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Junior Infants 2022/23

It's wonderful to see the great progress our Junior Infant pupils have made in recent weeks. A special welcome also to all of our new pupils who have joined us in various classes throughout the school in recent weeks.

Reminder

A meeting for junior infant parents will be held in the school at 13:30 on Wednesday 26th October. Parents may enter from 13:20 through the main door. For parents that have not had the opportunity to confirm their attendance at this meeting, you can do so by emailing admin@ferrybankbns.ie.

Parent Teacher Meetings

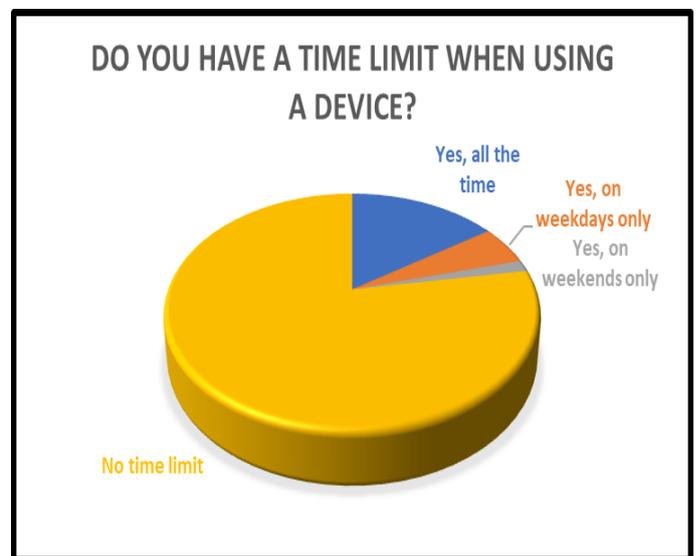
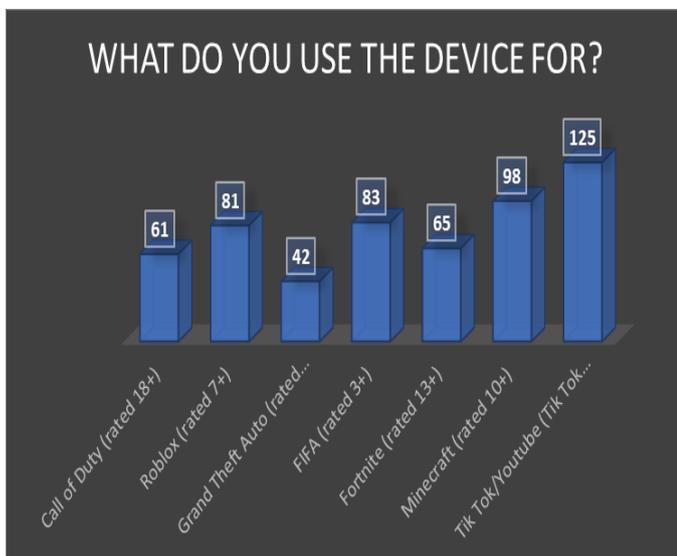
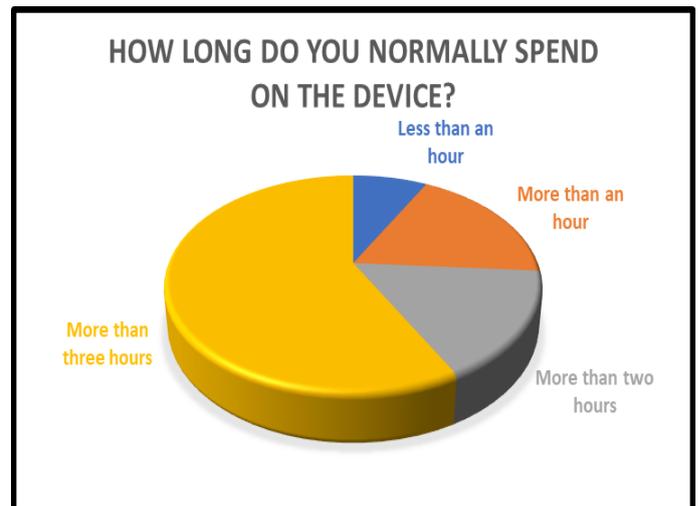
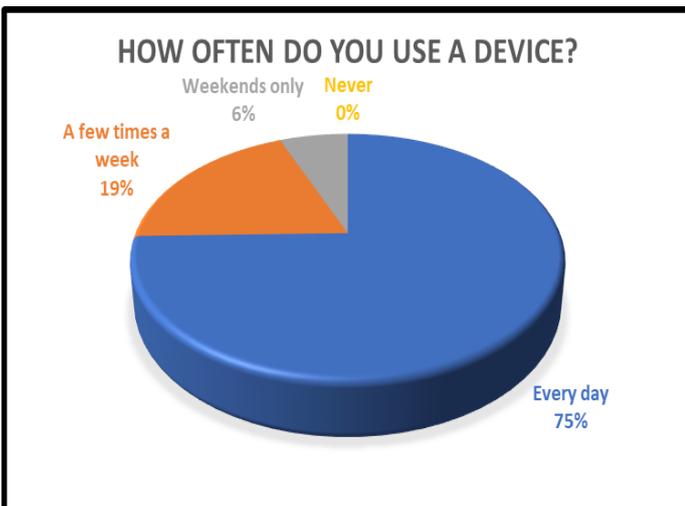
As indicated in recent communications to families, our parent teacher meetings will take place the week of the 16th November. Parents can book their appointment time via Aladdin Connect. The times / slots are available to book now. If any family experiences difficulty in relation to arranging a time for a meeting please contact the office on 051851399 and we'd be happy to assist you. We'd encourage every parent to take this opportunity to meet your son's teacher as it is an invaluable way for the teacher and parents to discuss how each pupil is progressing.

