

Athboy Community School

Awards Policy

The Award's Policy of Athboy Community School gives expression to the school's mission statement to provide holistic education and encourage pupils to reach their full potential.

Aims

To encourage students of Athboy Community School by positively reinforcing good behaviour and by recognising Academic Improvement, Academic Performance, Extra and Co-Curricular Activity, Attendance or any contribution made by students to the school community as a whole.

Implementation

The school has a policy of rewarding students for achievement and excellence in their academic studies, in extra curricular and all other aspects of school life to supplement positive reinforcement by teachers in the classroom. Recognition of achievements may take the following forms:

- Monthly Achievement Awards may be presented by any staff member to students who have excelled academically, improved in participation or contributed to the school community on a month by month basis.
- End of Term Credits will be awarded to each student by any staff member to recognise excellence and/or progress in a specific subject area or extra-curricular activity.
- Certificates will be awarded to students who have who have achieved full attendance during the year or at regular intervals.
- Recognition and awards may be given to specific groups who by their actions enhance the school community for the benefit of all, e.g. Student Council, Best Buddies, Peer Mentors.
- Individual award schemes such as the Gaisce/President's Award will be offered and promoted.
- Certificates will be awarded to those students with excellent disciplinary records during the year.

At the end of each school year Annual Awards will be presented in the following areas:

- Class Student of the Year Awards.
- Subject Awards.
- Sports Personality of the Year Awards.
- Junior and Leaving Cert Student of the Year Awards.

An annual Awards Ceremony may be held to present some of these awards as well as recognise achievements from throughout the year.

It is the school's policy that, where appropriate, pupils' achievements will be publicised by submission of articles and photographs to the local media by individual staff or the school's External Communications Officer.

Monitoring and Review

The Awards System will always be adaptable enough to allow individual teachers or staff members to recognise achievement of any kind with new awards schemes. The overall awards scheme will be constantly updated and adapted by the Awards Coordinator in conjunction with management, staff and parents/guardians.