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Baile na Mata: Ceathrú na gCodán – A Groundbreaking Irish Language Mathematics Resource

Belfast, 21 January 2025 – Educators and stakeholders gathered today at St. Mary's University College Belfast to celebrate the launch of *Baile na Mata: Ceathrú na gCodán* (*Math Town: Fractions Quarter*), a pioneering digital resource designed to enable pupils in Irish Medium Education to learn fractions "as Gaeilge". While there are many digital literacy resources for Irish Medium schools, there is a lack of materials in other subjects, particularly Mathematics and Science. *Baile na Mata* is a vital step in addressing this imbalance, enabling pupils to master fractions in their native language.

Developed by Seedling Learning in collaboration with the Irish Medium Department in CCEA and An tÁisaonad at St. Mary's University College Belfast, *Baile na Mata* aligns with the Northern Ireland curriculum. The resource features eight key learning units covering most of Primary 6, with the remaining content due for release during the 2025-26 academic year. Fractions, a crucial topic in the late-primary curriculum, introduces pupils to complex mathematical language that forms the foundation for future studies.

Ciarán Ó Pronntaigh of An tÁisaonad remarked:
"We were excited to guide the development of Baile na Mata. We often hear from teachers who must resort to using English resources in their Maths and Science lessons which adversely impacts the learning of the Irish terminology in those subjects. It is hugely important to provide teachers with Irish Language-authored content within Irish Medium learning. We are looking forward to further collaborating on this important new initiative."

The project was funded by NI Screen's Irish Language Broadcast Fund, with additional in-kind support from CCEA and An tÁisaonad. At the launch event, guests had the opportunity to explore the resource firsthand. A highlight of the event was a video presentation featuring pupils and staff from Bunscoil Bheanna Boirche in Castlewellan, who trialled *Baile na Mata* in November 2024. The video captured their enthusiastic feedback, illustrating the resource's impact in classrooms and its potential to revolutionise how Mathematics is taught in Irish Medium Education.

With plans to cover the entire Key Stage 2 Mathematics curriculum, *Baile na Mata* demonstrates Seedling Learning's commitment to enriching Irish Medium Education through innovative digital resources.

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Join the five friends, Lorcán, Róisín, Liam, Nóra and their robot assistant Eolas, as they explore the world of “Baile na Mata: Ceathrú na gCodan” and learn about fractions.

Baile na Mata

Ceathrú na gCodán





Aonad 05 - Codáin, a bhfuil an t-uimhreoir "1" acu, a chur in ord.