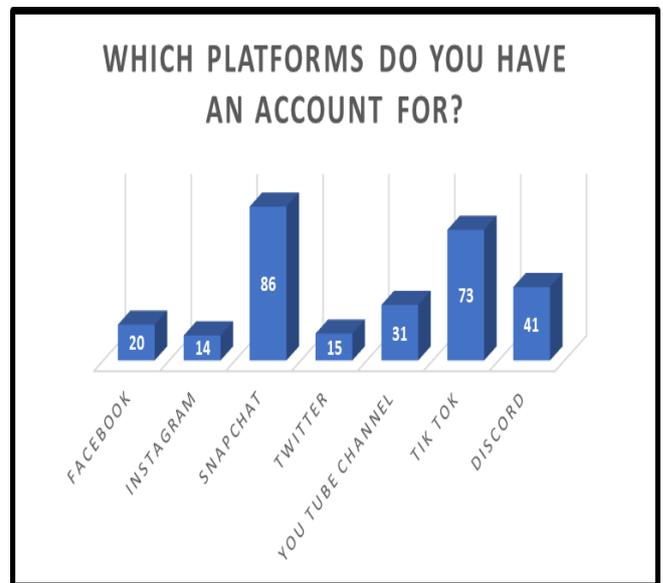
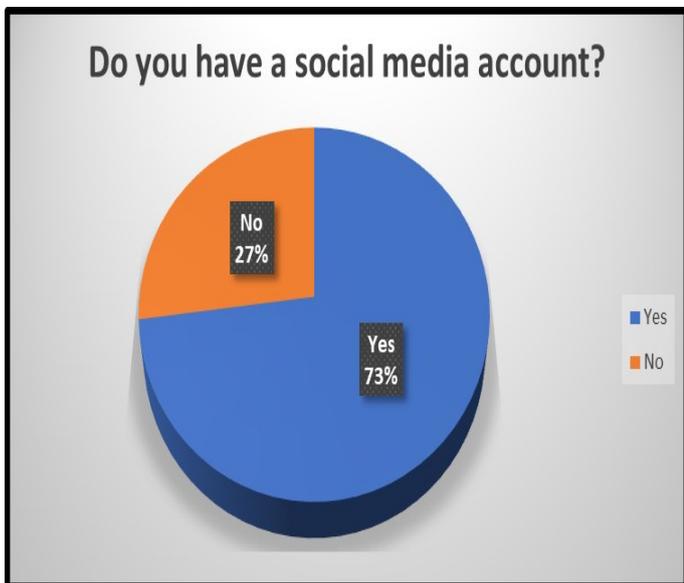
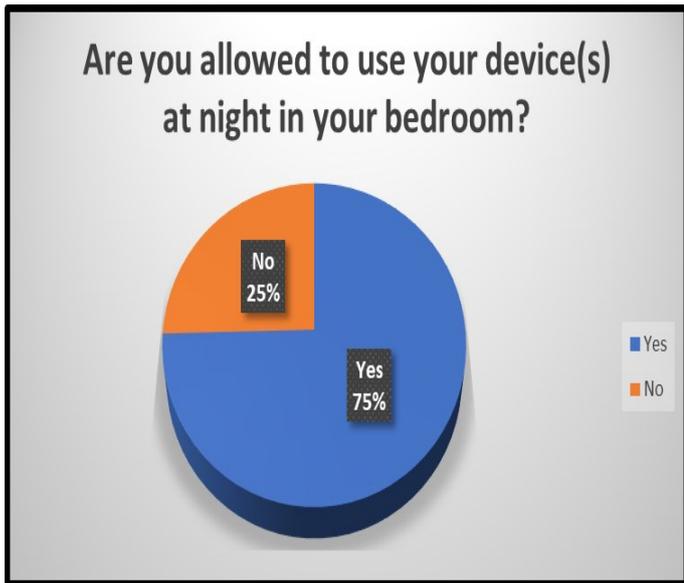
Student Council

