



ALEXANDRA COLLEGE  
DUBLIN

A FROEBEL SCHOOL

*Learning & Teaching in the Junior School*



# Froebel Philosophy in Action

- We educate each girl as a 'whole' person, maintaining an equal balance between **hands** (doing), **heart** (feeling) and **head** (thinking)
- We work closely with parents in a three way learning relationship between teacher, parent and child.
- We provide a stimulating, safe and caring environment which gives each girl learning skills for life and prepares her to thrive in the Senior School





# What is the Froebelian Ethos in the Classroom?



- Child-centred and child friendly
- Girls are active participants in a student-led community creating a happy and safe environment
- Girls have a strong sense of ownership of their learning and their classroom
- Teacher facilitates the learning
- Teaching is interactive and practical – we learn by doing
- Creative thinking, playing and questioning are central to learning
- Lessons are differentiated to meet the needs and developing potential of every child



# What is the Froebelian Ethos in the Classroom?

- Girls are the centre of their own learning through discovery, experience and practical tasks
- Strong collaborative process within class and between classes
- Emphasis is on the process rather than the product
- Strong theme-based approach to learning
- Opportunity for AlexFamily Group Work and AlexFamily Reading time in mixed aged groups
- Digital literacy is embedded in all aspects of learning. Devices like iPads and MacBooks are used as additional tools for learning





# What does the Froebelian Classroom look like?

- Bright and spacious to allow for easy access to nature in the outdoor classroom
- Room laid out in social groups
- Quiet area for reading with classroom & school library
- Child-friendly equipment suitable to the needs of each age group
- Space for drama/role-play
- Brightly coloured furniture
- Lots of practical equipment for all subject areas
- Displays and interactive areas relating to curriculum topics such as science, nature and languages.

