

CASTLEBAR PRIMARY SCHOOL



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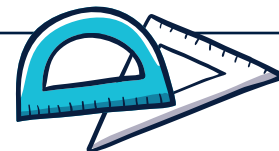


Castlebar Primary School is an amalgamation of the two longest-established schools in the town, St. Angela's N.S. and St. Patrick's De La Salle B.N.S. providing co-education for all pupils. The Lawn campus will cater for Junior Infants to 2nd Class and the Chapel Street campus for 3rd to 6th Class. Both schools have contributed to the educational and social fabric of the town for well over a hundred years with the Sisters of Mercy having founded St. Angela's in 1854 and soon afterwards the De La Salle brothers founding St. Patrick's in 1888. This new chapter presents wonderful opportunities for pupils, their parents and staff alike and enables the bringing together in one school the best traditions, cultures, facilities and expertise of the two existing schools.

The combined school will further develop existing facilities such as: pre & after schools, playing fields, running tracks, extensive play areas, sensory rooms, assembly halls and state-of-the-art ICT resources. A highly-skilled and professional staff will ensure the progression of many great initiatives including Creative Schools, Digital Schools of Excellence, Active Schools, National Children's Choir and many other extra-curricular opportunities which have long been synonymous with St Angela's and St Patrick's. The promotion of activities such as Music, Art, Drama, Dance, Sport, Public Speaking and Chess will continue to be central to the new school. Castlebar Primary School has a Catholic ethos offering a big 'Céad Míle Fáilte' or warm welcome to children of all faiths and none. High educational standards with a focus on the care and wellbeing of all pupils and staff will be the hallmarks of our school.



Our existing strengths



TEACHING & LEARNING

- ▶ Our schools achieve high standards in literacy and numeracy.
- ▶ A varied approach to teaching and learning with an emphasis on the development of skills as well as content.
- ▶ Highly-skilled and committed staffs with a very strong work ethic.
- ▶ A great emphasis on developing strong positive parental involvement.
- ▶ Strong promotion of Gaeilge through language, music, dance, song, literature, drama and fun.
- ▶ Reading Recovery Programme.
- ▶ Focus on the Aistear programme (learning through play) in the infant classes.
- ▶ Excellent participation record in local and national projects, initiatives and competitions.
- ▶ Strong culture of participating in sporting events locally and provincially.
- ▶ Strong tradition of supporting children with special educational needs.
- ▶ Speech and Language Special Class in partnership with the H.S.E.
- ▶ Both campuses have sensory rooms.
- ▶ Participation in the Youth Academy at NUIG, for children with strong academic achievement.
- ▶ Participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) initiatives.
- ▶ Focus on the importance of developing a love for reading, literature and public speaking, including involvement in Time to Read initiative.
- ▶ Well-resourced ICT facilities including ICT rooms, iPads, beebots, interactive whiteboards, LegoWeDo, Micro:bits etc.
- ▶ Clearly-structured approach to blended learning (Seesaw/Zoom/Google Classroom etc.)
- ▶ Deeply committed Boards of Management.
- ▶ A great emphasis on developing strong positive parental involvement.

HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PUPILS



- ▶ A caring atmosphere with an emphasis on the development of interpersonal skills of respect, empathy, inclusion and friendship.
- ▶ A culture of strong environmental awareness and appreciation.
- ▶ An ethos of supporting local community events and initiatives - St. Patrick's Day parade, musical performances and recitals, liturgical services, storytelling events, sports, trips to the library/Linenhall Arts Centre etc.
- ▶ Our own community based events including our Wizard Walk & Santa Stroll.
- ▶ Healthy eating and physical activity actively encouraged including involvement in Food Dudes and Incredible Edibles.
- ▶ Our Student Council/Green School/ Creative School/Active School Committees promote the involvement and voice of the pupils.
- ▶ Fostering an awareness and a culture of assisting people in need.
- ▶ Centre for the Rainbows support programme for children.
- ▶ Incredible Years & Friends for Life programmes.
- ▶ Sacramental preparation for Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- ▶ Provision of extra curricular activities e.g. ICT classes, Art, Football etc.
- ▶ Successes in Credit Union & Cumann na mBunscol Quizzes.
- ▶ Active School Flag recipients.
- ▶ Green Flag schools.
- ▶ Creative Arts schools.
- ▶ Digital Schools of Distinction & Participants in Schools Excellence Fund - Digital Cluster.
- ▶ Involvement in Erasmus programmes.
- ▶ Blue Star Flag award.
- ▶ Chess Clubs with involvement in inter-schools programmes.



ARTS EDUCATION

- ▶ Our dedicated staff promote all aspects of the Arts Curriculum (Music/Drama/Art) in their classrooms.
- ▶ Participation in Creative Arts School Programme and Creative Clusters.
- ▶ Participation in KidsOwn project.
- ▶ Participation and success in local, regional and national art competitions.
- ▶ Strong tradition of choral singing with participation in the National Children's Choir.



- ▶ Much lauded school bands.
- ▶ Participants in many local workshops and exhibitions.
- ▶ Large assembly halls with lighting and sound systems.
- ▶ Many successes arising from our annual participation in Féile Scoil Drámaíochta/ Scór na bPáistí, provincially and nationally.
- ▶ Participation in MusicGen Ukulele project.
- ▶ Extra-Curricular Arts Classes offered to children.

SPORT

- ▶ Active School Flag schools.
- ▶ Daily Mile Initiative Schools.
- ▶ Children engage in a wide variety of PE lessons and activities.
- ▶ Running tracks on both campuses.
- ▶ In-school basketball and football leagues.
- ▶ Swimming classes in the local pool.
- ▶ Tennis Lessons for senior classes.
- ▶ Hurling/Camogie coaching in schools.
- ▶ Orienteering.
- ▶ After-school sports.
- ▶ Participation in Cumann na mBunscol, FAI Schools Soccer, Cross Country, Athletics and Community Games.
- ▶ Cycle safety for Senior Classes.
- ▶ Affiliation to Spikeball Ireland and participation in Spikeball lessons.
- ▶ Preparation for and involvement in local Rounders events.
- ▶ Annual Sports Days with an emphasis on participation and fun.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

We are greatly indebted to our very active Parents' Associations, who assist us in all areas of school life. They help in the running of special events at school e.g. annual fun day, fundraise to support the provision of extra resources, advise on school policies and provide an invaluable link between parents and school. A strong partnership exists between parents and students to enhance the daily lives of all students.



PRESCHOOL & AFTERSCHOOL

Pre-school / ECCE Places available for September.

Imagination Station - The Lawn Campus:

Sinead 087 252 8434 or email sineadimagination@gmail.com

After School runs from 1.40pm to 6pm.

Curious Minds - Chapel Street Campus:

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