



Arts Education

Arts Education is presented under three subject headings: [visual arts](#), [drama](#) and [music](#) .

Arts education enables the child to express ideas, feelings and experiences in language, gesture and movement. Together with music and the visual arts, the use of drama in the classroom encourages the child to express ideas that are creative and explorative. The Arts Education curriculum explores pathways to learning that involve reflection, imagination and sensitivity. Learning through the arts facilitates the use of a range of intelligences.

Arts Education: Drama

Overview

Arts Education: Drama provides children with ways to explore our cultural heritage and new dimensions of a changing world. Language plays a critical role in drama. The Drama Curriculum contributes to developing the child's competence and confidence in English, Irish and other languages.

Arts Education: Drama Curriculum

The Drama Curriculum includes just one strand. This strand is concerned with using drama to explore feelings, knowledge and ideas, leading to understanding. It includes three stand units. These are

- Exploring and making drama
- Reflecting on drama
- Cooperating and communication in making drama.

Current Status

National in-service for the Arts Education: Drama Curriculum was provided in the school year 2006/2007. This was followed by implementation of the Drama Curriculum by teachers in primary schools in 2007/2008 supported by the Cuiditheoireacht service provided by the Primary Curriculum Support Programme (PCSP). The advisory service of the Primary Professional Development Service (PPDS) continues to provide support for teachers and principals in implementation of drama.