**Maths Tips for Parents**

1. **Be positive about maths:**
* Express confidence in your child’s ability to do maths.
* Don’t stress either your own fear of maths or how difficult maths is or how much you admire anyone who can do maths.
* **Remember, everyone can and does use maths all the time.**
1. **Show your child maths at work in the real world:**
* Ask them to help you calculate your shopping bill.
* Allow your child to measure ingredients when cooking.
* Look at TV schedules together and work out what time their favourite programme will start. Look at how long episodes are on Netflix, Disney + etc.
* Sort household items into the correct press or drawer e.g. sorting knives, forks, spoons, cups, plates etc
1. **Make maths fun:**
* Play “shop” together.
* Play board games likes snakes and ladders, Monopoly and Monopoly Jr, card games
* Create shape pictures together or look up maths art lessons online to do together.
1. **Encourage children to get involved in solving puzzles:**
* Suduko
* Logic puzzles, games of strategy.
* Jigsaws
* Puzzles can be found on the NRICH website [www.nrich.org](http://www.nrich.org)
1. **Choose gifts that develop problem-solving skills.**
* Blocks, building sets, geometric tile sets, puzzles, board games, weather stations, maps, puzzle books, calculators, strategy games, scales, and origami are just a few of the gifts that will give your child pleasure and knowledge at the same time.
1. **Tune into Technology:** Encourage your children to use technology to enhance their Maths skills and problem-solving techniques. See below for some useful Maths Apps and websites:
* Apps: Counting Ants, Math Board, IXL, Chance Lab
* Websites: nrich.org topmarks.co.uk, helpmykidlearn.ie, ixl.com