

## Intercultural Guidelines:

### Examples of Good Practice

<p><b>Name of activity</b></p> <p>Drop Everything and Read</p>	<p><b>Year group</b></p> <p>Whole School Initiative</p>
<p><b>Procedure</b></p> <p>Annual Initiative: Students and teachers drop everything and read on the annual 'drop everything and read' day. Books can be in any language and home language texts are encouraged.</p> <p>Embedded in classroom practice: Teachers source subject-specific news articles and stories for the class to read for 'drop everything and read' weekly.</p> <p><a href="http://www.newsinlevels.com">www.newsinlevels.com</a> and <a href="https://breakingnewsenglish.com/">https://breakingnewsenglish.com/</a> are good sites to find subject-specific material suitable for all levels.</p> <p><b>Every effort is made to source stories from all countries/nationalities presented.</b></p>	
<p><b>Annual initiative /embedded in classroom practice</b></p> <p>Schools might run this initiative once a year on 'drop everything and read' day or embed it in classroom practice on a weekly or monthly basis.</p>	
<p><b>Cross-curricular links</b></p> <p><b>All subjects</b></p>	
<p><b>Key skills</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Managing information and thinking</li> <li>2. Being literate</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Looking at Our Schools: A Quality Framework for Post-Primary Schools</b></p> <p>DOMAIN 1: LEADING LEARNING AND TEACHING</p> <p>Foster a commitment to inclusion, equality of opportunity and the holistic development of each student.</p>	
<p><b>UNESCO sustainable development goals</b></p> <p>Good health and wellbeing, quality education, reduced inequalities</p>	

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**Value added (e.g., wellbeing, digital skills, presentation skills, building confidence or cross-curricular links)**

Improved literacy skills

Reading for pleasure

Supporting diversity and wellbeing across the school

**Links and resources**

- [www.newsinlevels.com](http://www.newsinlevels.com)
- <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/>  
[http://www.jcsp.ie/jcsp\\_initiative/view/162](http://www.jcsp.ie/jcsp_initiative/view/162)

Home language texts can be purchased through the PPLI scheme.

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