

BAY ESTATE GAZETTE



Our School Newsletter

HELLO AND WELCOME!

Hello everyone, we would like to welcome you all to the new school year. At this stage, we hope that our pupils, returning and new, are well settled into school. We also hope that last year's 6th class pupils have enjoyed their transition to secondary school. We are really looking forward to a very busy and exciting year ahead.



ALADDIN CONNECT APP



*We require at least one parent to download and use the Aladdin Connect App. **This will be the main form of communication that the school will be using.** The cost of sending messages to families, through the app, is free for the school. The cost of sending text messages has steadily increased and it is now becoming very costly. If you haven't already downloaded the app or need help with it, please contact the office and help will be given.*

School Attendance

*Pupils must arrive at school for **8.50 a.m.** each morning. For health and safety reasons, **the back and side gates will be closed at 9:15am.***

After this time pupils must enter the school through the front reception. If a pupil will be arriving to school late we ask that parents/guardians inform the school beforehand so that their attendance can be recorded properly.

The school is obliged to communicate with The Child & Family Agency (Tusla) with regard to pupils' attendance at school and to report all absences in excess of 20 days. You will receive an automated courtesy text from the school advising if your child has missed 15/20/25 etc. days from school.



PARENT/TEACHER MEETINGS



Face to face Parent/Teacher meetings are due to take place on Monday, the 24th and Tuesday, the 25th of October. The meetings will take place between 2.30 - 5.00 pm each afternoon. **School will finish at 2:15pm on both days.**

We will be using the Parent Teacher Booking system on Aladdin Connect for the scheduling of appointments. **As previously mentioned please ensure that you have downloaded and have access to Aladdin Connect. Time slots will be released to parents in the coming weeks. Parents/Guardians will access the time slots on their Aladdin Connect App and can choose the available appointment which best suits them. Booking of a suitable time is only available through Aladdin Connect. Please contact the office if you need any help downloading or operating the app.**

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS



Representatives from the different local secondary schools have been speaking to our pupils about transitioning to secondary school. We advise parents of pupils in 6th class on the importance of enrolling their child in their preferred school by the correct date. All secondary schools have their open evenings coming up and will have their application forms available for completion. **Please refer to the secondary's school own website for further information on the application process.**

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Your child should wear his/her school uniform daily. The class teacher will advise the children about their "P.E. Day" when children may wear the school tracksuit.

Please ensure school jumpers, tracksuit tops and coats are clearly labelled with your child's name so they can be returned to their rightful owners if your child mislays same.

Thank you to the parents who donated school jumpers and tracksuits to the school.



Traffic Management



As you are all aware there is considerable traffic outside the school at peak school times (8:30am – 9am, 1:20pm – 1:40pm & 2:20pm – 2:45pm). To help alleviate the congestion we ask that all motorists adhere to a voluntary one way system at these times. We ask that you approach the school from the Avenue Road direction and proceed past the school via Willowdale. Please drive slowly and be mindful of children crossing the road. The safety of our children is paramount. **Please advise your child that they must walk on the footpath, they are not allowed to walk across the carpark.**

Please note parents are not permitted to drive into the carpark without prior permission to do so.

Once again we ask that you have consideration for local residents when you park outside the school.

Please do not block driveways or double park preventing the free flow of traffic through the estate.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

We will hold our clothing collection on Monday the 3rd of October. This is an excellent fundraiser for our school. This year we hope to purchase a defibrillator for our school. We appreciate all your support with this collection. The school gates will open at 7:30am on Monday morning to facilitate any early bag drop offs. **Please note the clothes will be collected by 9:30am so kindly have your donations in before this time.**



Mid-Term Break

The school will be closed for mid-term break from the 31st of October until the 4th of November inclusively. The school will re-open on Monday the 7th of November.

Dates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

The Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation will be held on the following dates:

Confirmation - Friday the 10th of March, 2023 @ 11:30am in the Holy Family Church

First Holy Communion – Friday the 26th of May, 2023 @ 11:30am in the Holy Family Church



Nut Free Zone



We wish to remind pupils, parents and guardians that our school is a NUT FREE ZONE. Please ensure that all lunches and food sent into school with the pupils do not contain any nuts. This policy is to ensure the health and safety of all our pupils and staff.

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2023



If you have a child hoping to join us in Junior Infants for the 2023/2024 school year, the '**Application for Admission Form**' will be available on our website from Monday the 10th of October. The application form must be returned to the office with all accompanying paperwork by the 14th of November, 2022.

Our updated school's Annual Admission Notice and Admission Policy can be accessed on the school website at www.bayestatens.com from Friday the 7th of October, 2022.

Administration of Medication

As per our school's Administration of Medication Policy if your child requires medication during school time you **must complete an 'Administration of Medication' form for your child**. Please contact the school office and a form will be emailed to you if your child requires medication.



Peace Proms 2023



In the coming weeks pupils from our 5th and 6th class choir will commence their preparations for Peace Proms 2023. Pupils will attend a workshop in Dublin in early December and they will perform in the RDS on Sunday the 5th of February. Emails will be sent out from The Peace Proms to the parents of participating pupils when tickets go on sale for the concert in the RDS.

They tend to sell out fast so keep an eye out if you wish to attend the concert.

School Library

We were delighted to finally welcome classes back to our school library this month. Teachers and pupils have been really enjoying their weekly visits, sharing stories and borrowing lots of great books.

Thank you to our librarians from Mrs Gaughran's sixth class. They worked voluntarily during their lunch breaks and have done a fantastic job of sorting, organising and tidying the books.



School Expenses

Thank you to all parents who have paid their school expenses to date. We request if you have not already done so that you pay your child's school expenses no later than **Saturday the 1st of October, 2022.**

Boy's Gaelic Football Team



Our boy's gaelic football team took part in an inter-schools blitz this week. They won both their matches and look forward to many more games in the future. Thank you to Mr. O'Hare who is coaching the boys each week and accompanied them on the day.

Our School's New Sensory Room

We are delighted to have opened our sensory room at the start of this school year. It has become a wonderful space for our children.

We held an in-school competition to name our sensory room and I am delighted to announce Ms. Lynn Craven's 6th class as the winners of this competition.

Their winning entry is:

***Seomra an Bhogha Báistí which in English translates to
The Rainbow Room.***

Well done to Ms. Craven's class, we hope they enjoy their winning class prize treat!!

