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ST. MARY'S BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL,

FERRYBANK, WATERFORD. ROLL NO: 18235D

Annual Admission Notice

in respect of admissions to the 2021/2022 school year

Admission Policy and Application Form

A copy of the school's Admission Policy and the Application Form for Admission for the 2021/2022 school year is available as follows: -

- To download at www.ferrybankbns.ie
- On request through one of the following:
  1. Calling into the school (by appointment only)
  2. Emailing admin@ferrybankbns.ie
  3. Writing to: St. Mary's Boys' National School, Ferrybank, Waterford. X91AF80.

PART 1 – Admissions to the 2021/2022 school year

Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2021/2022 school year

The following are the dates applicable for admission to Junior Infants

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	09/11/2020
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	22/01/2021
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	05/02/2021
The date by which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	17/02/2021

- Note: the school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's admission policy.
- Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn.
- Please note that in relation to Criteria 3 in the school's Admission and Enrolment Policy (parents having attended the school), a school may only apply this criteria to a maximum of 25% of the available spaces.

Number of places being made available in 2021/2022 school year

The number of places being made available in junior infants is	28

Important Notice

Parents, please note that:-

1. the €40 (+ €20 deposit if applicable) Book Rental fee should have been paid by 1st September.

2. the €30 fee for Photocopying/Art should have been paid by 30th September. This is a fee that covers *some* of the cost of Art and photocopying. It is not a voluntary contribution (we don't ask for a voluntary contribution) - it is a charge.

These fees/charges could also have been paid in instalments. Parents have always been informed to contact the office for details if they wished.

Sincere thanks once again to those of you who have dealt with these fees/charges.

Please note that these fees can be paid:

⇒ over the phone by calling the office on 051851399 or

⇒ online through Aladdin Connect/ePayments

Parents' Association

All parents are welcome and encouraged to join the Parents' Association Committee. Ideally each class should have representation. We would encourage parents from all classes to join the committee.

The Parents' Association will work together with the Principal, Staff, Board of Management and all parents to build effective partnership between home, school and the local community to ensure the best possible education for their children.

We aim to offer all parents the opportunity to contribute towards enhancing their children's education through various activities within the community throughout the school year.

Please contact your son's teacher, Jackie or the Principal if you would like to become a member of the committee that will work for the good of the school and all the boys in it. Thanks again to our current members for all of their support and continued commitment to the school.

School Calendar for 2020 / 2021

***Tuesday 22nd December**: School closes for Christmas holidays
***Wednesday 6th January 2020**: School re-opens

***Thursday 18th & Friday 19th February**: School closed for Mid-term Break
***Wednesday 17th March**: School closed
***Friday 26th March**: School closes for Easter holidays
***Monday 12th April**: School re-opens
***Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th May**: School closed
***Monday 7th June**: School closed
***Friday 25th June**: End of school year; school closes for summer holidays

Christmas Preparation

Although it will not be possible to have our traditional Christmas Plays and Carol Service that we normally have in the school and local Church, classes will be busy preparing something festive which we hope to record and share via our school website.

Swimming

Unfortunately, the school will not be in a position to facilitate swimming lessons this year due to the restrictions being placed on schools, resulting from the current pandemic.

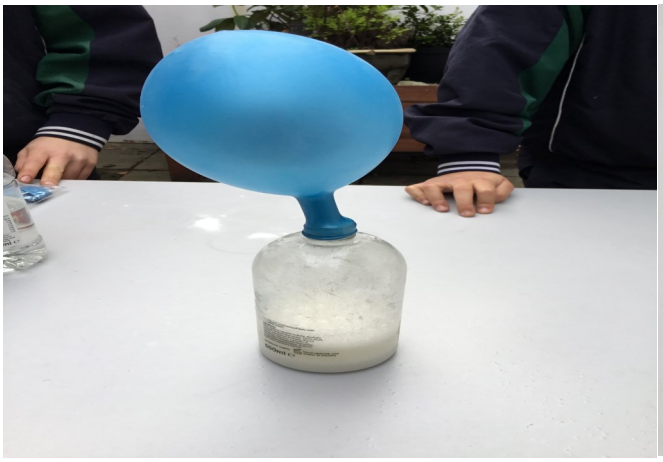
Maths Week

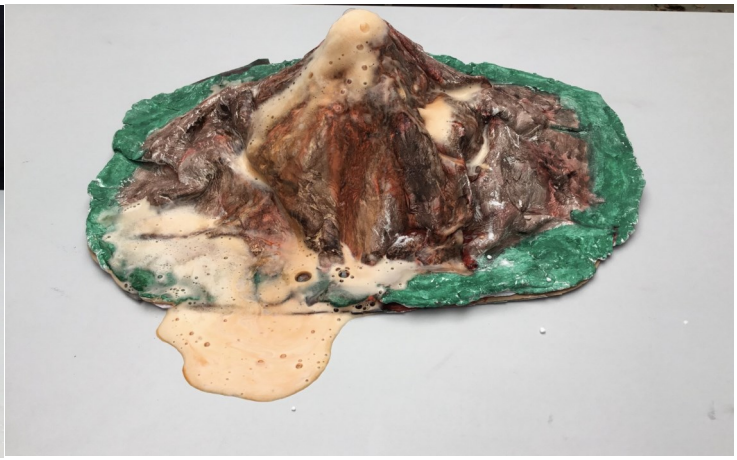
Classes engaged with different activities and experiments to celebrate Maths Week recently. I have no doubt we have some future mathematicians, teachers and computer scientists in our midst!

Science Week

Check out our school website at *www.ferrybankbns.ie* or our twitter page *https://twitter.com/stmarysbnsfb* to see what some of our classes were doing for Maths Week and Science Week. Our 5th and 6th classes were unable to host their annual Science Fair. Instead, the pupils conducted their experiments, explained the 'Science' behind what was happening and recorded it so other classes could view it from their own classrooms. Thanks to Ms. Heffernan and Mr. Rynne for putting so much effort into organising this event.

It was enjoyed by all and we hope to share some of the work on the school website and twitter page soon.





Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings are scheduled for February 2021. Exact dates and times will be communicated to parents closer to the time. However, if you have a concern which you feel needs to be brought to a teacher's attention please contact the school by calling 051851399 or emailing admin@ferrybankbns.ie.

School Uniform and Tracksuit

All pupils in our school must have a school uniform and a school tracksuit, with the exception of Junior Infants, who only need a school tracksuit. Every family is made aware and provided with information about our rules regarding uniform and tracksuit, when to wear each and the options available as to where to buy them.

Proper school clothes in school only, please! If a pupil does not have the appropriate uniform for any reason a written explanation should be presented to the teacher.

Contact details for excel school uniform company

Road Safety

All pupils are asked to dismount their scooters or bicycles when entering and leaving the school grounds. Pupils were also reminded of how to cross the road safely at the traffic lights. Unfortunately this is made very difficult when cars are parked on the crossing or on the double yellow lines either side of the traffic lights. We would ask all parents to park their cars a safe distance from the crossing to ensure pupils can see left and right before crossing the road. We understand how difficult it can be to park in the mornings/evenings but we want to make every effort to ensure the safety of our pupils. Your cooperation would be very much appreciated.

Clothes Collection - Fundraiser

Thanks so much to the community of Ferrybank for supporting the joint fundraiser between St. Mary's Boys' National School and Ferrybank GAA Club in August. It was an overwhelming success and raised €1,122.

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