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Learner Agency and the PLC

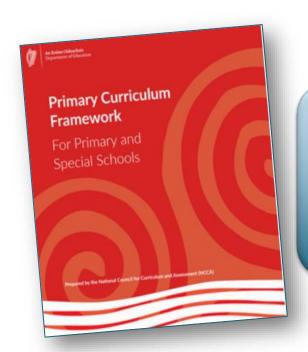
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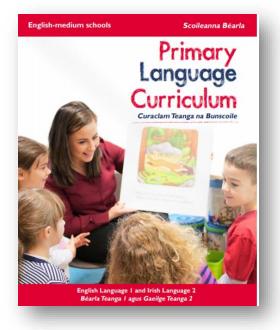
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Deepen understanding of Learner Agency

Provide teachers
with strategies and ideas
to prioritise learner
agency to
support language learning



Power of Listening Cumhacht na hÉisteachta



Being heard is so close to being loved that for the average person they are almost indistinguishable. 99

- David Augsberger, Fuller Theological Seminary



Think of a time when you were listened to and heard. How did this experience make you feel?



Article 12 of the UNCRC Airteagal 12 de CNACL



I have the right to be listened to, and taken seriously



When adults are making decisions that affect me, I have a right to say what I think and be listened to.



I have a right for my views to help inform decisions about what happens to me, at home, in school, in my community and in my country.



Adults should support me so that I can give my views in a way that is best for me to do so.

Participation Framework



Rannpháirtíocht Leanaí agus Daoine Óga

sa Chinnteoireacht

SPACE: Children and young people must be given safe, inclusive opportunities to form and express their views

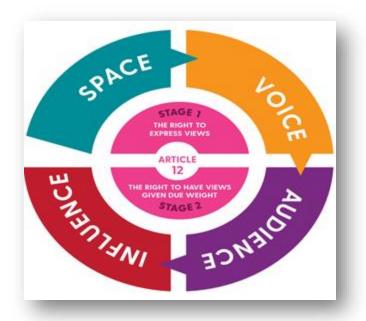
VOICE: Children and young people must be facilitated to express their views

AUDIENCE: The views must be listened to

INFLUENCE: The views must be acted upon as appropriate

(Lundy, 2007)

Where can learners give input in your school?



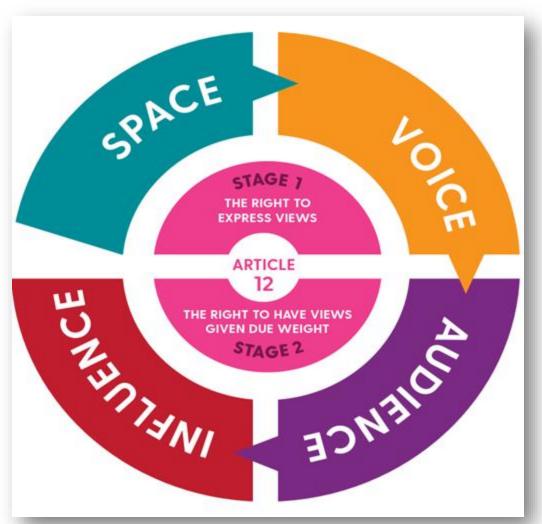


Listening in School

Ag Éisteacht ar scoil

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Macro Space:
Development of
Policy & design
of Services



Micro Space:
Daily Teaching
& Learning in
the Classroom

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PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships and collaboration between schools, families, and communities enrich and extend children's learning by acknowledging and supporting their lives in and out of school.

PEDAGOGY

Teachers use appropriate and evidence-based pedagogical approaches and strategies to foster children's engagement, ownership, and challenge. Such pedagogical approaches and strategies connect with children's life experience, circumstances, strengths, and interests.

RELATIONSHIPS

Caring relationships within the school community support and impact positively on children's engagement, motivation, and learning.

ASSESSMENT

Children's prior learning, self-worth, and identity are built upon as they move from home to preschool and on to junior infants, and as they progress through primary school. This provides important foundations for learning as they move to post-primary school.