We'd like to introduce you to members of our Student Council. The Council meets regularly and is coordinated by Ms. Tuohy. The Council is made up of representatives from 1st-6th class and were elected by their peers. The Student Council gives the perspective of pupils on various issues. Their most recent piece of work involved surveying pupils on how they use the internet and how frequently they use devices to access the internet. They came up with the questions to ask, compiled the data from their survey and we're delighted to share some of the results below which are represented on pie charts and bar charts. Well done boys. It was a great piece of work and provided some very interesting results which we are happy to share with our community.



Survey carried out by our Student Council





The research carried out by the Student Council provided some interesting results and talking points for classes. This will help inform our planning going forward when it comes to educating pupils about being safe and responsible when online or using social media platforms.

It also highlights the importance of families discussing these issues at home and being mindful that almost 75% of pupils surveyed have a social media account of some kind; 75% of pupils have access to a device in their own bedroom where it is not supervised; 63% of pupils shared that they regularly interact with strangers online.

130 boys from 2nd—6th class took part in the survey in June 2022.

It was a really worthwhile piece of work by our Student Council and we thank you for raising some of these very important issues.

Maths Week and Computer Science Week

Classes celebrated Maths Week and Computer Science Week this month. There was a huge variety of activities taking place right throughout the school. Some of the highlights included using IZAK9 cubes to problem solve in groups; using Bee Bots to navigate maps and programming them to reach a particular destination; robotics using Lego WeDo where pupils created a robotic device using lego and then programmed it to carry out particular actions. Well done to all the classes and teachers involved and thanks to Ms Tuohy for sourcing resources to celebrate Maths Week and Computer Science Week!



Mayor's Visit

We were delighted to welcome Mayor Jason Murphy to the school on 17/10/22. While the Mayor traditionally comes to celebrate good attendance this was not the case this year due to restrictions with Covid over the last two years. The Mayor presented members of the Student Council and Green School's Committee with a certificate in recognition of all the hard work carried out over the last two years.



Well done to our **Gaelic Footballers**. The boys did the school proud in recent weeks. Our U-13 team reached the semi-final and narrowly lost out to Ballyduff. Our footballers from 3rd and 4th reached their final and had a great battle with Mt. Sion but were unlucky to come up short against a very good side. Well done boys. A special thank you to Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Rynne and Mr. Coogan for looking after the teams. Thanks also to Ms. Kelly for organising the coaching for the junior classes in recent weeks. Go raibh mile maith agaibh go léir.