie](#)

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• I encourage parents to speak some Irish words/phrases at home. If they start when chn are young then it will be easy to keep it up [#edchatie](#)

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[@fboss](#) [#edchatie](#) I didn't speak French at home, but I ended up being able to read a book, or watch a movie in it So wheres the problem

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• [@cmccoy605](#) Also a more-than-fair point too. So, what's the difference? How they're taught? How they're learned? [#edchatie](#)

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• It's when we introduce the writing things change - they find essays next to impossible and grammar v difficult. [#edchatie](#)

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• [@fboss](#) Yet students become proficient in other languages. Parental involvement helps but att. of peers&appeal of culture a factor [#edchatie](#)

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• teach in a DEIS school.. def no Irish being used at home. Teachers must lead the way and try and be innovative. [#edchatie](#)

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• [@m2thefizzle](#) I still have nightmares about the Irish grammar rules! [#edchatie](#)

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• [@m2thefizzle](#) I remember trying to get my head around the "Tuiseal Ginideach" in school alright (never big into grammar) [#edchatie](#)

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• Spraoiville online is good as a starting point at home. If school is registered, it only costs €10 a year per family at home. [#edchatie](#)

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• [@betaburns](#) [@fboss](#) I think it comes back to a lack of seeing where it might be useful [#edchatie](#)

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• [@fboss](#) sry for the litany of Qs...would love to learn irish language but no training avail close (<100 miles). [#edchatie](#)

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• [@fboss](#) [@m2thefizzle](#) it was the Tuiseal Ginideach that caused most of the nightmares! [#edchatie](#)

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• We use [@spraoville](#) n all classes n school- online n with interactive board. [#edchatie](#)

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• [@tbbrwn](#) IS there an online course? You could try = <http://t.co/YS8Zjq3B>(they have a few others too) [#edchatie](#)

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• Simon Lewis, principal Carlow ETNS [#edchatie](#)

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• [@tbbrwn](#) Not really an online thing in this country for the students anyway. Up to teacher how it's built in too [#edchatie](#)

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#edchatie @TgLurgan have exceptional online resources making Irish relevant!

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@fboss Kids need to see their heroes using it on TV. Kids copy 'Cool' things.#edchatie

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RT @AnGaeilgeoir1: #edchatie why not teach more fun subjects like PE and Drama through Irish!!

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Ooops - available for #edchatie for the first time in weeks, and then forgot!

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@henrymartin1 What about peers too. That's the next group in importance after home & school @ Primary level #edchatie

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@AnGaeilgeoir1 We do! #edchatie

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#edchatie Looking from the outside in pupils in the North picking up Irish @11can leave school fluent after 7 years. Focus on speaking!

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@AnGaeilgeoir1 Very good idea. Or subtly introduce it. Use products they can identify with #edchatie

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#edchatie Most schools teach religion to 6thyr but not all Ss take it as an exam. Removing compuls. exam cd allow Ss to enjoy not fear Irish

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Isn't the elephant in the room that Irish is not spoken generally in Ireland? On census Irish now 3rd language of Ireland #edchatie

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[#edchatie](#) Marie here. Apologies I'm late.

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[@fboss](#) [@tbbrwn](#) from my experience through my kids in primary it often comes down to teachers interest and enthusiasm for Irish [#edchatie](#)

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[@emernowlan](#) Welcome/Fáilte -> discussing "How to teach Irish" on [#edchatietonight](#)

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The Welsh experience would suggest that Gaeilge might be more popular / successful if it wasn't compulsory. [#edchatie](#)

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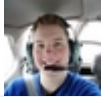
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My emphasis in Gaeilge is on spoken Gaeilge. And we talk about the things the boys are interested in - peil, sacar, iománaíocht...[#edchatie](#)

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RT [@CoimicGael](#): I think we (and I am no expert) we must encourage bilinguism. Like the Welsh then hit fluency. [#edchatie](#)

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[@simonmlewis](#) yep. Have to agree. One of the reasons Irish is so difficult to teach is cos we don't speak it here! [#edchatie](#)

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We're halfway through [#edchatie](#) tonight Any thoughts on: Irish as 2-tiered? 1: Focus on Oral/Written Fluency. 2: Advanced study of Irish

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[@fboss](#) Peers copycat Heroes. Heroes sow the seed. A number 1 Xmas hit 'As Gaeilge' would be a good start [#edchatie](#)

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• [#edchatie](#) Those who have an aptitude could take it to exam level, but that would be a choice. Remove the fear & Irish might be better embraced

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• [@simonmlewis](#) and even then I wonder how many people exaggerate their comfort with / use of Irish [#edchatie](#)