Aonad 06 - Codáin a chur i gcomparáid lena chéile



Aonad 07 - Codáin choibhéiseacha



Aonad 08 - Codáin a shimpliú go dtí an fhoirm is simplí



Aonad 09 - Codáin, a bhfuil an t-ainmneoir céanna acu, a chur in ord



Aonad 10 - Codáin leis an ainmneoir céanna a shuimiú / a dhealú



Aonad 11 - Codáin de mhéideanna



Aonad 12 - Céatadáin shimplí

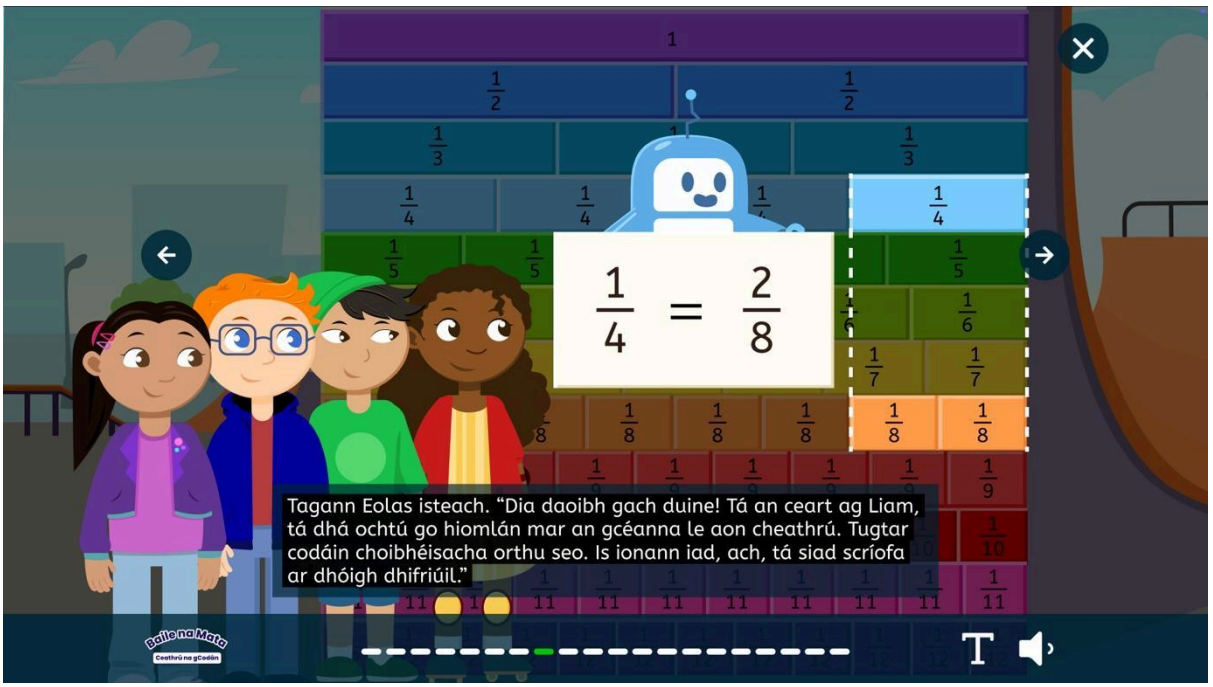
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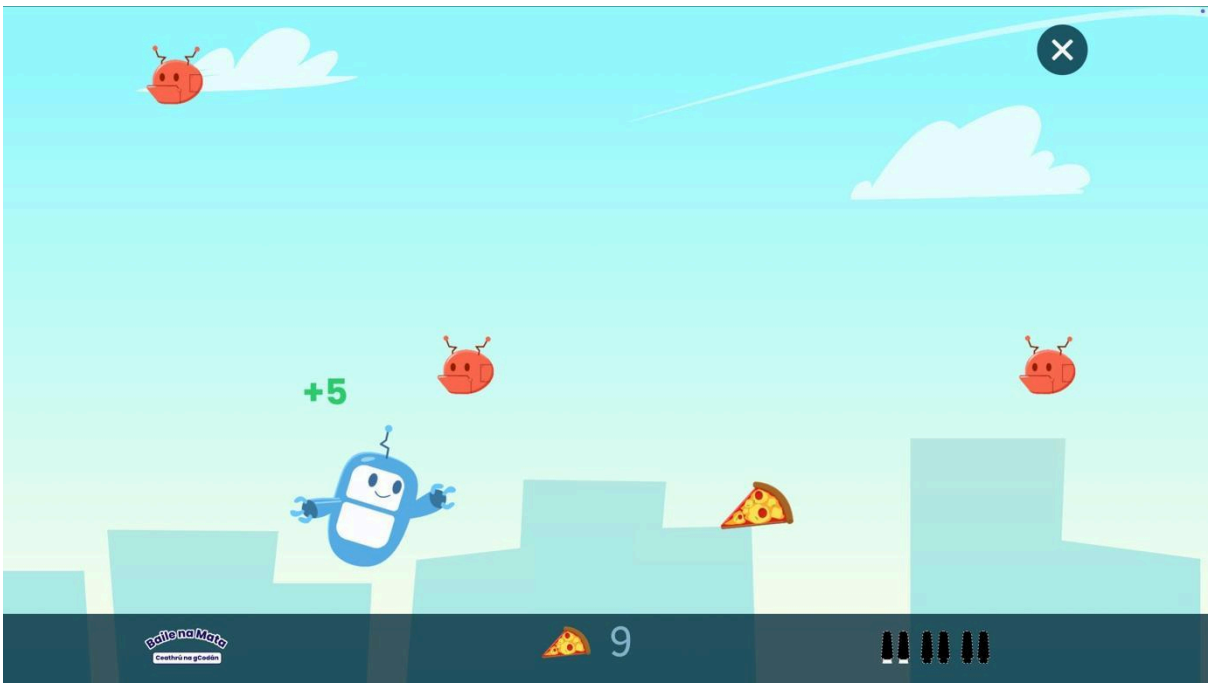

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Tagann Eolas isteach. “Dia daoibh gach duine! Tá an ceart ag Liam, tá dhá ochtú go hiomlán mar an gcéanna le aon cheathrú. Tugtar codáin choibhéisacha orthu seo. Is ionann iad, ach, tá siad scríofa ar dhóigh dhifriúil.”
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Ceathrú na gCodán


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"Maith thú! Cé go bhfuil na codáin difriúil lena chéile agus go bhfuil cuma éagsúil ar gach ceann acu, is ionann iad ach tá siad gearrtha ina slisní níos lú," a deir Nóra.
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Cuir na codáin in ord - na cinn is mó ag an bhun agus na cinn is lú ag an bharr.
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