

# Scoil Bhríde, Shantalla, Galway



- Our school consists of 230 children and 36 staff including the principal, Class Teachers, Special Education Teachers, an Early Start (pre-school) teacher, a Home-School Liaison teacher and 10 Special Educational Needs Assistants (A Home-School-Community Liaison co-coordinator is assigned to schools in a disadvantaged area)
- Our school is situated in the city of Galway in the west of Ireland. We are a mainstream Primary School catering for children from preschool (age 4) through to sixth class (age 12)

# Initiatives

There are many initiatives run in our school to help students and parents including.....

- An early intervention literacy program.
- An early intervention numeracy program.
- Home School Liaison Officer.
- SEN teaching.
- After school Homework Clubs.
- Parents' Room
- Free school meals program for all students.



## New Initiatives:



Sea Schools where we partner with members of Galway's seafaring community so that children can access learning, play and fun with the sea, through sailing, the seashore and the people.

Forest Schools which allows our pupils to access learning, play and fun in the forest setting.



# Changemaker Programme



We work closely with Dublin City University through the DCU Changemaker programme which fosters the key skills of Leadership, Empathy, Creativity and Teamwork in our pupils and school community.

# Uni4U

- For over twenty years, we have built and maintained strong links with the National University of Ireland NUI Galway through our Uni4U programme. This was designed to create stronger links between members of the disadvantaged community and the National University. It provides an opportunity for both parents and children to visit and experience college life.
- The university runs a very successful Access Program designed for early school leavers who wish to return to college.
- Our school also works with several agencies to promote school attendance and combat early school leaving in our pupils as they progress to secondary school level.



# Extra-curricular Activities



Extra-curricular activities are very strong in our school with teachers running groups for drama, I.T., film-making and several different sports.

# Musical, Competitions and Games



- Each year the school performs a musical that is staged in the local theatre for both parents and children in the school to attend.
- School teams participate and represent in competitions and games around our city and county.

# Award Winning Movies

- The school has had national and international success in its promotion of the arts through the various movies that it has developed.
- We found this is an excellent way to engage and challenge the students as they learn advanced I.T./movie making/editing/production skills as well as exploring various topics that are important to them in their lives today.



# Literacy



- Our school has developed its own literacy scheme which has helped raise the standards of literacy within the school in the national assessments.
- It has become a training centre to teach and other schools have sent members of their staff in order to see what the school is doing in the promotion of literacy and in our early intervention policies.
- The school has three trained reading recovery teachers. This initiative, from New Zealand, has been proven to be very successful in the promotion of literacy.

# Maths Recovery

Our school had three trained Maths Recovery teachers among its staff who have raised numeracy standards and scores throughout the school through targeted interventions from infant classes upwards.





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## School Website

- We have a fully interactive website that allows all our school community, both past and present, to interact with us on an ongoing basis.
- This website was designed and monitored by our pupils under the guidance of one of our teachers.
- The friendship and happiness that exists in our school are qualities and traits that we aim to foster and engender within our pupils.

<https://www.scoilbhrideshantalla.ie>