Figure 1: Principles of learning, teaching, and assessment

LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Children's learning is shaped and nurtured by the physical environment, indoors and outdoors. These diverse environments encourage children's independence, and stimulate and support their learning across the curriculum.

PRINCIPLES OF LEARNING, TEACHING, AND

Children are active and demonstrate agency as the capacity to act independently and to make choices about and in their learning. Curriculum experiences provide them with opportunities for decision-making, creativity, and collaboration.

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION & DIVERSITY

Inclusive education provides

for equity of opportunity and

Inclusive education celebrates

diversity and responds to the uniqueness of every child.

ENGAGEMENT & PARTICIPATION

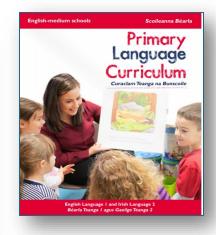
participation in children's learning.

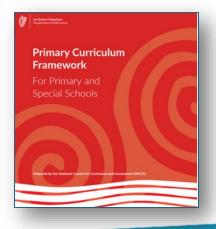
TRANSITIONS & CONTINUITY ASSESSMENT & PROGRESSION

Meaningful assessment is collaborative and integral to high-quality learning and teaching. Involving children, teachers, parents, and others, it provides information which enhances teaching and informs and supports progression in children's learning across the curriculum.

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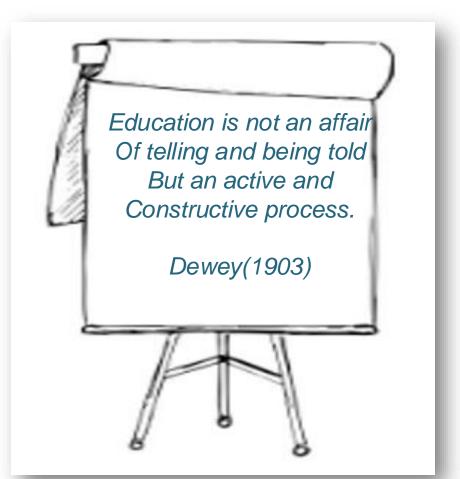




What is Learner Agency? Céard é Gníomhaireacht an Fhoghlaimeora?









Tacú leis an bhFoghlaim Ghairmiúil i measc Ceannairí Scoile agus Múinteoirí Supporting the Professional Learning of School Leaders and Teachers

Vaughn's Model of Learner Agency Múnla Vaughn ar Ghníomaireacht an Fhoghlaimeora





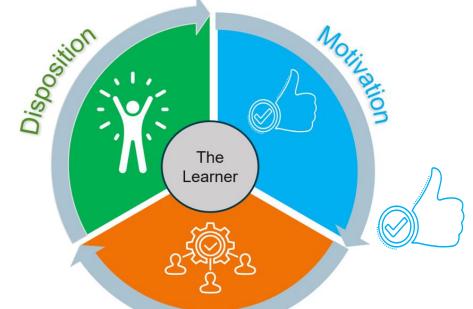
Activating Learner Agency (Vaughn)

Ag Múscailt Gníomhaireacht an

Fhoghlaimeora







Motivation / Inspreagadh Learners want to act on this agency.

Position



Position / Seasamh

Learners have opportunities to **exercise** this agency.

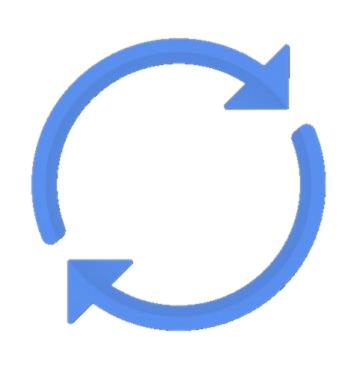
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Ag Spreagadh Gníomhaireacht an Fhoghlaimeora









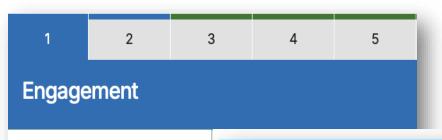


Vaughn

Activities to Support: Disposition



Gníomhaíochtaí a thacaíonn le: Meoin



Stage 1

Junior & Senior Infants

Through appropriately playful and engaging learning experiences, children should be able to

