



# Corridor Echoes

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## Slán agus Beannacht Libh go Léir!

We were delighted to be able to celebrate our 6th Class Graduation this year in school with our pupils, parents and teachers. We would like to say a sincere thank you to all our 6th class parents for your support during your son's time in St. Mary's. It is very much appreciated by the school and we wish both you and your son the very best in the future.



## Important Notice

Parents, please note that:-

**The following school fees are now due for the school year 2022/23:**

1. the €40 (+ €20 deposit if applicable) **Book Rental fee** (for 2nd–6th class). An ePayment link has been issued to parents for this fee. Discount is applied if more than one child in book rental scheme.
2. the €30 fee for **Photocopying/Art**. ePayment has been issued. Again there is a discount where there is more than one child in the school
3. the €6 for **Digital License Fee** (for relevant classes only)

All of the above can be paid:

- ⇒ online using the secure link you received by email
- ⇒ by calling the office on 051851399

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) and we will be able to assist you.

Payment in instalments can also be arranged for families where required.

## Chromebooks

The school purchased a new set of Chromebooks. These devices can be used in a variety of ways—tent mode, tablet mode and laptop mode. They are touchscreen devices. Each pupil will be assigned a specific login and will be able to access their account from any internet enabled device. We look forward to pupils using these new devices next year to support teaching and learning in our classrooms.



## School Calendar

**Thursday 1st September:** School reopens

**Monday 31st October — Friday 4th November:** Mid-Term Break

**Thursday 22nd December—Wednesday 4th January:** School closed for Christmas Break.

**Monday 6th February:** School closed

**Thursday 16th—Friday 17th February:** School closed for February Mid-Term

**Friday 17th March:** School closed for St. Patrick's Day

**Monday 3rd — Friday 14th April:** School closed for Easter Break

**Monday 1st — Tuesday 2nd May:** School closed

**Monday 5th — Tuesday 6th June:** School closed

**Wednesday 28th June:** Final day of school

*Please note, the school calendar is available to view or download from our school website [www.ferrybankbns.ie](http://www.ferrybankbns.ie)*

## Home—School Communication for 2022/23

Aladdin Connect is the primary tool for communicating between home and school.

As well as receiving/responding to messages from the school, you can:

- ⇒ View/edit your personal details e.g. Phone numbers, email address, emergency contacts etc
- ⇒ Contact your son's class teacher directly
- ⇒ View your child's attendance
- ⇒ Enter reasons for your child's absences from the Aladdin Connect app
- ⇒ View test results
- ⇒ View report cards
- ⇒ View homework
- ⇒ Give permission for specific events e.g. school trip

**For families that have not yet registered for Connect, please contact the school.**

Once registered, you can download the Aladdin Connect app to receive instant notifications from the school and to have convenient and secure access to your child's information from your mobile device. Parents of incoming junior infant pupils will receive a link in to register.

### Achievements



The month of June has been a busy one here in St. Mary's BNS. We had our annual medals presentation to celebrate achievements in soccer, basketball, Gaelic football and hurling. The final of the John Collin's Tournament was played on 20th June in Ferrybank GAA club. A sincere thank you to Paul Hearne for so generously giving his time over the last number of weeks to give classes a taster of martial arts classes. Well done to all of the boys who participated so well during these competitions. It is great to see such a variety of sporting activities taking place again. Thanks to all of the teachers involved who organised these events over the last number of weeks! Without your support none of this would be possible so go raibh mile maith agaibh!

## Sacraments

Well done to all our pupils from 2nd and 6th class who celebrated their First Holy Communion and Confirmation in Term 3. The boys were very well prepared. Thanks to Ms. Power, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Rynne for helping prepare the boys. Thanks also to Fr. Kieran and Angela in the Parish Office.

## School Uniform and Tracksuit

**All pupils, from 2nd—6th class must have a full school uniform and a school tracksuit in September.**

**Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st class only require a school tracksuit.** They are not required to wear the school uniform in these classes. There is a great deal of active play in these classes and it was found that pupils are more comfortable and find it easier to engage in this form of learning when in their tracksuit.



## Parents Association

Thanks so much to our Parents Association who have been heavily involved in supporting our school during 2021/22. Proceeds from the Jersey Day on 20th June were used to hire equipment for our sports day and went toward the cost of refreshments etc for our 6th class graduation. Thanks once again and as always we would encourage parents to join where possible!

Thanks to Walsh's Garage (who we forgot to mention in our last newsletter) for contributing prizes to our Easter Raffle in Term 3. The support of all our local businesses is appreciated!

## End of Year

We would like to wish all of our school community a very happy and safe summer break. Also a sincere thank you to parents, pupils and staff for all of their hard work and support throughout this school year! It was wonderful to see the return of tours, sporting activities, competitions, graduations and much more. We look forward to another busy year ahead!

## Keep in touch!

To learn more about what is happening in our school on a daily basis please visit our school website [www.ferrybankbns.ie](http://www.ferrybankbns.ie) or our Twitter page - @stmarysbnsfb. You'll find plenty of pictures and information about the many activities taking place in our school on a daily basis!