

Junior Infants

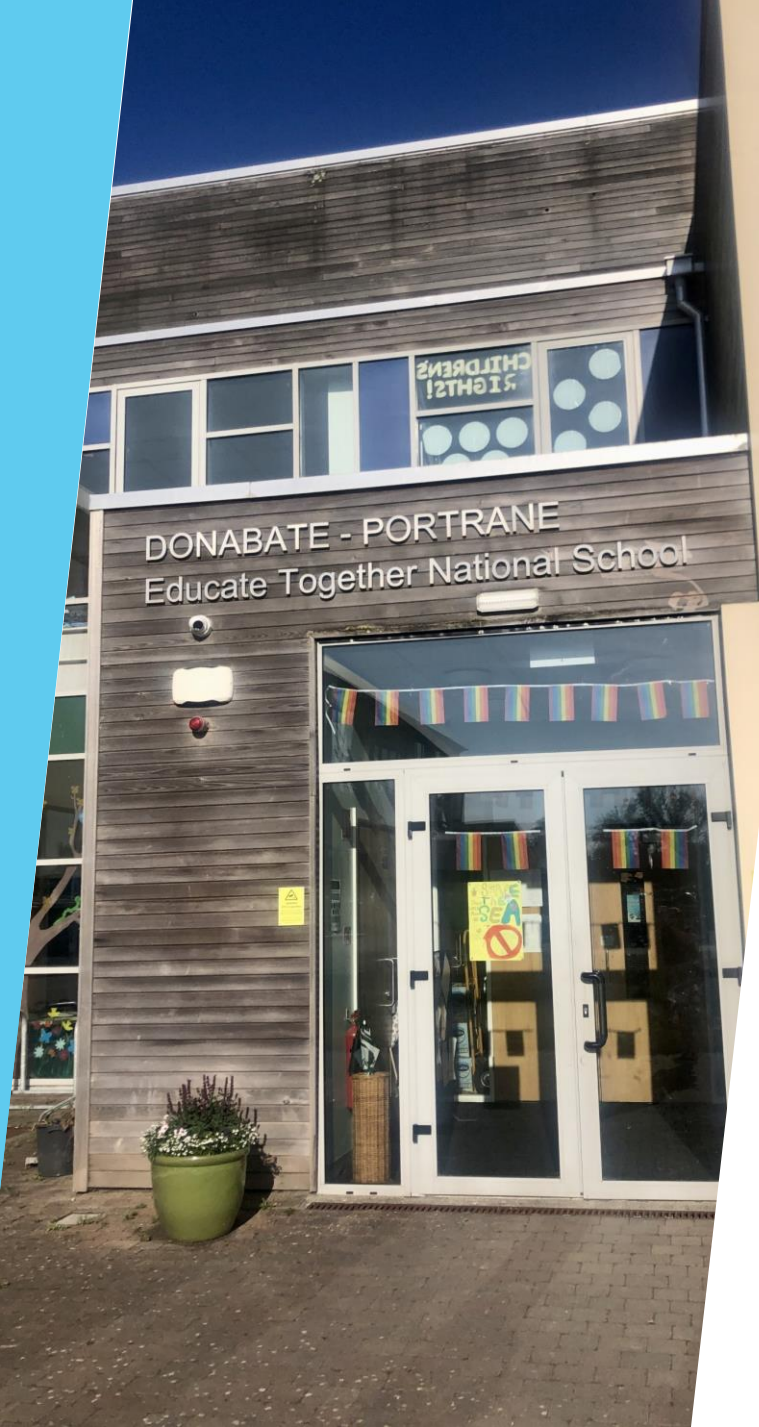
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Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School





Welcome!

- ▶ Welcome to all parents and guardians.
- ▶ Your child is finally ready to embark on their exciting journey into formal education.
- ▶ Today's presentation will inform you about what your child will learn in school, what to expect, and practical advice to help you support your child as best as you can with their transition to primary school.

Donabate Portrane Educate Together National School



- We have sixteen mainstream and two Autism Classes (AS).
- Anne and Natalie work in our school office. Office hours are 8.30am-3.00pm Monday to Friday.
- Kieran and Luke are our caretakers.
- We are a child-centred, co-educational, equality based and democratic school.
- Our vision statement is '**No child is an outsider**'.
- We aim to provide a learning environment that encourages and promotes the holistic development of each and every child attending our school, allowing them to give of their best and be their best.

What are we proud of?

- Ethos - We work to develop the skills of empathy, leadership, creativity and teamwork in our students.
- Our inclusive classroom.
- Our students!
- We are a Green School – We have seven Green Flags and an award at Globe Ireland event.

Educate Together

Learn Together to Live Together

Learn Together- Our ethical education curriculum



Learn Together is a key component of the Educate Together model of education that is taught in our classrooms and lived out in our equality-based school environment.

