

**Dear Teacher,**

February 2022

Congratulations! We are delighted that your school will be participating in the **An Post Brain Busters Competition Final!** Well done to your school for your excellent entry.

Safety in the current climate is of the utmost importance to us, and, therefore, we will not be hosting a physical final event that brings schools together this year. Instead, our engaging facilitators will visit your school to run a 'final challenge session'. At all times, public health guidelines will be followed in order to ensure the safety of all involved (e.g., social distancing, facilitator antigen tests the morning of your session). Moreover, of course, should you prefer, we would be happy to host this session as a virtual alternative.

The final will provide students with an in-class, interactive presentation of an intriguing, unfolding mystery where they will be participating in the story themselves as key characters. They will work through 10 challenges, testing their literacy and numeracy skills to "crack the case". The whole class will be involved and engaged throughout, and your school's finalist and their team will have the chance to win the big prize of €1000! There will also be class prizes for students who do very well, spot prizes, goodies and certificates for everyone participating in this final session!

In order to equip your students for the final, we have put together a **Practise Pack** for them to complete. We want the final to be fun for everyone, and while we are keeping the story and challenges under lock and key, we can share some hints and tips on what is coming up with the finalists...

### Teacher Tips

Make sure your class have practised...



#### MATHS

- Corresponding and alternate angle theorems
- Area and perimeter
- Mathematical patterns
- Bank statements



#### ENGLISH

- Speedy creative writing
- Reading comprehension
- Word definitions
- Cryptography

This Practise Pack is filled with fun literacy and numeracy puzzles designed to support your students in preparing for the final. We hope they will enjoy uncovering the answers to the questions within. Keep an eye out for important skills that may be essential for the final!

We will be contacting your school soon to schedule a date for your school's final event (between April 25th and May 13th) and to provide more details in the coming weeks. We are very excited to have your school in the An Post Brain Busters Final!

Kind regards,

*Team Brainbusters*

