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Leagan Gaeilge

Welcome...

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

New junior cycle website



Science and PE

Got something to say about the Draft LC Syllabuses for Science and Physical Education? In response to requests for more time, we have extended the **consultations** deadline to **Friday 2nd December**.

ACTION

Visit our re-designed **ACTION** website to find a wealth of easily accessed learning, teaching and assessment resources. Senior Cycle Science, Short Courses, *Aistear*, Key Skills, PE, Primary Language, EAL, AfL and the Mathematics Bridging Framework are all represented, while the ICT Framework and Intercultural Education resources will be re-joining the site shortly along with many more useful videos and presentations.

Primary curriculum developments

Work has begun on the development of a new, integrated language curriculum (Gaeilge and English), beginning with a focus on infant classes. See work already done by the Primary School Network on **primary language and assessment** on the ACTION website.

Senior cycle education

Two comprehensive studies have been published that address some of the key questions facing the Irish educational system. *Choices and Challenges: Moving from Junior Cycle to Senior Cycle Education*, and *From Leaving Certificate to Leaving School: A Longitudinal Study of Sixth Year Students* are joint publications of the ESRI and the NCCA.

Curriculum planning tool

The latest version of the **curriculum planning tool** has some new

features to make the process of planning even easier for teachers, including a range of short-term templates, the objectives from the *Guidelines for teachers of students with General Learning Disabilities* and an enhanced search tool.

What is a primary education for?

What do you think the purpose(s) of primary education should be for today's children and tomorrow's world? Hear what others have said on our website, www.childretheirlivetheirlearning.ie and **have your say!** Knowing what we value in our primary education is important as we begin to develop an integrated language curriculum for primary schools starting with infant classes.

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