



Firoda National School

# January Newsletter 2025



## **HAPPY NEW YEAR !**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

## **CHRISTMAS PLAY & RAFFLE**

We held our "Christmas Play" night in the school hall on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. We had a packed hall and the pupils provided fantastic entertainment on the night. Well done everyone on a great effort and performance.

## **St. VINCENT de PAUL**

Thanks to all who donated to our St. Vincent de Paul collection in the school. All items donated were distributed locally. Your generosity was greatly appreciated by all.

## **FUNDRAISING**

As part of our fundraising campaign, we will be selling tickets at **Eurospar, Castlecomer on February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**. Prizes will include hampers etc. We urgently need volunteers to sell tickets on those days. There will be a rota in place. If you think you can help on any of these days, please contact the school.

## **SAY YES TO LANGUAGES**

Recently, the Department of Education offered all recognised primary schools an opportunity to apply to take part in the "Say Yes to Languages" sampler module. It supports the introduction of a modern foreign language to pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class. We are happy to inform you that we were accepted into the programme and we have secured a tutor, Ms Marion Rainbow (originally from France), to introduce the pupils to basic French. This initiative will commence for relevant pupils in February and will finish in June.

## **SCHOOL TOURS 2025**

School Tours for 2025 have been booked. We will have two tours this year and both tours will be on the same day. On Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June, **Junior Infants- 2nd Class** will travel to The PlayStation and The Reptile Zoo, Kilkenny.

**3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> Class** will travel to Splashworld, Tramore and Activate, Waterford.

Further details nearer the time.

In the coming days, you will be sent a payment link on Aladdin. There is absolutely no hurry on payment, this is simply to give parents a chance to pay in installments if they wish. However, we do ask that all payments are made before pupils travel.

## **ADMISSIONS**

The school are accepting applications for admissions for school year 2025/2026. If you intend enrolling your child or know of anybody intending to enrol a child, please contact the school office or go to our website for an Application Form if you have not done so already.

## **TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT**

In the transition from Primary School to Secondary, the principal will liaise with Castlecomer Community School to offer support to sixth class pupils going into First Year. This will be a vital link for all and will help to alleviate any worry or stress associated with the move.

## **CAMOGIE & HURLING**

Hurling and Camogie will resume in February for those who are interested.