Attend to, take part in and enjoy list the meaning and interpretation of v others, recognising themselves as

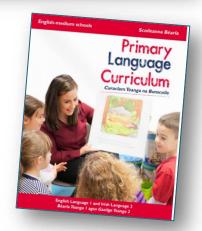
Discover and explore texts in variou

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The child...

enjoys interpreting text and illustration and shares these while listening to and questioning others' interpretations. "Text" defined as:
oral, gesture, sign,
written, visual, using
Picture Exchange
communication System
(PECS), objects of
reference, Braille,
actile, electronic, digital
and/or multimodal

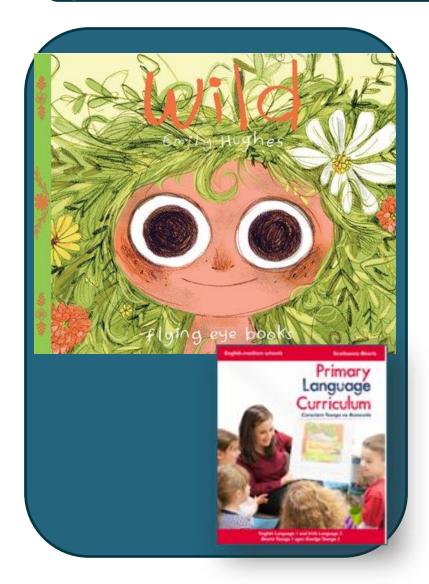






Activities to Support: Disposition Gníomhaíochtaí a thacaíonn le: Meoin







Activities to Support: Motivation Gníomhaíochtaí a thacaíonn le: Inspreagadh



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Motivation and choice

Stage 1

Junior & Senior Infants

Through appropriately playful and engaging learning experiences, children should be able to

Choose, read and communicate about text in a range of genres and languages for pleasure and interest.

Stage 2

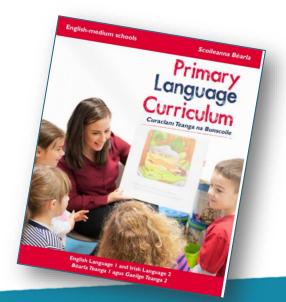
1st & 2nd Class

Through appropriately playful and engaging learning experiences, children should be able to

Choose, read and communicate about text in a range of genres and languages for pleasure, interest and specific purposes.

i The child...

chooses and engages with texts for specific purposes and evaluates texts with a purpose/ project in mind.



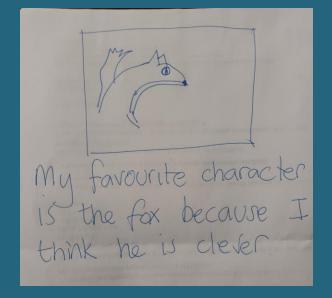
Activities to Support: Motivation Gníomhaíochtaí a thacaíonn le: Inspreagadh





Sharing your character: Gallery walk





Activities to Support: Position Gníomhaíochtaí a thacaíonn le: Seasamh



Response and author's intent

Stage 1

Junior & Senior Infants

Through appropriately playful and engaging learning experiences, children should be able to

Stage 2

1st & 2nd Class

Through appropriately playful and engaging learning experiences, children should be able to

Stage 3

3rd & 4th Class

Through appropriately playful and engaging learning experiences, children should be able to

Stage 4

Fifth and Sixth class

Through appropriately engaging learning experiences, children should be able to

Discuss and share thoughts and opinions on texts in a range of genres across the curriculum. Consider and discuss author's intent.



Compare, contrast and critically reflect on the intent of different authors and discuss various interpretations of text in a wide range of genres.



Progression steps

The child...

expresses thoughts, feelings and opinions in relation to a text and gives reasons for their opinions based on the information provided in the text.

The child...

begins to identify, with support and direction, the author's intent and discusses the point of view being presented in a text.

Begins to use evidence from the text to support their views

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The child...

expresses personal opinions about texts and about the ideas presented in texts.

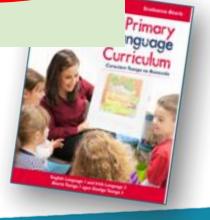
identifies the author's point of view presented in a text. Uses evidence from the text to support their views.

