



"We all work together and it's easy to make friends"
Michael, pupil

Scoil Ailbhe enjoys excellent home-school links. Staff and parents operate very effectively as a team. We create a supportive and friendly environment where children can flourish. Our school welcomes the involvement of parents in all aspects of school life. Scoil Ailbhe has a very active Parent's Council and Supportive Parent's Group.

"We feel fortunate that our sons attend Scoil Ailbhe. There are excellent teachers and strong leadership. The facilities are great, and there are a wide range of activities."
Mary, parent



Arts Week is an annual favourite in our school. The arts have become the focus of an entire week in the spring or summer term. Creative areas explored have included storytelling, yoga, printing, hip-hop dance, drumming, theatre skills and a firm favourite - cookery!

Local and national artists are drawn together to facilitate the week, as well as the many talents from within our own staff, both past and present.



Scoil Ailbhe prides itself on its inclusiveness, and we endeavour to cater for the needs of every child under our care. Our learning support and resource department provide comprehensive programmes to children of diverse abilities.

Gifted and talented students are encouraged to reach their full potential. Boys are facilitated and supported to pursue their own personal projects and enabled to access programmes for gifted students.

We partake and excel in the following...

- ... Quizzes – Credit Union, Science Week, Library
- ... Hurling and Football County Finals in Semple Stadium
- ... Athletics
- ... Musical Theatre in association with Phoenix Productions including "Oliver" and "Seussical – the Musical"
- ... Art Competitions – Credit Union, Pentel, Texaco
- ... ICT competitions – Science Week, Maths Week
- ... Musical and Choir Performances
- ... Science, Literature, History and Maths Activities & Competitions

FAMILIARISATION NIGHT

In September of each year, a night is held to familiarise parents with the daily running of classroom life. Each teacher meets his/her parent group and outlines the class programme for the year, and the individual routine of their son's classroom. This hugely attended night has proven very beneficial to both parents and staff alike.



"There is a strong sense of community – staff are supportive, parents offer their skills and talents, and there are open, positive relationships between children and their teachers"
Principal, Miriam Butler

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"A Place to Grow"

Scoil Ailbhe is a senior boys school educating students from 2nd to 6th class.

The motto of Scoil Ailbhe is **"A Place to Grow"**, which reflects our passion for educational excellence, in a caring, happy and inclusive environment. A friendly, stimulating atmosphere exists, in which we aim:

- 🕒 to produce children who are **confident**, fulfilled, purposeful and independent;
- 🕒 to instil qualities of **leadership** and responsibility;
- 🕒 to awaken children's interest in all subjects;
- 🕒 to encourage a **love of learning**;
- 🕒 to nurture and encourage a distinctive Christian spirituality, whilst respecting those who have different beliefs;
- 🕒 to give children a love and understanding of the world, and of all they find in it.

Scoil Ailbhe celebrates diversity and values difference. The uniqueness of each boy's **gifts** and **talents** are developed and encouraged. This adds to the richness of our school community, and allows each boy to grow and achieve to his full potential.

Scoil Ailbhe has always been renowned for its love of music and singing. Our bright, well-equipped music room, provides an airy rehearsal space for our school choir, and the weekly instrumental sessions. Music plays an integral part of our concerts, masses and liturgical celebrations.

All our 4th and 5th class boys participate in the Cór na nÓg (National Children's Choir) concerts.

Instrumental Music Programme

Our exciting music plan involves expert weekly tuition in **tin-whistle** for all boys in 2nd and 3rd class. This progresses to **violin** lessons for all children in 4th and 5th, and culminates in our 6th class boys receiving tuition in the **guitar**, all on a weekly basis, within the school day. The school benefits from the musical expertise of visiting gifted teachers, whose passion for this programme knows no bounds.



The library is a hive of activity in our school! All classes visit the school library once a week, to borrow books, under the watchful eye of our passionate librarian, Ms. Eve Molony. The book collection is constantly being extended and updated, and has something to suit every taste. Outside of this, the library is visited by classes undertaking research, or just for some quiet reading time.

Physical Education & Sport



In Scoil Ailbhe we have a comprehensive physical education programme. We are involved in hurling, football, basketball, soccer and athletics competitions.

We have a well-equipped school hall, as well as a marked playground and pitch on site, allowing for a wide range of activities.

In the Autumn Term, tuition is provided in dance. Each class attends Thurles Leisure Centre for swimming lessons during the Summer Term. Throughout the year, we benefit from specialised coaching in hurling.



After-school training in Gaelic football and hurling takes place during the year, as the school partakes in the U-11 and U-13 blitzes and competitions. Our hurling yard league is a highlight in our school year, and the atmosphere for the final would be on a par with any All-Ireland.

Drama, fun and laughter are the key elements in bringing poetry alive – which is what we do on our annual Poetry Morning. Poems are performed in the school hall, engaging children, staff and parents alike - all through the medium of verse. This is a highly entertaining event, whilst at the same time developing our children's confidence, communication and public speaking skills.



"All children are encouraged to explore their potential with excellent results"
Teacher

Poetry Alive!

Computers

Scoil Ailbhe is well-equipped with computers and interactive whiteboards. As well as an ICT suite, the school boasts a mobile laptop station. This allows pupils to engage with learning in all curricular areas, using a "hands on" approach.

Our school website may be accessed at www.scoilailbhe.ie



Staff

Scoil Ailbhe prides itself in its young, vibrant and passionate group of teachers. The staff boasts a wealth of gifts and talents, which are shared to ensure the happiness and success of our children - which goes far beyond the school day.

"My school is special because we have fantastic teachers who make learning fun and interesting!"
Seán, pupil

School outings

- 🕒 Art Exhibitions in The Source
- 🕒 Pantomime in the Gaiety
- 🕒 School Tours
- 🕒 Local History Field Trips
- 🕒 Science Exhibitions
- 🕒 Local Concerts and Shows
- 🕒 Christmas Carol Singing
- 🕒 Visits to The Source Library and Local Studies Centre



SAVINGS SCHEME

Scoil Ailbhe operates its own unique school bank. Boys save on a weekly basis for a variety of school activities including school tour.