The School Day

8.45 Line up in the yard

8.45 - 9.00 Reception time

9.00 - 10.00 Teaching / Learning Time

10.10 - 10.20 Yard for outdoor play

10.20 - 10.30 Snack

10.30 - 12.00 Teaching / Learning Time

12.00 - 12.25 Yard for outdoor play

12.25 - 12.35 Lunch

12.35 - 13.25 Teaching / Learning Time

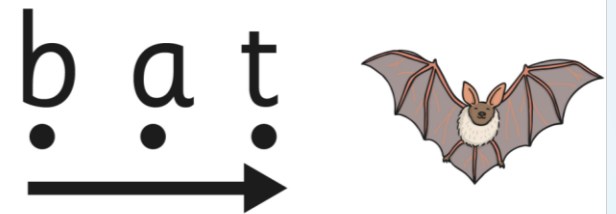
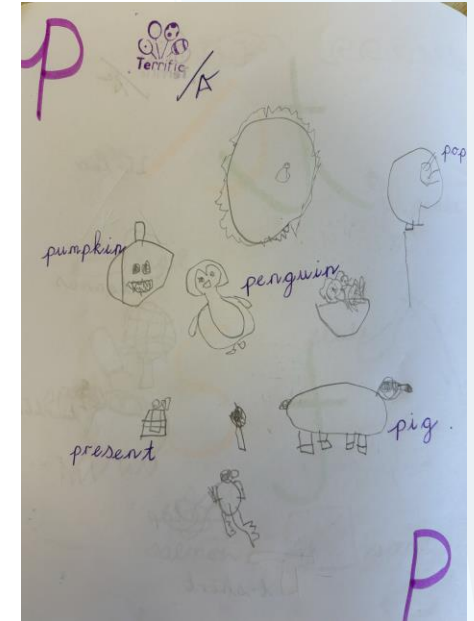
13.25 Junior and Senior Infant home time

Inclusive Classrooms

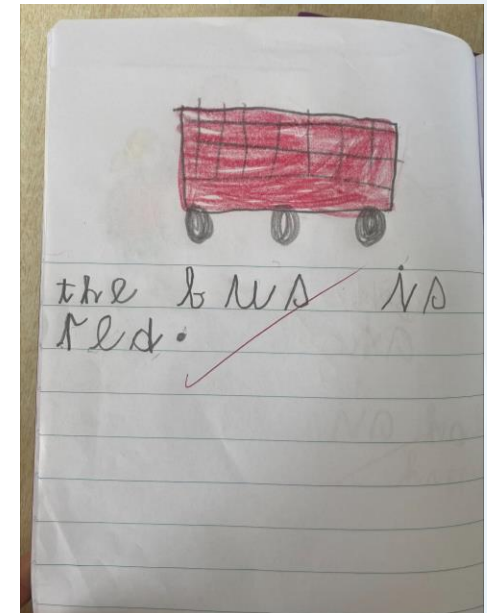
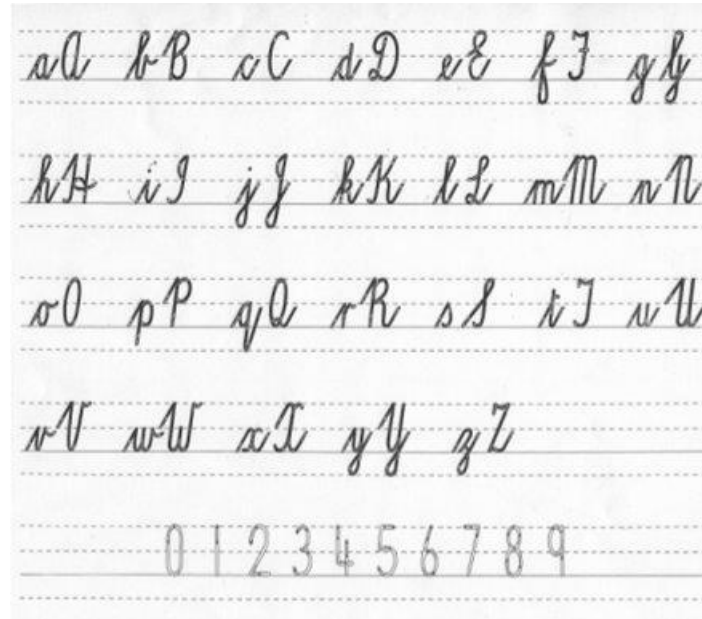
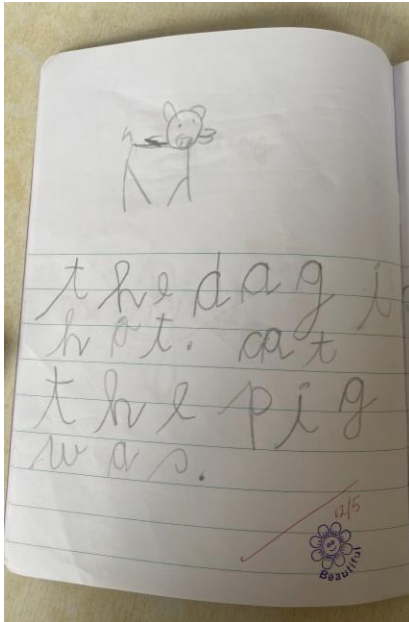
- Support Teams
- Focus on inclusivity
- Communication regarding any concerns
- Junior Infant support
- Positive Behaviour

Literacy

- Children are taught to read using phonics.
- The children are taught the letter sounds. The focus is on the sounds the letters make and not the letter names.
- Using a multi-sensory approach
- When reading is introduced, it is taught using a 'blending' technique, where children are taught to 'blend' sounds together. For example, c-a-t, b-a-g.
- Words that cannot be sounded out (also known as 'heart words', such as 'the', 'my', 'he' and 'she'), are given to the children to learn by sight.



