



# Corridor Echoes

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It's been a very busy start to the term and we were delighted to welcome back our pupils following the summer break. A very special welcome to all our Junior Infant pupils, new pupils in various classes up through the school and their families. We hope that you will have many happy years with us.

## Ferrybank GAA

We were delighted to welcome the Ferrybank minor and intermediate hurling champions to our school during the month of September. It was great to see former pupils succeeding in both competitions and we look forward to many more successes in the future!



### Works carried out in school

Pupils were excited to see all of the new pupil furniture in every classroom when they returned in September. All pupil chairs and desks have been replaced using grant funding of €13,500.

The access controls will be replaced and upgraded using Emergency Works Grant funding of €11,390.90.

The school has also received approval, and funding of €108,375, to replace some of the flat roof areas in the school.

Our Sensory Room is complete and we look forward to adding more resources to it using funds raised by our Parents Association. Thanks to Noel Brown Flooring and Germar Electrical who gave so generously of their time and finished the room to such a high standard.

### Aistear

Some images from Aistear in Senior Infants!



### Art Work

Classes are busy in the run up to Halloween and it's great to see some of the wonderful art work on display throughout the school!

### Parents Association

Our Parents' Association had their first meeting of the year on 11/10/23. Thanks to those who were there on the night. As always we would encourage all parents to support the work of our Parents' Association as it benefits all pupils in our school.

### Climate Action

Pupils from 1st—4th class took part in Climate Action Workshops recently with Sarah Keane. The display remains in place for this week and pupils have learned a great deal about this area.



## School Calendar for 2023 / 2024

The school calendar is available to download from our website [www.ferrybankbns.ie](http://www.ferrybankbns.ie) or by [clicking here.](#)



## Maths Week

Pupils celebrated Maths Week in October. Classes used resources such as Bee Bots and IZAK 9 cubes to problem solve and find solutions. 3rd and 4th class attended a Maths event in SETU. Thanks to all for engaging in such a wide variety of activities and to Ms. Tuohy, our Maths co-ordinator, for organising the various events.



Bookville: Pupils attended Bookville events in the library in October.

## Child Protection

It is important for parents to be aware that Mr Robinson is the Designated Liaison Person (DLP), and Ms Quillinan is the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL). If there is ever a child protection concern it should be brought in the first instance to the attention of the DLP. If the DLP is not available the concern should be brought to the DDL.

The school's Child Safeguarding Statement, Risk Assessment and Notification of the Board's Annual Review is available on our school website [www.ferrybankbns.ie](http://www.ferrybankbns.ie).

The Board will undertake its annual review of this policy at our next meeting in November. If parents would like to make any contributions, suggestions or amendments to what is currently in place, please bring these to the attention of the principal.

## School Fees

The deadline for payment of the school fee (€35 per pupil) was 1st September 2023. A reminder has been sent to families where this fee is outstanding. Please ensure this is paid before 27/10/2023.



## Solas fundraiser

The school went orange for Solas Cancer Support Centre in October and raised €580. Thanks to all for their incredible generosity and support.

## Attendance

Attendance is currently an area of concern as we see pupils missing an increasing number of days each year. In an effort to raise awareness around this issue, the school will send a message at the end of each month informing parents of the number of days missed to date. We will be launching an "Attendance Race" after Halloween, where classes compete to have the best attendance in the school.

### School Uniform and Tracksuit

There has been a significant improvement in this area where 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.**



### Parent Teacher Meetings

Parents will have the opportunity to meet their son's class teacher in November. The meetings will take place between the 20th and 23rd of November. Parents will be able to book their meeting time/slot via Aladdin Connect from 08/11/23. Please note, we will send you a notification once the time slots are made available to you. If there is a situation where parents require separate meeting times, please notify the class teacher before 10am on 27/10/23. The school uses the Aladdin Connect App to arrange meetings. If you have any queries about using Connect or how to set it up, please contact the school by emailing [admin@ferrybankbns.ie](mailto:admin@ferrybankbns.ie) or phoning the office on 051851399.

### Board of Management

Thanks to all the parents who engaged with the election process for appointing a new parent nominee to our Board of Management. A special thank you to those parents who made themselves available for the position. It is wonderful to have a parent body where so many are happy and willing to fulfil such roles and we very much appreciate your support. Following the secret ballot which closed at 2pm on 20/10/2023, we can confirm that Julie Mullaly and Alan Galibert received the most votes and are therefore elected to the positions of parent nominees on the Board of Management. Thank you to current and outgoing members on the Board who have given so generously of their time and made such valuable contributions to our school!

### Mayors Visit

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor to our school recently. Members of our Green School's Committee explained in detail about the work our committee and school carried out last year which culminated in the school receiving the Green Flag for Global Citizenship—Litter and Waste.

### Photographer

We will have a professional photographer in the school on Thursday 9th November to take pupil photographs for those that are interested. Further information will be issued after the Halloween break.