



# Corridor Echoes

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Wishing all our families and the wider community in Ferrybank a very happy and safe Easter break. On behalf of all the staff here in St. Mary's BNS we would like to say a sincere thank you for your continued support during Term 2.

## ЛАСКАВО ПРОСИМО

Welcome to all of our new pupils who joined us since the Christmas break. A special "Céad Míle Fáilte" to our Ukrainian pupils who joined us most recently. Our second class put together a lovely display outside their class to make the boys feel at home. A special thank you to all the families who contributed toward the collection for items to be sent to Ukraine. Once again, your generosity is very much appreciated!



### Important Notice

**Parents, please note that:-**

**The following school fees were due to be paid in September 2021**

1. the €40 (+ €20 deposit if applicable) **Book Rental** fee should have been paid by 1st September 2021 (for relevant classes)
2. the €30 fee for **Photocopying/Art** should have been paid by 30th September 2021
3. the €6 for **Digital License** Fee (for relevant classes only)

Sincere thanks once again to those of you who have dealt with these fees!

Please note, for those that have not dealt with the above fees, these can be paid:

- ⇒ over the phone by calling the office on 051851399 or
  - ⇒ online using the secure link you received
- The most recent payment request was sent on 08/04/22 to those with outstanding fees.

Please note, if any family is experiencing difficulty in relation to payment of these fees, you should contact the school on 051851399 or email [admin@ferrybankbns.ie](mailto:admin@ferrybankbns.ie) to discuss the issue.

### Parents' Association

A huge thank you to the Parents Association for organising the recent fundraising night in the Village Bar. €2,500 was raised for the school and we would like to thank all those that supported the event. A special thank you to the many businesses who sponsored prizes on the night including:

H&H Motors; Billy Ryan Tyres; Aphrodite; Tom Murphy's Car Sales; Ken Brown Fitness; Berr Upton; Jolly Barbers; Gentiles Takeaway; Molloy's Butchers; Tower Hotel; Store All; Ferrybank AFC; Hasbro; Beaute Beauty; Billy Murphy; Everbean; Shades; Exhale Beauty Salon; Café Goa; Ferrybank Barbers; La Fontana; Lotto Shop; Tobin Electrical; Halo; BM Nails; B. Beauty; The Thatch; Waterford Golf Club; Azzuri; Treacy's Hotel. Thanks also to the Village Bar who sponsored the band "The Shoe Stompers."

### Internet Safety

Ger Brick gave a presentation to pupils on internet safety during Term 2. The presentation dealt with areas such as cyber bullying, how to be safe online and what type of behaviour is /is not appropriate.

### School Calendar

- **Monday 25th April:** School reopens after the Easter break
- **Monday 2nd May:** School closed
- **Saturday 14th May:** First Holy Communion \*
- **Thursday 19th May:** Ceremony of Light \*
- **Thursday 2nd June:** Confirmation \*
- **Monday 6th June:** School closed
- **Friday 24th June:** End of school year; school closes for summer holidays

\* Please note, if parents have any query in relation to times, the programme for Confirmation or Communion etc, you may contact the Parish Office on 051 830813.



## Easter Raffle

There was great excitement around the school for our annual Easter Raffle. There were winners in each classroom and thanks to the generosity of local businesses such as Supervalu, Aldi, Lidl, Dunnes, Tesco and St. Dominic's Credit Union, every pupil left school with an Easter Egg. We appreciate the time, effort and hard work given by our Parents Association.

## GAA and Cumann na mBunscol

Well done to the boys from 4th, 5th and 6th who gave an excellent performance against Scoil Lorcáin this week. Our senior hurlers lost out to a very strong Butlerstown team in their opening game but bounced back this week. We would encourage those that are interested or would simply like to try it, to join the local GAA club in Ferrybank. The training times for the different age groups in Ferrybank GAA Club are as follows:

U 6 / Nursery 5.45 - 6.45 Friday; 10.00 - 11.00 Saturday

U7/8 11.00 - 12.00 Saturday

U9/10. 6.30 - 7.30 Wednesday (weekend session starting soon)

U11/12. 6.00 - 7.00 Friday

Thanks to the coaches from Ferrybank who are currently working with pupils from 1st and 2nd class. It is great to see so much activity in the school and some potential stars for the future in Kilkenny and Waterford!



### Aladdin Connect

As we approach the end of the school year we would like to remind parents that report cards will be shared with parents via Aladdin Connect in the middle of June. Please register on Aladdin Connect if you have not already done so. You can contact the office on 051851399 and we will send you a registration link.

### School Uniform and Tracksuit

All pupils in our school must have a school uniform and a school tracksuit, with the exception of Junior Infants and Senior Infants, who only need a school tracksuit.

Proper school clothes in school only, please! If a pupil does not have the appropriate uniform for any reason a written explanation should be presented to the teacher.

### Aistear

See below a snapshot of some of the work in our Junior Infant classroom during Aistear where the boys are busy making their Easter nests!



### Road Safety Reminder

All pupils are asked to dismount their scooters or bicycles when entering and leaving the school grounds. Pupils are reminded regularly of how to cross the road safely at the traffic lights. Unfortunately this is made very difficult when cars are parked on the crossing or on the double yellow lines either side of the traffic lights. A gentle reminder of our “Parents Parking Promise” where parents agree not to park on the double yellow lines or on the crossing outside our school in order to reduce the risk for all members of our community but in particular our pupils!

### Activities in St. Mary’s BNS

In conjunction with Waterford Sports Partnership, we had coaches from Munster Rugby in for a number of weeks; cricket will begin after Easter and pupils will run the equivalent of a marathon over the course of a number of weeks!

### Stay Safe Programme

The Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) programme will be covered in Term 3. An information note will be issued to parents prior to the commencement of this programme where parents will have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the content of the programme.

### School Information

To keep up to date on what is happening in our school or to learn more about some of the work or activities which are taking place, please visit our school website [www.ferrybankbns.ie](http://www.ferrybankbns.ie) or our [Twitter page](#).