Cursive Writing



We use cursive handwriting in our school.

Encourage at home if possible.

Gaeilge

Based around ten themes which are visited and revisited each year in Primary School

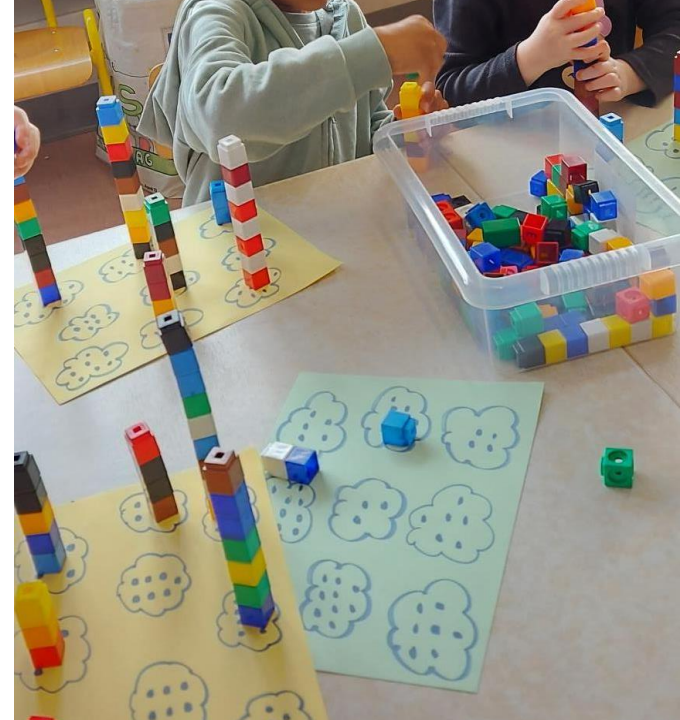
(Sa Bhaile, Me Fein, An Scoil, Siopadoireacht, Ocaidi Speisialta, Caitheamh Aimsire, An Aimsir, Bia, Teilifís, Eadai)

Visual and interactive learning based on the themes using a programme on the interactive board with games, songs, poems, vocabulary and short animated stories.



Maths

- ▶ In Junior Infants, the children will learn to read, write and add with the numbers 0-5.
- ▶ Other strands on the curriculum include:
 - ▶ Shape and Space
 - ▶ Measures (such as capacity, length and weight)
 - ▶ Patterns
 - ▶ Sorting Objects
 - ▶ Numeracy Games (on interactive whiteboard)



Other Subjects

The other subjects in the curriculum include:

- ▶ SESE: History, Geography and Science
- ▶ Visual Art
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Drama
- ▶ PE
- ▶ SPHE
- ▶ Learn Together
- ▶ Playful Learning



Playful Learning



The Importance of Play

- Play is a very important part of a child's development.
- It is how they make sense of the world around them and discover new things for themselves.
- Play is to be encouraged and supported!



- As Albert Einstein is supposed to have said, "Play is the highest form of research."
- www.ncca.ie/earlylearning

Settling In

- School starts at 8.45am and finishes at 1.25pm
- Reception time- 8.45-9.00am
- Don't overstay - slip away as soon as your child is settled.
- Home time- Children will be dismissed at the back of the school.
- Please let the school/teacher know via email if someone different is collecting your child. If it's a last minute change, please call the office.
- Seating places will be changed every few weeks to ensure the children get a chance to know everybody in the class.
- Responsibilities - table monitors/messengers/line leaders.

Starting Dates August 28th

Junior Infants – 9.30am – 12pm (only for first day)

8.45am – 12pm for Friday 29th August & week 1st – 5th Sept)
(8.45am – 1.25pm from 8th September)

Please Remember

Starting Junior Infants



Putting on and
taking off coat

Putting books
in and taking
out of bag



Opening and
closing schoolbag



Opening and
closing lunch
box



Recognise their
own name



Using toilet
by
themselves

Important things to remember!

- We are a nut free school
- Safe routes to school
- Communication



Thank You!

Junior Infants visits

www.dpetns.ie

Please review these slides at home before September and keep it somewhere for easy reference. It is a useful guide when there are things you are unsure of.

We're really looking forward to welcoming the new Junior Infants and we look forward to working with you!

Any questions?

Thank you!