

BAY ESTATE GAZETTE



Our School Newsletter

Go Fly Your Kite Workshop

To mark St Brigid's Day this year the County Museum Dundalk and Go Fly Your Kite organized a series of workshops to celebrate the new national holiday. All our 6th class pupils attended these workshops and all got to make their own kite !!



Sacramental Preparation

Our 6th class pupils, in preparation for making their Confirmation on Friday the 10th of March celebrated their Commitment Ceremony in the school recently with Fr. Derek. They also look forward to their 'Ceremony of Light' which will be held in the Holy Family Church on Tuesday the 14th of February at 6pm.

Our 2nd class pupils are preparing for their First Penance which will take place in the Holy Family Church on Tuesday the 7th of March at 6pm.

We wish all the children the very best in their upcoming ceremonies.

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.



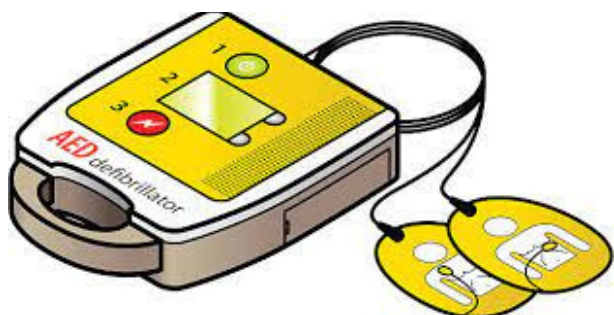
Catholic School Week

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week 22nd – 29th January. The theme this year was 'Walking Together in Faith and Love'. Our pupils were busy in class exploring their own contribution to the world around us. The boys and girls in 5th class attended mass in the Holy Family Church with Fr. Ryan, and Ms. Craven's 4th Class represented the school at the Seinn 2023 event in the Redeemer Church. All pupils and staff were invited to participate in a daily reflection/prayer throughout Catholic Schools Week. We enjoyed the opportunity to welcome our 3rd and 6th Class Grandparents into the school as part of our Grandparents Day celebrations.

The children have been learning about St. Brigid and her connections with our locality in anticipation of The Feast of St. Brigid this week.



School Defibrillator



With the proceeds of €1282.50 from our Clothing Collection held in October last year we were delighted to be able to purchase a defibrillator for the school.

We are currently in the process of arranging defibrillator training for some of our staff.

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 20th March**. This is an excellent fundraiser for our school. We appreciate all your support with this collection. The school gates will open at 7:30am on the 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.**



School Closures & Mid -Term

Monday 6th February - Bank Holiday

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th February - Mid-term Break

Wednesday 22nd February - Staff Training Day

Now
Enrolling!



Enrolment for Special Class 2023

If you wish to apply for a place in our Special Class for the 2023/2024 school year, the '**Special Class Application for Admission Form**' is available on our website from Wednesday 1st February. The application form must be returned to the office with all accompanying paperwork by the 24th of February, 2023.

Our updated school's Annual Admission Notice and Admission Policy can be accessed on the school website at www.bayestatens.com.

Peace Proms 2023

The choir have been very busy recently preparing for Peace Proms 2023. They will perform this Sunday 5th February in the RDS with the Cross Border Orchestra.

Best of luck boys and girls, enjoy the performance.



Lá Glas - Date for the Diary

As part of our Seachtain na Gaeilge celebrations children will be encouraged to dress in green for our annual Céilí which will take place on Wednesday 15th March.

Aldi Play Rugby Campaign

The Aldi Poster drive is in full swing and we are now on our third poster. The winning school gets €50,000 towards playing facilities so we would like to encourage all parents to collect the stickers at the till when doing their shopping.





Sports in our School

Gaelic - Coaching has commenced again and is now in full swing with Louth GAA and Na Piarsaigh coaches providing coaching right through the school.

Soccer - Trials have started for both the Girls and Boys 5-a-side soccer teams with the first competition of the year being held in March.

After School Gaelic - Gaelic football training will recommence after mid-term. It will be on every Thursday from 2.30-3.30 for boys and girls in 6th class. Depending on numbers it may be opened to 5th class after a week or two.

Safer Internet Day 2023

As part of Internet Safety Week the Community Gardaí will visit our school on Tuesday 7th February – Safer Internet Day, to talk to the pupils in 4th, 5th & 6th about staying safe online.



Safer Internet Day



Art News

Christmas Card Fundraiser - A huge "Thank You" to all our families for supporting all our budding artist and buying the Christmas Cards which raised €806.70 for the school.

Blast - Our 3rd class pupils can look forward to working with professional artist Breda Marron, who will target a greater appreciation for art in our school environment. Blast.....Bringing live arts to students and teachers.

Green Schools Committee

The Green Schools Committee is working diligently towards the first Green Flag award for the school. Our first Wrapper Free Wednesday will take place next **Wednesday 8th February**. We ask that students do not bring in any wrappers or non-recyclable containers to school on that day. This is to help create awareness of the amount of litter and waste being produced.



Student Council News

The school's Student Council has been exceptionally busy. They organised the Christmas Jumper Day, including a Christmas Caroloke (which was great fun!) There was great array of Christmas clothes worn across the school. Thanks to this initiative, over €900 was raised and shared between the Alzheimers Society and Crumlin Children's Hospital. A huge thank you to all who donated to these worthy charities.



Book Fair - March 2023

Celtic Travelling Book Fair will be hosting a book fair in our school from 6th - 9th March in the school hall. All classes will be timetabled and invited to attend to browse and buy their favourite books by many famous authors.



World Book Day 2023

We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday March 2nd 2023. This will be an opportunity for pupils and staff to dress up as their favourite book character. World Book day is always a fun event in our school and there will be lots of prizes available for the best dressed on the day!