The child...

explains their understanding and interpretation of a text, justifying their responses logically, referring to evidence in the text and discussing the author's intent and point of view.

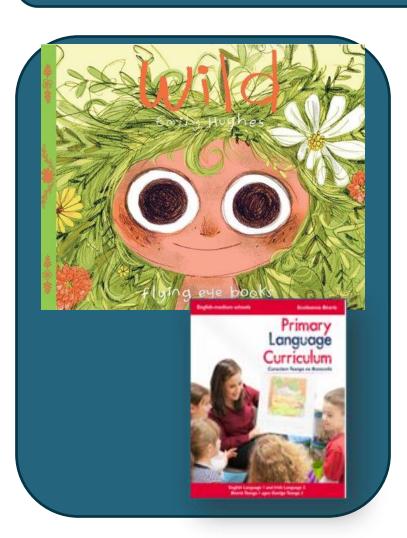
The child...

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Activities to Support: Position Gníomhaíochtaí a thacaíonn le: Seasamh





Aontaím I agree Walking Debate:
Children move as the
fishbowl statements are
read aloud

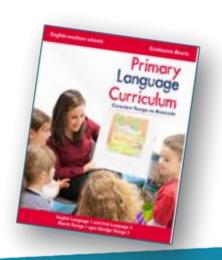
The family were kind to rescue her...

Ní aontaím/ I disagree

Any thoughts? Smaointe eile?







Activities to Support: Disposition Gníomhaíochtaí a thacaíonn le: Meoin



Engagement

Stage 1

Junior & Senior Infants

Through appropriately playful and engaging learning experiences, children should be able to

Attend to, take part in and have fun mark-making, drawing and writing, across languages where appropriate, to communicate with others.

Stage 2

1st & 2nd Class

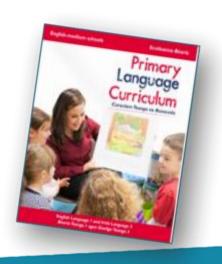
Through appropriately playful and engaging learning experiences, children should be able to

Take part in and enjoy writing, across languages where appropriate, to communicate with others.

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The child...

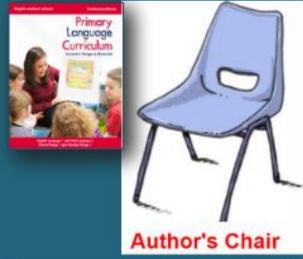
enjoys writing in a wider range of genres, exploring his/her own style, adding detail to ideas and verbally discussing these with others.

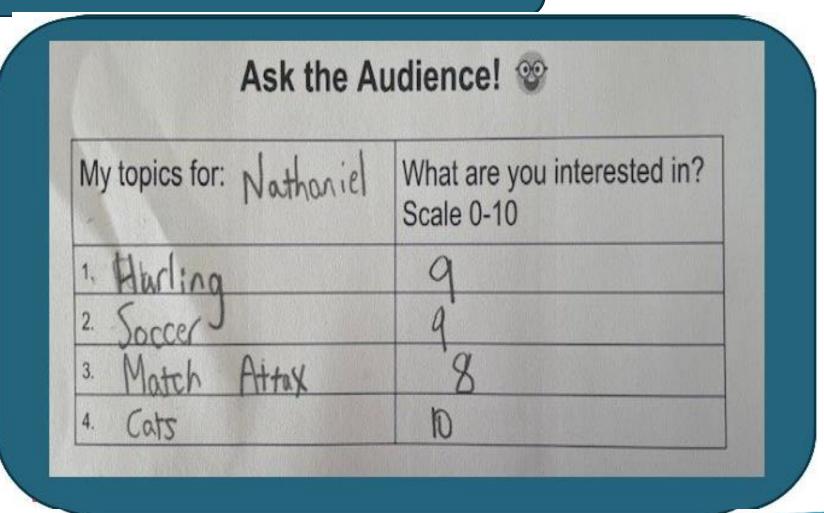


Activities to Support: Disposition Gníomhaíochtaí a thacaíonn le: Meoin









Activities to Support: Motivation Gníomhaíochtaí a thacaíonn le: Inspreagadh



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Purpose, genre, and voice

Stage 1

Junior & Senior Infants

Through appropriately playful and engaging learning experiences, children should be able to

