



Kircubbin IPS

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Kircubbin Integrated Primary School transformed to its integrated status in September 1998 and is situated on the picturesque shores of Strangford Lough.

In recent years, the school has seen rapid growth, with further classrooms added in extensions to the school in both 2009 and 2012. There are currently 182 pupils enrolled in the school, with staff consisting of a principal, seven teachers and 9 classroom assistants.

The school was inspected as recently as May 2013 and the glowing report that followed, highlighted the school's major successes. The inspectorate report commented that the quality of pastoral care is 'outstanding' and the pupil's behaviour 'exemplary.'



Furthermore, the report highlighted the 'effective team of hard-working staff' that has been built by the principal and the 'highly motivated' children within each classroom.

Children in the school are provided with the opportunity to participate in interactive, practical and engaging lessons and this was recognised by the inspectorate, with 'three quarters of the lessons observed being very good or outstanding.'

Kircubbin Integrated Primary School is an open and friendly school with strong relationships between pupils, parents and teachers. The school is thriving with enthusiastic, motivated and well-behaved pupils.

Excellent Extra-curricular Opportunities

The school believes that extra-curricular activities provide a valuable dimension to a child's education. From P1-7, children have the opportunity to engage in a wide range of after-school activities.

The activities available include a range of sport (Football, Netball, Gaelic Football, Camogie, Hurling, Rounders, Athletics, Jujitsu, Golf and Swimming), music, art, creative club, choir, cycling proficiency and ICT.

The school also provide tuition in drums and guitars. In addition to the after-school activities, the school is open from 7.30am to 6pm every day of the week. This is to facilitate the breakfast club starting at 7.30 and the after-school club starting at 2pm (P1-3) and 3pm (P4-7).

<http://www.kircubbinips.com/>



Technology

Kircubbin Integrated Primary School boasts an impressive range of facilities for teachers and pupils alike. The school is equipped with a dedicated computer suite and all the classrooms have Interactive Whiteboards.

It is the school's aim to remain at the forefront of new and innovative modes of teaching and learning. This has seen the school invest in twenty-four new iPad aires, as well as Apple TV. These resources encourage children to learn in an engaging and interactive manner.



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The garden features a tree seat, woodland bridge, flower seats, stepping stones, talking flowers. Three themed learning zones also feature in the garden:

Creativity – a game table, drawing trail, music trail and play sphere.
Discovery- a flow-wall, scales, exploration table and weather station.
Story-Telling- a tipi, story teller chair and colourful mushroom seats.



Outdoor Play Equipment

After a development project boasting ten stages, the school is now equipped with outdoor play facilities that rival any adventure zone across Northern Ireland. Children have the opportunity to use the playground facilities every day at break and lunch and they can even use it after-school too.

The incredible outdoor facilities include a rope pyramid, viking swinger, vine climber, trim trail course, bridge see-saw, bikes and trikes, trampoline, outdoor fitness gym, balance vehicles, big tube slide area, pirate ship, swings and roundabout. In addition to the outdoor equipment, the school also has a grass football pitch and an outdoor netball court.

Eco Garden

Kircubbin Integrated Primary School is committed to providing children a range of outdoor learning opportunities. This year, work was finished on the school's eco garden/outdoor learning area. The eco-garden is equipped with resources suitable for a range of curriculum areas and this enables children to regularly explore and learn through first-hand experience.