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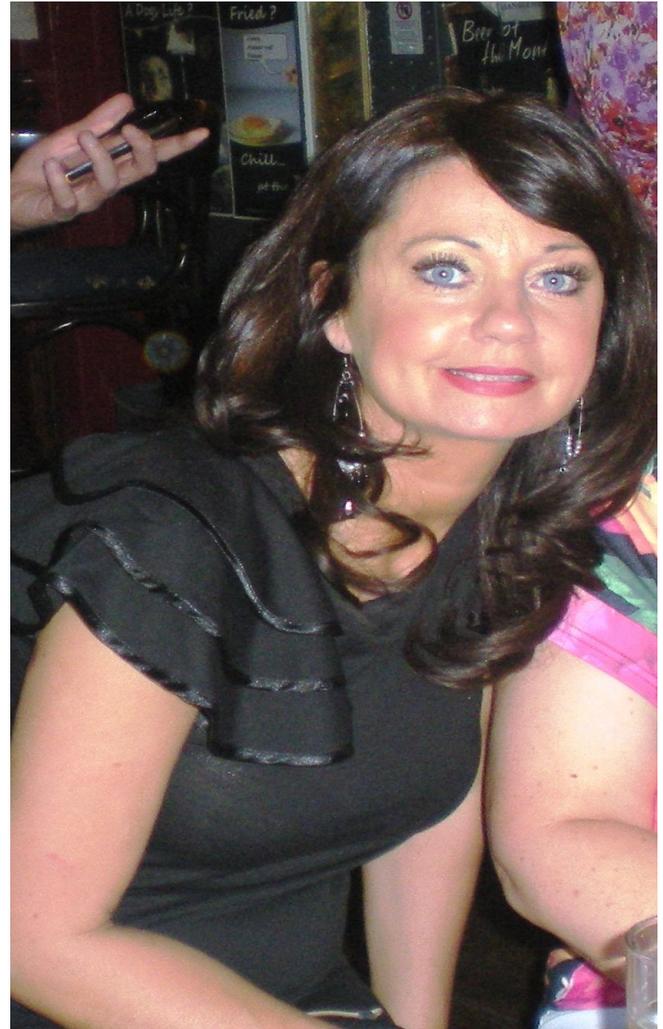
2016

Margaret Brown 1967-2016

Our school community is devastated as we mourn the loss of our beloved secretary, Margaret Brown. Margaret lost her very brave battle with her illness in the early hours of Saturday last, 12th November. She brought grace, dignity, glamour and fun to Ferrybank Boys' National School. She exuded kindness and discretion in all her dealings with the boys and their parents and was a steadfast support to the principal and all the staff. She lived each day to the full and that is her legacy and challenge to all of us now.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Noel, Kelly, Johnno, her parents, brothers, sisters, family and friends. We will miss her gentle presence.

Go raibh sí i measc na nGael i ríocht Dé.
Suaimhneas síoraí Mags. I ndáiríre ní bheidh a leithéid arís ann.



Sincere thanks to all who attended Margaret's funeral, the boys from 5th and 6th classes who formed the guard of honour at the church and everyone who sent lovely messages of sympathy.



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 must be 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 can also be paid in instalments. Please contact the office for details.)

Parents, the above notice appeared in the September issue of Corridor Echoes. Sincere thanks to those of you who have dealt with these fees.

All parents have had ample opportunity to pay what is due and/or to make suitable arrangements for same. It is time for the asking to stop and for everyone to pay what is due. We have been patient long enough.

Are your children not worth you paying what is legitimately due for them?

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 Parent 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.

If you are interested in being part of the Parents Association Committee please come along to the AGM. Alternatively do not hesitate to contact any committee member below or email

paferrybankboys@gmail.com.

You will be notified about the date of the AGM.

School Calendar for 2016 / 2017

- * Thursday 22nd December: School closes for Christmas holidays
- * Monday 9th January 2017: School re-opens
- * Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th February: School closed for Mid-term Break
- * Friday 17th March: School closed
- * Friday 7th April: School closes for Easter holidays
- * Monday 24th April: School re-opens
- * Monday 1st May: School closed - Public Holiday
- * Monday 5th June: School closed
- * Tuesday 27th June: End of school year; school closes for summer holidays

Swimming: Swimming will take place as usual next term for all classes, Junior Infants to 6th Class. The venue will be the Kingfisher Club. Each class will get 5 swimming session as usual. There will be more details about the swimming programme in the next 'Corridor Echoes'.

Science Week

As part of Science Week our 6th Class will attend an energy awareness presentation in Ferrybank Library on Friday 18th. The presentation will be done by the Energy Officer from Kilkenny County Council.

Book Fair

Thanks to all who supported our annual Book fair this week. There is always great excitement during the Book Fair.

Futsal

Our 2 teams from 4th Class took part in the schools' Futsal tournament which was played at the WIT complex in Carriganore last week. They both played very well. One of the teams qualified for the finals of the tournament and this will take place on Thursday 24th November at the same venue. Well done to all.

One World Centre

Our 3rd and 4th Classes will attend a workshop soon at the City Centre branch of Waterford Library. This is being organised by Waterford One World Centre in partnership with Waterford Area Partnership, Waterford City Library and Greyfriars Municipal Art Gallery. The workshop is for pupils in these classes to explore sustainability and remind the pupils that even small actions can help. They will look at 'The Life of a Christmas Jumper' from its creation in garment factories in Asia to its eventual demise in Ireland asking the question of what is the most environmentally friendly option for our unwanted clothing items.

Shoebox Appeal

Sincere thanks to everyone who has participated in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. It has been brilliant to see so many shoeboxes outside the office. In 2015, Team Hope received 40,000 more shoeboxes than in 2014. That meant 40,000 more smiling children. More than 200,000 shoeboxes went to countries like Albania, Moldova, Romania, Ukraine as well as African countries such as Cameroon, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi and Swaziland. The boxes travel to Africa in huge shipping containers across the sea via various sea ports taking an average of 8 weeks to arrive. The boxes travel by truck to their destinations in Eastern Europe taking about a week. All these shoeboxes would completely cover 2 full sized football pitches, or, end to end they would stretch for 70 kilometres.



School Uniform and Tracksuit

All pupils in our school **must** have a school uniform and a school tracksuit.

Tracksuit

The school tracksuit is *only* available from Excel Promotions.

Uniform

Option A - The full school uniform (green jumper, grey shirt, grey pants and green tie) is available from Excel Promotions. There is a choice of crested or non-crested jumper.

Option B - The full uniform is also available from Shaws, The Quay, Waterford. Please note that only a non-crested jumper is available from Shaws.

The shirt, polo shirt and pants may be purchased in other shops also - provided they are the correct colour. No variations in colour or style are allowed. We went through the process of dealing with school uniforms and tracksuits last year as laid down by the Department of Education and Skills.

It is very important that all parents follow the simple rules about our uniform and tracksuit.

Christmas

Unfortunately the Winterval schools' programme has been discontinued.

We are hoping to bring Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st Class across town as we have done in recent years.

You will receive the special Christmas Programme edition of Corridor Echoes in due course. This will contain details of events in the school, our Christmas plays and our Carol Service.

One detail for now is about the **Little Red Kettle** show. Little Red Kettle Theatre Company visit the school every year with their Christmas show. They will be here on Thursday 1st December with this year's show, "Weird Ol' World (WOW)". The cost for the play is €4 per child.

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