THE ARTS

PURPOSE

The Arts help develop and encourage creative expression and appreciation of visual and performing arts. Visual arts being art and media, performing arts include drama, dance and music.

GOALS

- To provide the opportunity to develop skills in visual and performing arts.
- To expose children to a variety of the Arts and build on their general knowledge of artists and famous pieces of work.
- To foster an awareness and appreciation of creative thinking, artistic expression and different styles in visual art.
- To develop children’s self-confidence.
- To imagine and experiment in art.
- To develop an awareness of the elements of art and the application of them.
- To encourage participation in the process of creating, presenting and responding to a range of contemporary, traditional and digital art forms.

IMPLEMENTATION

To provide the opportunity to experience a variety of the Arts.

- To involve all children in a developmental Arts program.

**Performing Arts**

- Instrumental lessons are offered as an additional curriculum activity by qualified music teachers.

**Visual Arts**

- Formal art lessons are taken by an art specialist teacher. Theory is included in lessons for the upper grades. Music often played in the room is linked to topic where possible.

EVALUATION

- Ongoing oral and written communication between parents, teachers and students.
- Formal evaluation techniques used by the art teacher covering skill levels and participation.
- Discussion during sketch book share time.
- Observation of the children during lessons e.g. anecdotal records with reference to participation levels, attitude to topic being covered, and support of peers.
- Work is photographed and recorded.
- Skills developed in manipulating tools and materials and in creative thinking.