Stage 2

1st & 2nd Class

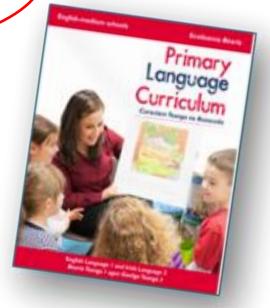
Through appropriately playful and engaging learning experiences, children should be able to

Draw and write with a Sense of purpose & audience

Draw and write with a sense of purpose and audience while creating texts in a range of genres and other languages where appropriate.

Explore and use the typical text structure and language features associated with a variety of genres.

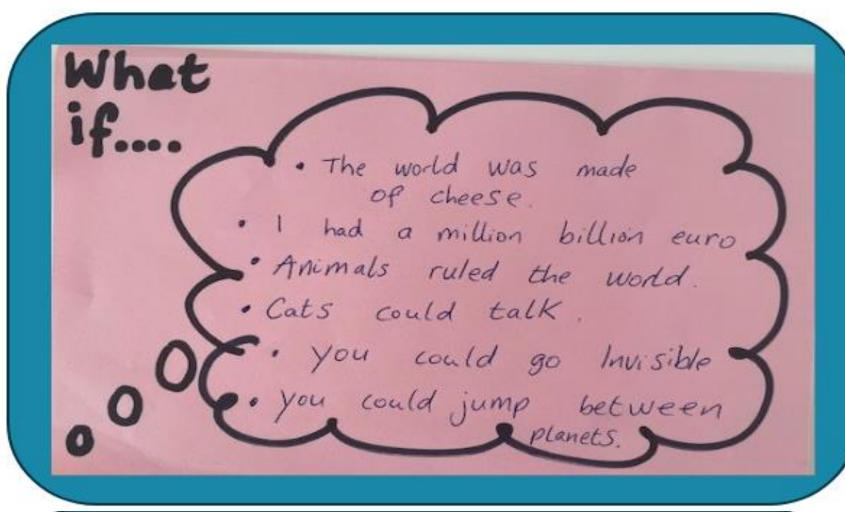
Develop an individual voice to share their thoughts, knowledge and experiences.



Activities to Support: Motivation Gníomhaíochtaí a thacaíonn le: Inspreagadh







Activities to Support: Position Gníomhaíochtaí a thacaíonn le: Seasamh

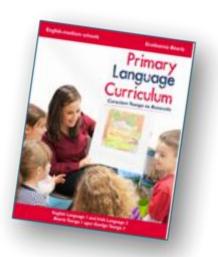
for a variety of purposes and audience:



Motivation and choice			
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Choose appropriate tools, content and topics for their own writing and select texts for sharing with others.		Evaluate and critically choose appropria and topics to create text in a range of g	

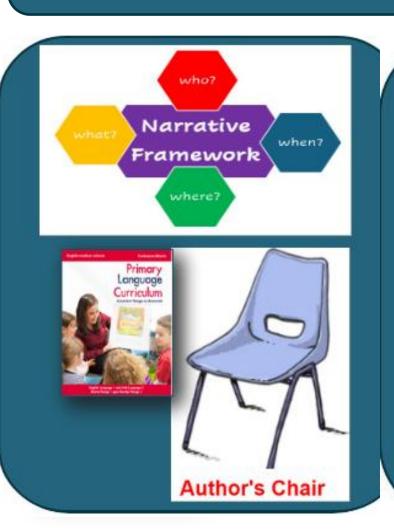
The child...

