

RE: LEARNSTORM & MATHEMATICS IN ST. CONAIRE'S 2016 (5th & 6th Classes)

January 20th, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

As part of our School Improvement Plan for Numeracy we have introduced a number of different approaches in St. Conaire's. These initiatives are designed to improve the learning of our pupils in Mathematics over the course of their time in the school and include Aistear (Infants); Mata sa Rang; Small Group Teaching and the concentrated Maths Classes for 5th and 6th. Each project is part of a co-ordinated effort to enhance the children's experience of Maths. To build on the work being done, we are now undertaking **LearnStorm** for the next 10 weeks in 5th and 6th classes. This is a project which can be done at home and we invite parents to become active partners in this aspect of your child's education. Please note that this project is designed to support the class work of the pupil.

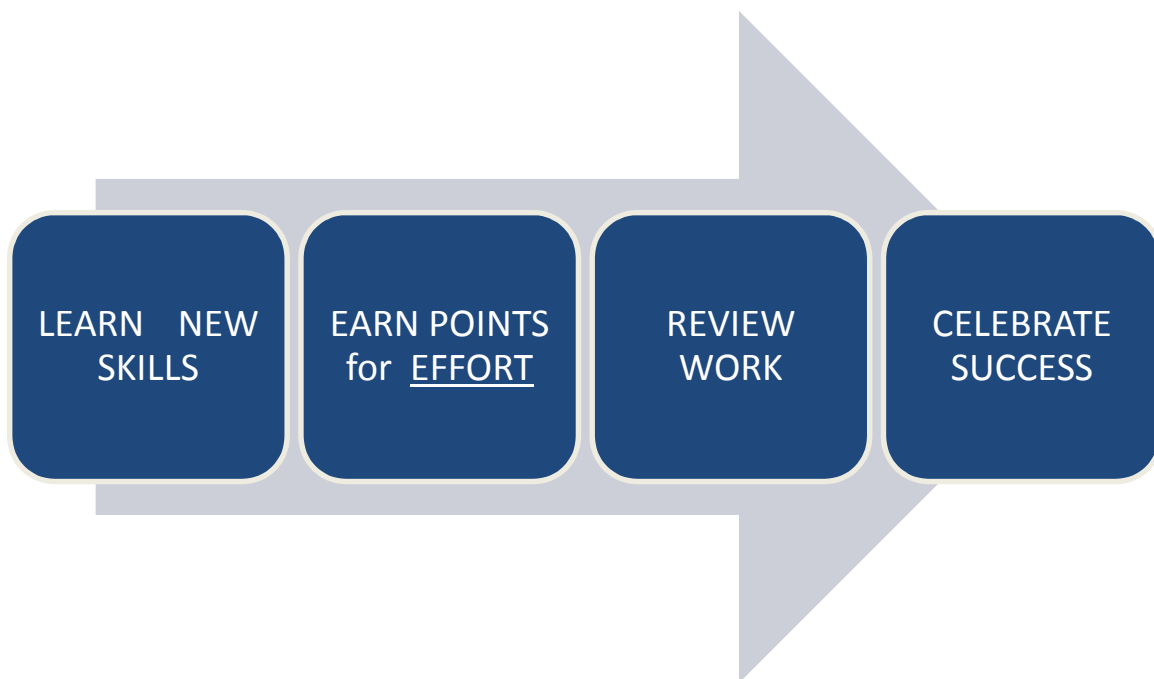
LearnStorm is a maths challenge from Khan Academy which is designed to help pupils learn how to learn. It has been piloted in Ireland over the last 2 years and has now become a national project. Here are some key aspects of the project:

- ❖ Students can work from anywhere on **LearnStorm** once they have a Khan Academy account. This has been established for your son/daughter by the school.
- ❖ The challenge will run from January 29th until April 1st. Pupils will earn points by working on maths skills on KhanAcademy.org
- ❖ **LearnStorm** is for every pupil. Recognition is earned for demonstrating mastery and also by showing commitment, grit and perseverance. You don't have to be a genius to win.

Access KhanAcademy by going to www.khanacademy.org

We encourage you to look at the KhanAcademy video khanacademy.org/learnstormvideo to learn more. We will keep you updated through www.conaires.ie

Turn over to see how the project works:



We look forward to seeing our pupils' progress with this project between now and the start of April. We encourage you, as parents/guardians/carers, to take an active interest in this project and encourage your children in their work.

Yours sincerely,

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