



February Newsletter 2025

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REMINDER

The final date for enrolments is approaching. If you have a child for enrolment or know of someone intending to enrol a child, application forms are available from the school, on the school website or from the school office. Contact can be made by the school email:

info@firodaschool.ie or by phone: 087 9050605 / 056 4441384

TRACKSUIT DAYS

On Monday & Tuesday next, February 17th & 18th, pupils may wear their school tracksuits to school. These days will also be “**No Homework**” days! The school will be closed from Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st February, reopening on Monday 24th February. We hope everyone has an enjoyable break.

EUROSPAR COLLECTION

As part of our fundraising campaign, we will be selling tickets at Eurospar, Castlecomer on **February 27th & 28th**. A rota will be compiled this week and if you think you can help, please contact the school. Prizes for this raffle will include hampers etc. If you can contribute items towards the making up of hampers with ie. bottles of wine, chocolates, toiletries, candles etc. we would greatly appreciate it. Your help and co-operation is much appreciated.

EARLY CLOSURE

On **Thursday, April 3rd** school will finish for all pupils at **1:40pm** to facilitate a Staff Meeting.

SAY YES TO LANGUAGES

Recently, the Department of Education offered 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 3rd to 6th class. 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 on Monday, 24th February and will finish in June.

BARNSTORM THEATRE

The pupils in **Junior & Senior Infants, 1st & 2nd** class will travel to **The Barnstorm Theatre, Kilkenny on Tuesday, March 11th** to see a production of “The Hare and the Tortoise”. This is an award-winning adaptation of Aesop’s fable about friendship, opposites, and growing up. On the day before, Monday 10th, members of the Barnstorm Theatre will visit the school to give a pre-show session using the production poster and model-box of the set to explore the children’s expectations of the upcoming theatre experience. On the day after the show, theatre members will return to the school have a post-show session to encourage the children to articulate their experience of the production – part of our Comprehension & Oral Language Development. Pupils will travel by bus to and from the venue with their teachers. The **cost per pupil will be €** and this covers the bus and admission. A payment link will be sent.

CREATIVE SCHOOLS

As part of the Creative Schools initiative, the school has welcomed various artists etc. from the local area to visit the school and give demonstrations of their particular area of expertise. To date we have had Anna Lalor, photographer, demonstrating how to take photographs properly, showing various cameras and their uses. On Friday next, February 14th, local potter Rosemarie Durr will visit the school and give a workshop in pottery. On Monday, February 17th, Edel Meagher will facilitate a Cake Decorating “workshop. We would like to thank all these for giving of their time to come to the school and share their talents with us. It is really appreciated by staff and pupils alike. If you have a craft that you would like to share with the pupils, please contact the school. Thank you.

HURLING & CAMOGIE

Schools hurling and camogie will commence later this month for pupils in 4th to 6th class.