



# 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 Mr. Rynne and Mr. Fitzgerald for preparing the boys and organising the chess league in school.

The boys did very well on the day and as a result, have been invited to the Comórtas Fichille. Comórtas Fichille is a day to celebrate the invited teams' excellence. While many factors exist in deciding which teams to invite to a Comórtas tournament, chief among them is the ranking from the Féile Fichille. While the Féile Fichille is seen as a day out, a day's reward for learning and practising a new skill for weeks, the Comórtas Fichille tournament can be seen as a day's reward for performing so well at the Féile Fichille. Well done to all involved from Rang a Cúig and Rang a Sé!



## Anti-bullying

The Board of Management completed its' annual review of the school's anti-bullying policy at our last meeting on 12/02/2024. The notification and the updated Anti-bullying policy can be viewed/downloaded from our school website under the downloads tab. Pupils focused on what it meant to be a good friend in February where we had Friendship Fridays. See overleaf for some artwork completed by pupils.

## 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.



### Peace Proms 2024

Well done to members of our School Choir who participated in the Peace Proms Concert in the SETU Arena on Sunday 3rd March. It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to perform with the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland. Thanks to staff who attended on the day. A special thank you to Ms. Cummins and Ms Power who put so much time and effort into preparing the boys. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended!



**FAI 5 aside competition:** Pupils from Rang a Cúig and Rang a Sé who represented our school in the recent FAI Primary 5 aside competition. Thanks to Mr. Fitzgerald and Mr. Rynne for organising and preparing the teams for the event.

## School Self-Evaluation (SSE)

SSE is an important process influencing the quality of the education provided for children and young people in schools. Schools regularly reflect on their current practice and seek ways to improve various aspects of teaching and learning.

Between now and 2026, we will be focusing on the following areas for improvement:

- ⇒ Attendance
- ⇒ Wellbeing
- ⇒ Literacy
- ⇒ Numeracy

Data was gathered from several sources to help us identify our areas of focus for school improvement. Some sources included questionnaires for parents, pupils and staff administered last year; attendance reports on our Aladdin system and attendance returns to Tusla; assessment information gathered in school; pupil work samples; feedback at staff meetings.

Further information regarding our SSE Report and School Improvement Plan will be available on our school website ([www.ferrybankbns.ie](http://www.ferrybankbns.ie)) in the coming weeks.

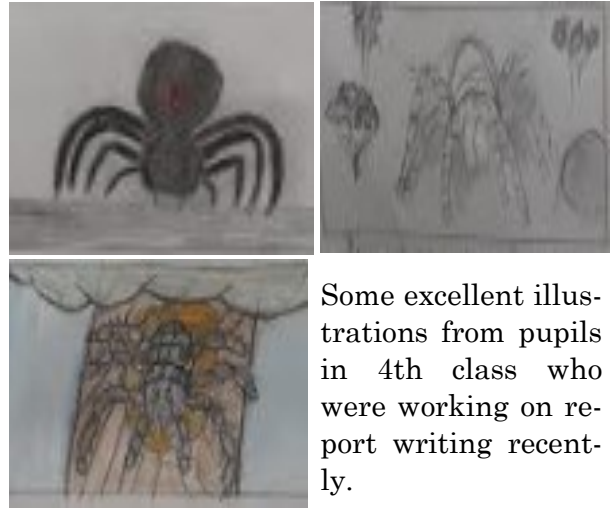
### Sacrament classes

**First Confession:** Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 7pm. Pupils wear school uniform.

**First Holy Communion:** Saturday 27th April 2024 at 11am.

**Ceremony of Light:** Wednesday 1st May 2024 at 7pm. Pupils wear school uniform.

**Confirmation:** Saturday 18th May at 11am. Pupils wear school uniform.



Some excellent illustrations from pupils in 4th class who were working on report writing recently.

### School closures:

- Friday 8th March - Closed for Referendum
- Monday 18th March - Closed for the Bank Holiday
- Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April - School closed for Easter Break.

### Easter Raffle 2024

We will be running our annual Easter Raffle over the next couple of weeks. Pupils can buy strips of tickets in school - one strip for €2 or 3 strips for €5. All support is greatly appreciated as we seek to raise funds for our school.

### Hot School Meals

The expected start date for the hot school meals will be confirmed by the company supplying the meals very soon. The details will be shared with all families via Aladdin Connect. If any family is not registered on Connect, please contact the office to ensure you do not miss this information. Parents/pupils will have the ability to select what meal they would like on each day of the week. Further information to follow once it is made available to the school.

**Left:** Kindness Clouds from Rang a Ceathair. The boys shared some positive messages about their peers in 4th class and highlighted some of the traits/characteristics that make them so unique and special.



### School Uniform and Tracksuit

A reminder to please ensure pupils are wearing their full school tracksuit/uniform on the correct days. Thanks to parents and pupils for this effort.

In the event that your son does not have the correct tracksuit/uniform on a particular day, please notify the teacher via Aladdin Connect.



### 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 €520 was raised for the annual Oesophageal Cancer Fund awareness and fundraising campaign. Thanks again for your continued generosity!



**Above:** Winners of our weekly Attendance lotto! Pupils present for a full week are entered into the lotto each Friday. The winner from each class receives a certificate and prize.

**Right:** Boys who received certificates/prizes for showing acts of kindness/friendship toward their peers. Well done boys!



### 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 performed really well. Thanks to Mr. Rynne and Ms. Whelan for accompanying the two teams!

### World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday, March 7th. Your son is invited to dress up as his favourite book character on the day or bring along a book he likes to read. Please check out the following link for some dressing up ideas

<https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

We look forward to hearing about the boys favourite books/characters. Thanks to Ms Quillinan who organises the event each year!

