

Sport

Engaging in sport is an essential part of the development of children. In Ransboro National School all children are given the opportunity to participate in many sports and they are actively encouraged to avail of this opportunity. Children in middle and senior classes avail of swimming lessons every second week in Sligo Sports Complex. While Gaelic Football and Hurling are the main sports played in the school, over the past number of years our pupils have had the opportunity to participate in a range of sports:

- Basketball
- Athletics
- Olympic Handball
- Soccer
- Golf
- Tag Rugby

We are extremely lucky in our school to have the facilities to allow the pupils to participate in so many sporting activities.

School Hours

9.20am to 2.00pm (Infant Classes)

9.20am to 3.00pm (All Other Classes)

A calendar of school openings and closings for the year will be sent out in September

Board of Management

As is the case in all primary schools, the school is governed by a Board of Management. The board consists of the parish priest, the school principal and representatives of teachers, parents, patron and community. The term of office of the board is four years.

Parents' Association

There is a Parents' Association in the school which is affiliated to the National Parents' Council. The association meets regularly throughout the year and parents are encouraged to come along to the meetings. Keep an eye out for notes of meetings sent home with the pupils.

Ransboro National School Sligo



School Information

School History

Scoil Réalt na Maidne (Ransboro National School) is a Catholic co-educational primary school. It was opened in 1981 with six classrooms and an enrolment of 153. At present it has an administrative principal, seven classroom teachers, a resource teacher, a learning support teacher a shared learning support teacher and 205 pupils. Ransboro National School replaced two existing schools in the parish, namely Knocknarea National School and Kilmacowen National School.

Since its opening, the school has endeavoured to provide a safe, secure environment for the children of the area. This has been achieved through the efforts of the teaching staff, both past and present, as well as through the development of close and appropriate links between home, school and the local community. Both school and community organisations have contributed to an enrichment of the lives of our pupils.

Ransboro's Name

During Penal Times it is thought that mass was said at a mass rock at the back of the present old church of Ransboro. Its location is on a high hillside with an extensive view to enable those on lookout to see priest-hunters while they were a long way off.

Tradition has it that during mass a wren would come out of a crevice in the rock and remained near the altar until mass was finished. From that tradition came the name "Wrensborough" or Wrensboro, now known as Ransboro. There is no townland as such in the area called Ransboro.

School Crest

When the uniform tracksuit was being introduced to Ransboro National School, a competition was held among the pupils to design the crest. The theme of the design was to be something of interest in the parish. Paul Scanlon, a sixth class pupil at the time, won the competition. He drew a dolmen with Knocknarea in the background which were of great historic interest in the area. The crest now adorns the tracksuit worn by all pupils.

Curriculum

The school follows the curriculum as set down by the Department of Education and Science (DES). The revised curriculum for primary schools is taught in all classes as well as the Alive-O religious education programme.



Assessment

Early identification of learning difficulties is very important so that, if necessary, a pupil can receive appropriate additional help as soon as possible. Pupils will be formally assessed for the first time during the second term in senior infants. Thereafter, pupils will be assessed in English and Mathematics every year, usually during the third term of the year.