

11th March, 2019

Dear Parents,

Just to keep you up to date on the events taking place in the school for the month of March. It is very busy indeed

- Last week we welcomed Edel Meaney from the Inspectorate Department of the D.E.S. She observed the teaching and learning in our school. She was very pleased with the work taking place. Well done to all the pupils and staff who do their best to achieve at all times.
- 2nd class are busy preparing for their First Confession, taking place Thursday March 21st at 7.30pm. Their next 'Do this in Memory' Mass is Sunday March 17th.
- Well done to our over 11 team who took part in the Chapter Level of the Credit Union Quiz in Springfort Hall on Sat. March 2nd. The boys were placed 3rd on the day after a very tight competition. The team consisted of Paddy Duggan, Eoin O'Keeffe, Ronan Harrington and Matthew Deady.
- Our Parent's Association are hosting a Primary School Quiz on Friday March 29th at 7.30pm in the Edel Quinn Hall. Teams of 4 are invited. The cost is €5 per child. There will also be a shop and raffle on the night. They are having a meeting in the school on Tuesday March 12th at 8p.m. to discuss the plans for this. We hope as many as possible can attend. If you can't make the meeting but can help out on the night you might contact the school or one of the committee members. We thank you for your support.
- Good luck to Paddy Duggan who is representing our school at the Spelling Bee Competition this Wed. March 13th in C.B.C. School, Wellington Road, Cork.
- Darragh Quirke in 6th class and his classmates have embarked on a project to determine if visualisation or verbalisation is a better learning tool. This investigation is ongoing and 5th and 6th class pupils have been presented with a topic taught by Stephen Sheehan through text (i.e. verbalisation) and Powerpoint via Eoin O'Keeffe (visualisation). The students envisage presenting three different topics, testing afterwards with test results to be analysed. This is a fantastic initiative and part of START Competition and we wish our students every success in their research and endeavour.
- Congratulations to Liam Allen (4th) who won 1st prize in his category in the Kanturk Art Festival Art Competition. He will receive his prize at a ceremony in O'Callaghan's Motors on Friday March 15th at 7pm. Well done to all who participated and were highly recommended in this competition.
- Congratulations too to the winners in the Flash Fiction Creative Writing Competition. Paddy Duggan 6th class came 1st, Ronan Harrington 6th class came 2nd with Eoin O'Keeffe in 6th coming 4th. This was a huge achievement for our school. The boys will receive their prizes in O'Callaghan's Garage on Fri. 15th at 7pm. You can see their work on our school website.

- The Girls School are hosting a Book Fair this week. All classes are invited to visit it on Thursday, March 14th from 9.20 – 10.50. If you would like your child to purchase books please make sure he has his money with him on Thursday. To purchase is optional. Opening times of Fair attached.
- Olan Daly will be continuing with Tag Rugby this Thursday. There is no charge for the session.
- We look forward to the annual visit from Fr. Seán Corkery to discuss the Grow & Love and Alive-O Programmes with the children on Friday March 22nd.
- Our Green Schools Committee will be holding a fun day of experiments highlighting our theme of Global Citizenship Marine Environment on Tuesday March 26th. We also hope to explore the theme of Mandalas.
- Olive Mooney is a writer coming to talk about her books to the children. You have the option of purchasing a signed copy of this for €10. Enclosed see brochure. To purchase is optional.
- We welcome Martina Ryan on Tuesday March 19th from Cork Mental Health Association. She will speak to 6th class on the importance of wellbeing and the transition from primary school to post primary school.
- We remind you that the school is closed this Monday March 18th as it is a bank holiday. We hope you have an enjoyable St. Patrick's weekend. Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh go léir.
- Enclosed please find brochures we were asked to distribute for your perusal.
- Don't forget to log on to the school website for up to date information on school activities. The address is www.kanturkbns.com
- Don't' forget you can follow us on [twitter @colmansbns](https://twitter.com/colmansbns)
- Thanking you for your co-operation in the school.

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