County Photos



COUNTY PHOTOS proofs have been sent home to all families.

Orders can be placed online @ https://shop.countyphotos.ie/ using the access and school code on your individual proof. Orders can also be returned to the school.

The deadline date for orders is **Monday** February 20th.

COUNTY PHOTOS pack details attached with this newsletter.

Grandparents Day

Thank you to everybody who invited grandparents to our school on Feb 3rd.

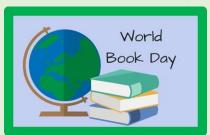
We had a lovely afternoon in the school and we hope grandparents enjoyed the day as much as we did.

Library Books

Please check at home for any library books that might be on shelves. Our library stock is depleted so we would appreciate any help in locating school books.

All our school books have the school stamp on the inside cover.

World Book Day



We plan to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday March 2nd. Children will be able to dress up as their favourite character if they wish to on the day.



Staff

It is with sad news that we inform you our secretary Elaine will be finishing up with us next week. Elaine has been most welcome and helpful in all matters in the office and she will be sorely missed by the whole school community.

We wish Elaine the very best as she moves forward with her new job.

We would like to welcome Noreen Bugler to the staff as part time SNA. Noreen will be starting after midterm break.

Feakle N.S. 2023 School Calendar

There are still a number of calendars available in the office at a cost of €10.



The school is currently setting up Aladdin Connect which will be our primary communication system with parents.

Parents will be able to log all absences, see your child's end of year report, send permission slips etc. Parents will be sent a link to download for this.

Testing

Our annual spelling test will take place next week - all other English, Irish and maths tests will take place in May.

Indoor Hurling / Camogie

Girls from 3rd - 5th and boys from 2nd-4th will participate in the indoor hurling blitz next Tuesday Feb 21st in Flagmount with local schools. They have been training for the last number of weeks.

Scoil Mhuire an Fhiacail

Swimming



Swimming lessons have begun - the senior room have one lesson left after midterm break, the middle room will then begin their lessons for five weeks.

Cycling



The senior room started a Cycle Right Course which has been supported by Clare Co Council and An Taisce.

The purpose of the course is to teach the children safe cycling skills.

It will run for 4 weeks. Two instructors visited the school last Friday and did theory work in the classroom before bringing the children outside to practise the correct skills - braking, hand signals, turning. These skills will be built upon each week.

Hurling



Coaches from Clare GAA will visit the school every Tuesday morning from Tuesday Feb 21st until the Easter break.

Children will need to bring their helmet and hurl to school every Tuesday.

Internet Safety Talk

An internet safety talk is booked for **Friday March 10th** for all children in school.

Zeeko Education will host a parent's session on Thursday March 9th @ 8pm via zoom.

We would recommend all parents attend the course.

Agri Aware

The PA have organised an Agri Aware education talk for all classes. This will take place on March 30th. Thank you to the PA for organising.

This is such an important topic for all children - especially coming into the busy summer where many children either visit or live on farms.

Sacraments

First Penance for 2nd class will take place on March 7th @ 7pm in Kilclaren.

Confirmation will take place on Sat March 25th in Feakle Church. We plan on having a school choir for the mass so would ask that children could be available for the mass at 3pm. The confirmation candidates will take part in a mini retreat on March 21st here in the school. Fr Joe will attend to give the sacrament of reconciliation before the end of the retreat.

Dates for your Diary

Thu Feb 16 th & Fri Feb 17 th	Mid-Term Break (School Closed)
Mon Mar 7 th	First Penance (2 nd Class)
Fri Mar 17 th	St Patrick's Day (School Closed)
Sat Mar 25 th	Confirmation
Fri Mar 31st	School closes at 12 Noon for the Easter break.
Mon Apr 17 th	School Re-opens after the Easter break.

