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Schools Choral Day 2023

Well done to members of our school choir who participated in the **SETU Music School School's Choral Day 2023 on Friday 3rd March**. Over 600 school children took part in the School's Choral Outreach programme. The boys sang "Rule the World" from Take That, learned some new vocal techniques, warm-ups and performed 'Kusimama' which was the joint song for all schools participating in the schools choral day. A special thank you to Ms. Cummins and Ms. Power for preparing the boys for the event!



Easter Raffle

A huge thank you to members of our Parents Association for organising our annual Easter Raffle and pupils, parents and staff who supported it. A sincere thank you to **St. Dominic's Credit Union, Aldi Ferrybank, Supervalu, Walsh's Daybreak Garage, Tesco, Shades Hair Salon, Swan Plastics, Inver Garage Slieverue, Dealz, Ardkeen Stores, Musgranves Marketplace and Linda in the Post Office in Ferrybank** -the local businesses which supported our fundraiser through their very generous donations.





Friendship February

Our pupils have been focused on the theme of Friendship during the month of February. Classes talked about what it meant to be a good friend and completed some fantastic artwork to highlight the importance of friendship in our lives! Well done to all involved! More sample art work, projects etc are available to view on our school website or Twitter page.

Literacy

The school has invested just over €3600 in levelled readers recently and we look forward to using these new resources with our pupils. The books are used during guided reading and each pupil has reading material suited to their own specific level. Thanks to Ms. Quillinan for coordinating this investment and for organising World Book Day which our pupils thoroughly enjoyed!



School Calendar

- **Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April:** School closed
 - **Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd May:** School closed
 - **Wednesday 3rd May:** Ceremony of Light for 6th class pupils making their Confirmation *
 - **Saturday 6th May:** First Communion *
 - **Wednesday 24th May:** Confirmation *
 - **Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th June:** School closed
 - **Wednesday 28th June:** Final day 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.
- ⇒ The school calendar is also available on our website - www.ferrybankbns.ie



STEM

We celebrated engineering week this term with classes engaging in a variety of activities and workshops. Our 6th class pupils visited SETU for a STEM workshop.

Sport

We would encourage those that are interested or would simply like to try it, to join the local GAA club in Ferrybank. Thanks to the coaches from Ferrybank who have been working with pupils from juniors - 3rd class. Pupils from 4th - 6th class have also been engaging with external coaches for hurling in recent weeks. It is great to see so much activity in the school and some potential stars for the future in Kilkenny and Waterford! Pictured below are a group of boys from 4th class who participated in the indoor hurling league recently and members of our soccer team who are through to the next stages of the Spar FAI 5 aside competition. Thanks to Ms. Kelly, Mr. Rynne and Mr. Fitzgerald who managed these teams.



Polish lessons

The school applied for funding to engage with an external tutor who comes in once a week to teach another language with pupils from 3rd - 6th class.

The lessons were part of the "Say Yes to Languages" Campaign run by Languages Connect under the umbrella of the PPLI. Our Polish teacher's name was Dominika Sikora and she worked with pupils for 8 weeks. Thanks also to Ms. Tuohy for coordinating this initiative.



Information for Parents

With Term 2 coming to an end there are a number of items we would like to bring to the attention of parents:

- ⇒ [Primary Schoolbook Scheme](#) for 2023/24.
- ⇒ [School calendar](#) for 2023/24 school year (available on our website)
- ⇒ Report cards will be shared with parents via Aladdin Connect in June. For those who are not registered or have forgotten their log in details please contact the office.
- ⇒ Parents can find up to date information on our [Twitter](#) page or [website](#).

Primary Games

Congratulations to Connor Doheny who was selected for the Primary Games Gaelic Football team. We are thrilled to see Connor representing Ferrybank and St. Mary's BNS on the Waterford Gaelic Football team.

