



Corridor Echoes

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Ficheall

Pupils from 5th and 6th class had an internal chess league and a number of boys were selected to participate in the Féile Fichille in Carrickpherish. Thanks to all the teachers involved for preparing the boys and organising the chess league in school.



SPHE

All classes completed the Stay Safe Programme relevant to their class level in Term 2. Classes will move on to cover the Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) programme in Term 3. A note will be sent to parents after the Easter break outlining the content to be covered at each class level. In the meantime, parents can find more information regarding this programme by [clicking here](#).

Catholic School's Week

We celebrated Catholic School's Week earlier this term. We were delighted to welcome so many of our Grandparents, who came from far and wide, to our school. It was lovely to receive messages/ photographs from Grandparents living abroad also. A special thank you to Ms. Quillinan, our deputy principal, for organising the day.

French lessons

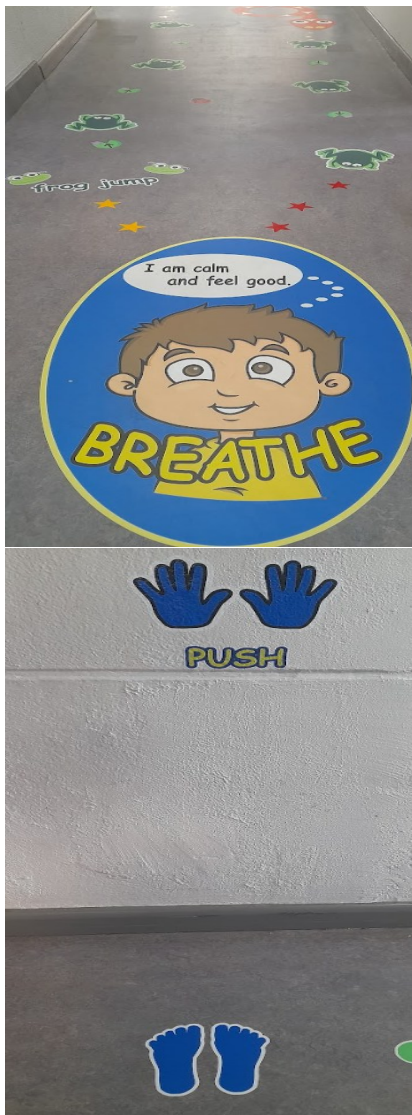
Ms. Nicholson is teaching French to pupils from 3rd - 6th class during Term 2 and Term 3. This is facilitated via the Languages Connect funding which was applied for last year. Thanks to Ms. Tuohy for organising this initiative again this year.



Anti-bullying / Bí Cineálta Policy

Pupils, parents and staff completed Bí Cineálta surveys in Term 2. The information collected was used to develop our Bí Cineálta Policy for our school. You can view the Draft Bí Cineálta Policy by [clicking here](#). If you have any suggestions regarding the policy they can be emailed to admin@ferrybankbns.ie. The policy will be ratified at our next Board of Management meeting.

During the month of February pupils focused on what it meant to be a good friend. We celebrated Friendship Fridays.



Sensory Trail

Our main corridor was transformed recently with the addition of a sensory trail stretching from Jackie's office to the glass corridor. Even though it was only installed recently it is being used regularly and will benefit all the pupils in our school. The total cost came to €1,464. We are very grateful to our hot meal supplier, Freshtoday, who sponsored the sensory trail and covered the entire cost.



Sacraments: Pupils from 6th class received the Sacrament of **Confirmation** in March. Thanks to Bishop Niall Coll, Fr. Roderick Whearty and Mr. Rynne for all their work in preparing for this occasion.

The sacrament of **First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on **Saturday 17th May at 11am.**



FAI 5 aside competition: Pupils from Rang a Sé who represented our school in the recent FAI Primary 5 aside competition.

School Self-Evaluation (SSE)

As part of the SSE process we have a specific focus on literacy this year. Pupils are working on a structured writing approach and have produced some excellent writing samples which are on display throughout the school.

Lollipop Day

Thanks to all our pupils, parents and staff for supporting this annual fundraiser. A special thank you to Ms. Grant who organises the event each year. A total of €680 was raised for the annual Oesophageal Cancer Fund awareness and fundraising campaign. Thanks again for your continued generosity!



Basketball

A selection of pupils from 6th class represented our school in a recent basketball tournament in Carrickpherish. The boys were very competitive on the day and finished second in the competition. Well done to all involved!



World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated in March. Pupils dressed up as their favourite book character on the day or brought along books that they like to read. Thanks to Ms Quillinan who organises the event each year!



Chromebooks

Following positive feedback from pupils around using Chromebooks to support their learning across a variety of subject areas, we invested in an additional 14 devices which means there is now one device per pupil when being used by a class. Pupils from Rang a Trí (left) can be seen using Chromebooks during maths. Each pupil has a Khan Academy account which utilises video tutorials, progress tracking, practice exercises, and teaching tools. Work is easily differentiated to suit each pupils needs and teachers can monitor and track their progress in specific areas.

School Uniform and Tracksuit

A reminder to please ensure pupils are wearing their full school tracksuit/uniform on the correct days. **In the event that your son does not have the correct tracksuit/uniform on a particular day, please notify the teacher via Aladdin Connect.**



Variations in colour, different brands e.g. Addidas, Nike etc are not permitted. The plain navy shorts/tracksuit to the left are examples of what is acceptable and these are available in most large clothing stores. If these are not available on a particular day, pupils should wear their school uniform.



Above and below: Boys who received certificates/prizes for showing acts of kindness/friendship toward their peers and for full attendance in recent weeks. Well done boys!



Easter Raffle

Thank you to all our pupils, parents, staff, members of our school community and our Parents' Association for supporting our annual Easter Raffle. We were delighted to raise €1,738. A special mention to all the local businesses that sponsored/ contributed prizes and/or sold lines for the raffle. Please see list of businesses below.

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| ABP | Primeplan Consulting |
| Swan Plastics | Flynn Refrigeration |
| Ennis Gough | Mark Dalton Painting and Decorating |
| Walsh's Garage | Billy Ryan Tyre Service |
| Tesco Ferrybank | St. Dominic's Credit Union |
| Dunnes Stores | Aldi Ferrybank and City Square |
| Spar Ferrybank | Ferrybank Post Office |
| House of Food | Collin Molloy's Butchers |
| Bloom Cafe | |