



"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 and they assist with a wide variety of activities throughout the school year. Scoil Ailbhe has a very supportive Parent's Council and Board of Management.

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

Mary, parent



**Seachtain na Gaeilge** is also much anticipated for the creative way in which it focuses the entire school community on the richness of the Irish language and culture.

**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, dance, painting, drumming, theatre skills and a firm favourite - cookery!



Scoil Ailbhe prides itself on its inclusiveness, and we endeavour to cater for the needs of every child under our care. Our learning support team provide comprehensive programmes to children of diverse abilities. Gifted and talented students are encouraged to reach their full potential. Children 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
- ... Chess – Weekly Chess Club; competitions with Ficheall Ireland
- ... Debating – Weekly Debating Club – Concern Primary Debating Competition
- ... Lego – Weekly Lego Club
- ... 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 child's classroom. This 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"

Brid Ryan, Principal

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Scoil Ailbhe is a co-educational primary school, from Junior Infants to 6th Class.

**"Inspiring Hearts and Minds"** 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 girl and boy's **gifts** and **talents** are developed and encouraged. This adds to the richness of our school community, and allows each child to grow and achieve to his or her 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 and liturgical celebrations.

All our 4th and 5th class students participate in choral events including Peace Proms.



**Instrumental Music Programme**

Our exciting music plan involves expert weekly tuition. It begins with percussion for infants, progressing to tin-whistle, ukulele and guitar. This happens 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. Our annual **Summer Recital** showcases all our talent.



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. The school is situated on extensive grounds and has a very large playground with eight pitches and two free-play areas marked out, a running track with full-sized playing pitch in Páirc Ailbhe. Included in our facilities is a large school hall, ensuring PE classes continue all year round. Throughout the year, all classes benefit from specialised coaching in hurling. Each class also undertakes a block of swimming, soccer and basketball lessons annually. Other activities offered to students include football, dance, yoga and athletics.



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 the school year, and the atmosphere for the final would be on a par with any All-Ireland.

Dramatic Arts

Drama is a great medium for building our children's confidence, communication and public speaking skills. Our annual poetry morning brings poems alive through the medium of verse. The Scoil Ailbhe Christmas concerts are renowned for their fun, variety and sheer entertainment. Drama plays a key role in the personal development of our children.



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

I.C.T.

Scoil Ailbhe is well-equipped with computers and interactive whiteboards. The school benefits from a class set of ipads and mobile laptop station. This allows pupils to engage with learning in all curricular areas, using a "hands on" approach.



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.

Staff

**school outings**

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



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

"The school has wonderful SNA's who care so much about our children"  
Kate, parent