



# Corridor Echoes

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## U-13 Football Final

Our U-13 Gaelic Footballers competed in the Roinn B Final in Kill GAA Club on Tuesday 22nd October. The boys lost out to a strong Rathgormack side on the day. A huge well done to all the pupils involved. They represented themselves and the school so well, not just in the final, but in all their matches right throughout the competition going on an unbeaten run to the final. We have some very talented athletes in this group and we look forward to the hurling and football competitions as the year progresses. Thank you to Mr. Rynne and Mr. Fitzgerald for all their work with the U-13 footballers during Term 1.

## Beginning of School Year Mass

Our beginning of school year Mass was held on Monday the 21st of October. Thanks very much to Fr Whearty, members of staff and all the pupils for their work in preparing the mass. Thanks also to Ms. Quillinan for organising the Mass and to Ms. Cummins and Ms. Power for preparing the choir who sang so beautifully on the day.

## Halloween Art

There's plenty of Halloween Art on display at the moment from all classes. See samples to the right.



## School Admissions for 2026/27

The school will begin accepting applications for admission for 2026/27 from Monday 3rd November. Copies of the admissions notice and application form have been shared with local pre schools. These documents are available from our school website ([www.ferrybankbns.ie](http://www.ferrybankbns.ie)) or can be accessed by [clicking here](#). The closing date for receipt of applications for next year is 23/01/2025.

### Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings will be held the week of 20th November. Please note parents will be sent a notification via Aladdin Connect inviting them to book their meeting slot from the times available. Please ensure you are registered on Aladdin Connect. If not, please contact the office after the mid term and we can assist you with this.

### Dates for Sacraments

The dates for the sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are as follows:

- The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday 12th March
- First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday 16th May.



## Bake Sale 2025



A huge thank you to all our pupils, parents and staff for making this year's bake sale such a huge success! Our Student Council, led by Ms Tuohy, did so much work in organising, promoting and running the bake sale - we are very grateful to everyone involved. €1,200 was raised and our pupils have already given their input into how the money should be spent. Using the money raised we have purchased:

- ⇒ Left: A set of Bee-Bots for the school. Bee-Bots benefit education by introducing fundamental coding concepts like sequencing, problem-solving, and logical reasoning through a playful, hands-on approach. They are used in education to teach STEM subjects and can be integrated into cross-curricular activities like storytelling, mapping and re-enacting historical events. This promotes collaboration, communication and engagement among students while developing key cognitive and literacy skills.
- ⇒ Left: LEGO SPIKE kits, which offer a multitude of benefits for students by providing a hands-on, engaging platform for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) education. By combining LEGO building elements with programmable hardware and user-friendly software, these kits promote a fun and playful learning experience.

## School Calendar for 2025/2026

The school calendar is available to download from our website or it can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Please note the two additional school closures on 27th February and 22nd May to facilitate training for teachers on the new curriculum.



**Above:** We are lucky to have such a talented artist on our staff. Thanks to Mr. Fitzgerald who gave so much of his time to painting our courtyard in recent weeks. As part of our school improvement plan we are seeking to create spaces in our school environment which can be used for small group work, reading, areas to play games or simply relax. Mr. Fitzgerald's painting has transformed our courtyard and we look forward to the delivery of some outdoor furniture for this space which has been funded by our Parents Association through funds raised last year.

## School Policies

We are in the process of reviewing our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment before our next Board meeting at the end of November. The current Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment is available on our school website under the 'Downloads' tab where parents can view it. If parents have any suggestions or feedback please forward it to [admin@ferrybankbns.ie](mailto:admin@ferrybankbns.ie) by 07/11/2025.

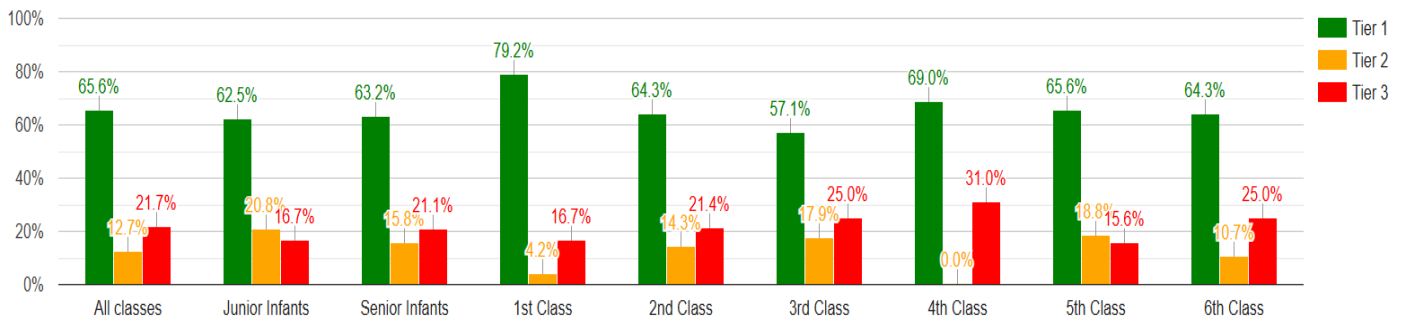
## Tesco Blue Tokens

Thanks to everyone in our community who supported the Tesco Blue Token scheme in recent months. Our school received €568 through the scheme. The funding is being used to purchase resources to support literacy development in the school - specifically magnetic letters and magnetic whiteboards which are used in junior classes to support pupils when learning to read.

## Go Orange for Solas

Our school supported the Solas Centre's Orange Day and raised in excess of €525. Thanks to all our pupils, parents and staff for supporting this very worthy cause and to Ms. Quillinan for organising the event.





**Attendance:** Above you can see our attendance statistics for the current school year. How do we compare to what is expected and what are we aiming for in 2025/26? **All schools aim to have:**

- **At least 80% of their pupils in Tier 1** ie that they are attending 95% or more of the time;
- **No more than 15% of pupils in Tier 2** ie that they are attending less than 95% but more than 90% of the time;
- **No more than 5% of pupils in Tier 3** ie pupils attending less than 90% of the time.

What would we like you to do? Please check your son’s attendance on Aladdin Connect to see:

- How many days he has missed so far this year. Remember, pupils who miss just 2 days each month will miss a full month of school by the end of the year.
- Are all the absences explained? If not please input the reason for absence.



**Maths Week:** All classes celebrated Maths Week in October. We had additional resources from the teachers’ centre such as IZAK 9 Cubes, Bee-Bots and Lego Spike Kits where pupils explored STEM concepts by building machines with motors and programming them to carry out specific actions.

**Mayor’s Visit**

We were delighted to welcome Mayor Adam Wyse to our school on Tuesday 22nd October. The boys gathered together to welcome the Mayor to our school. He spoke to the boys about the importance of friendship and kindness and raised our Bí Cineálta (Be Kind) Flag. The Mayor acknowledged all of the hard work and commitment on improving attendance in our school. He presented the boys with certificates for attendance and friendship.