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• I know a good few primary teachers, some love teaching Irish, some don't mind & some hate it & openly admit they'd avoid it. [#edchatie](#) [#inconsistent](#)

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• [@pamelaaobrien](#) [@fboss](#) [@tbbwrn](#) I think that's true of most languages. Learner relationship with teacher seems to matter a lot. [#edchatie](#)

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• [@emernowlan](#) maybe? We studied in Abersythwyth & most of town genuinely spoke Welsh over English. Easy sell. [#edchatie](#)

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• [@emernowlan](#) [@fboss](#) [@tbbwrn](#) happens with other subjects too but apathy towards Irish doesn't help either [#edchatie](#)

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• I think we have to work more closely with parents & remove the stigma that parents have about the teanga. [#edchatie](#)

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• [@pamelaaobrien](#) [@simonmlewis](#) [#edchatie](#) a lot!

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I will be first to admit my Irish isn't perfect. But the encouragement that I have seen compared to a few years ago is massive [#edchatie](#)

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• [@fboss](#) can we just make it optional and leave it at that [#edchatie](#)

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• [@Sarah_Rua](#) That sounds like people in general. Good to hear that though as you can be guaranteed the students are the same :-) [#edchatie](#)

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• How about Facebook time, but only if posts are in Irish? Texting allowed in School, but only through Irish? [#edchatie](#)

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• [@betaburns](#) I totally agree- it shouldn't b compulsory for LC - maybe just to JC . Not fair on weaker students. [#edchatie](#)

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• RT [@Maria_Aylward](#): I think we have to work more closely with parents & remove the stigma that parents have about the teanga. [#edchatie](#)

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• Attitude has changed which is amazing. No longer is the whole 'I feel stupid if I try mentality' is going. [#edchatie](#)

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• [#edchatie](#) think the focus should be on the oral, gain a comfort level and enjoyment

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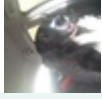
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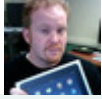
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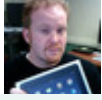
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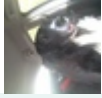
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• [#edchatie](#) Irish secondary course needs serious revamping,40% is great for oral but literature themes suit middle aged teachers not teenagers

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• I refereed a hurling match in our school recently enough agus bhí mé ag caint as Gaeilge beagnach an tam go léir. Cúl, cúilín etc..[#edchatie](#)

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• [@tbbrwn](#) it's about priorities for me and unfortunately Irish comes after other things but maybe it could be used differently [#edchatie](#)

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• [@fboss](#) I will do indeed. I reckon most schools will be able to access Google Chrome no problem on their systems [#edchatie](#)

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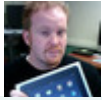
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• [@fboss](#) Also we have been working on bringing out a weekly webcomic but it won't be up till September [#edchatie](#) Free weekly hopefully

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• [@fboss](#) [@dermotcasey](#) [#edchatie](#) the younger you start a second language the better you are subsequent languages

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• Educators - it's well worth following the [#edchatie](#) hashtag

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• [#edchatie](#) it may also be that we aren't teaching English properly. V hard to understand Modh Conn. etc when you don't know the English equiv

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• [@AnGaeilgeoir1](#) Can you add in the link please? [#edchatie](#)

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• [@Maria_Aylward](#) Do check it out on <http://t.co/4hKX2tXT> with [@TG4TV](#) it is one of the funniest shows on tv. [#edchatie](#)

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• [@betaburns](#) [#edchatie](#) too driven by grammar. How often do we use Modh Conn or Present Habitual. Give students ability to talk grammar should

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• [#edchatie](#) immersion schools really work. What about making it compulsory to have one year at least as gaeilge at some stage ?

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• [@mariesynnot](#) Sure. Can I get Mandrin or German lessons for kids. :-)[#edchatie](#)

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• The [#edchatie](#) transcript will be available tomorrow over here: <http://t.co/i35TU65e> Go raibh maith agaibh for [#edchatie](#) tonight

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• [@CharliSolo](#) [#edchatie](#) totally agree! my kids are in a gaelscoil, and immersion has worked really well!

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• [@fbooss](#) Béim ar an caint. Talk about the stuff they want to talk about. I do their news from the weekend as Gaelige. [#edchatie](#)

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• very difficult in 2nd level to get students engaged with Irish,if that is not carried on from primary [#edchatie](#)

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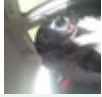
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• [#edchatie](#) Some great resources, songs, videos and Lyrics here <http://t.co/vNQY9GOs>. Courtesy of [@TgLurgan](#)

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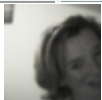
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