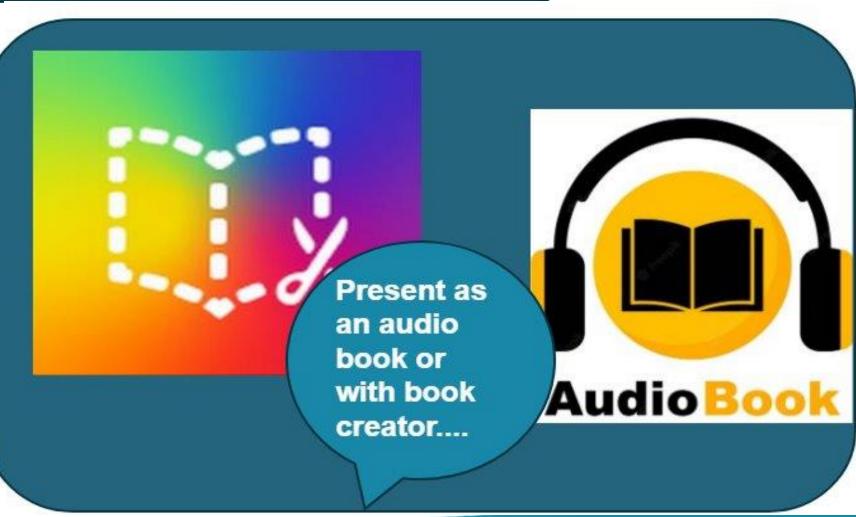
chooses and refines ideas and content for their texts, and selects from a range of presentation formats to share their writing.



Activities to Support: Position Gníomhaíochtaí a thacaíonn le: Seasamh







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The Writing Workshop

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Children develop concepts, dispositions and skills in relation to:

- sentence structure

Why a Writing Workshop?

For all writers, young and old, writing is a complex process. It involves tasks/stages during which the writer chooses topics to write about, plans ideas, translates ideas into a first draft, and reviews what has been written.

Children need repeated, explicit demonstrations of the processes involved in writing, with plenty of opportunities to practise and experiment. Planning for and teaching the process, craft and mechanical aspects of writing is essential for children to develop into independent, self-regulated writers who can easily draw on needed information from longterm memory. Communicating to children that the most important part of writing is the sharing of their thoughts and ideas and that lower-level skills such as grammar, spelling and punctuation can be dealt with when editing and publishing, can relieve their anxiety and increase children's confidence and sense of self-efficacy.

Because writers are continually planning and revising as they write, researchers recommend a process approach to the teaching of writing. This approach views writing as a set of behaviours which can be taught, learned, discussed and developed. It emphasises

Children sharing their thoughts and ideas is the most important part of writing; lower-level skills such as grammar, spelling and punctuation can be dealt with when editing and publishing.

the importance of thinking, inquiring, imagining, creating, communicating and exploring language through writing and gives equal attention to processes of writing and the written product.

The Writing Workshop is an instructional framework which teachers can use to support children as writers.



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Teachers and Learners experiences of child agency

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LISTENING TO THE

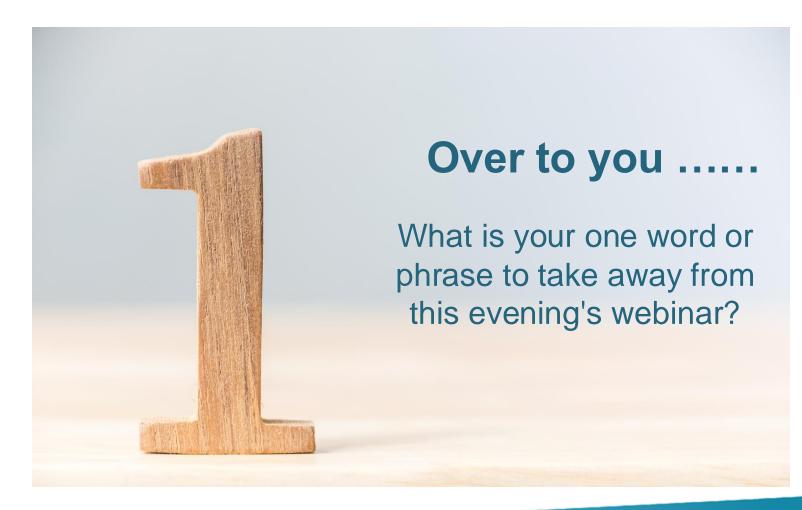
CHILD'S VOICE IN YOUR

CLASSROOM?

Learner Agency Gníomhaireacht an Fhoghlaimeora







Doras Feasa Fiafraí

Oide

The door to knowledge lies in asking questions

