

18th January, 2016

Dear Parents,

- Just to update you on events taking place in our school.
- It is a special year for second class pupils, they are busy preparing for their First Holy Communion. Next Sunday they will have their 5th 'Do This in Memory' Mass. Their First Confession is on March 9th.
- Our 5th and 6th class pupils had their Enrolment Service for Confirmation last Thursday night Jan 14th. Fr. Seán Corkery spoke to the parents and children about the Sacrament of Confirmation. We thank those who prepared the children for this celebration.
- Catholic Schools Week 2016 begins on Sunday 31st January. Wednesday Feb 3rd is designated as the day when the school community pays tribute to grandparents. Both primary schools in the parish invite all our parents and grandparents to join us for 10 O'clock Mass on this day and afterwards join us for a cup of tea in the Girls School Hall. We hope as many as possible can attend.
- The Annual Credit Union Quiz is taking place in the Edel Quinn Hall on Friday January 29th. We will be picking our school teams shortly. We wish all the boys taking part every success. We will also be participating in Scór Quiz Competition on Feb. 6th. Good luck to the boys taking part in the Quiz this Friday in Mallow for Ballygown N.S.
- We are in our 2nd week of Tag Rugby with Rhys Brodie. As you know the session is €2 per child. We hope the children are enjoying the activity.
- We understand that this may be a difficult time financially for some people. If you have not paid your swimming or music money for the term you may do so in weekly instalments. Similarly if you owe the school money since last term you may pay weekly. Feel free to speak to the class teacher about this. [The amount is €20 for swimming and €10 for music].
- Thanks again for your contribution to our Christmas Raffle. We were very proud to present a cheque for €500 to the Cashman Family last week.

- We received confirmation of having achieved our Active Schools Flag last week. A big thank you to everybody involved in this project.
- We are still collecting 1c and 2c coins in the school. If you have still any spares lying around the house you might send them in. To date we have collected €405. With this money we have purchased Dual Time Clocks for each classroom. We hope this equipment will be of benefit to the children when they capture the concept of time.
- Mrs O'Connor is still operating the Sammy Stamps Scheme in the school on behalf of the Credit Union. We invite pupils from 2nd upwards to foster the habit of saving. You may bring in money on Tuesdays and Thursdays for this.
- You might not know but The Cube is coming to Kanturk on Sat. Jan 30th. This is a fundraising event organised by Kanturk Community Council. Our Parent's Association have decided to enter this Cube Competition. The entry fee is €200. We are asking each child in the school to bring in €2 to cover this fee. Winner receives €2000. We are looking for a volunteer (must be a dad or mum from our school) to enter the Cube on behalf of the school. If you are not sure what the Cube is like you could watch an episode of it on TV3. If you are interested in entering the Cube please contact the school immediately. If we have more than one person interested we will draw the lucky name out of a hat. Reminder, if you win the competition the money goes to the school! I'm sure the Parent's Association will look after you! Good luck to all you dare devils out there.
- Enrolment for Junior Infants for September 2016 will be taking place in the Convent Primary School Kanturk on February 4th and 5th from 10a.m. – 2p.m. each day. Spread the word if you know of any children due to start primary school this year.
- 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)
- I conclude by thanking all the staff, parents and pupils for their continued work and commitment in the school.

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Eilish Finnegan,
Principal.

With the First Penance coming up shortly for the children we enclose the following sheet which will help both you and your child to prepare for this very special event.