



How will Doodle Den help me as a parent/carer?

You will get information on different ways to support your child's reading and writing. You will also learn how to use the library services, including their computers, DVDs, and books!

How will we know it works?

Doodle Den has been carefully checked by a research team from Belfast. We are always looking at what we do and how we do it. We collect information every year on the children's progress to ensure we know that Doodle Den is helping children.

The Results:

- Doodle Den has made improvements in the children's literacy
- Children did better in word choice, sentence structure and word recognition
- There was an increase in family library time and home reading
- The evidence suggests that the children's behaviour improved
- Teacher's reports showed an improvement in the children's literacy which meant their expectations of the children increased

This is great news for everyone who participates in Doodle Den!

How can my child join the Doodle Den Club?

Your child's class teacher will give you the Parent/Carer an online form to complete.

Children will join the club when they start Senior Infants.

Contact Us

Please don't hesitate to contact CDI or your school if you have any questions.

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A fully funded after school club to help improve your child's reading and writing



DOODLE DEN IS AN AFTERSCHOOL CLUB FOR CHILDREN THAT MEETS THREE TIMES A WEEK FOR 90MINUTES, DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR



What do children do at Doodle Den?

Children will get time to practice their reading and writing while doing fun activities such as story time, music, P.E. and drama.

How are you involved?

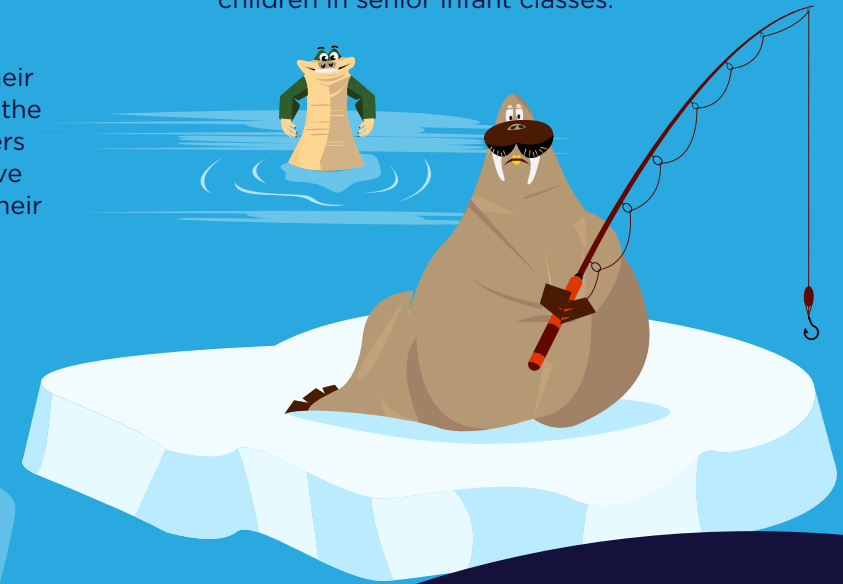
Parents and Carers will be invited to meet the Doodle Den team and find out what their children have been doing six times during the year. Over coffee and a chat, parents /carers will be shown their children's work and have the chance to talk about how to support their children's learning at home.

What can we do together?

You and your child will be invited to one fun outing per term.

Who is Doodle Den for?

There are 15 places in each after school club for children in senior infant classes.



How will Doodle Den help my child?

We hope that Doodle Den will:

- Help your child's reading and writing
- Make school more fun for your child
- Give your child more confidence so that she or he is happier doing school work and home work.

