

29th November, 2018

Dear Parents,

- Our Annual Parent /Teacher meetings have just taken place. We as a staff were delighted to meet you all.
- I would like to update you on the forthcoming events taking place in the school.
- 2nd, 3rd & 5th classes will have their 4th week of swimming this Friday. The other children will be going after Christmas.
- The children are enjoying their I.T. classes with Barry Barrett. They have 3 more sessions to go.
- 2nd class boys had their 2nd ‘Do This in Memory’ Mass last Sunday November 25th. We hope the children are enjoying the programme. Their next Mass is Sunday December 16th.
- The children have their last session with Martin Sheehan today. We hope they enjoyed the sessions. We hope to have Tag Rugby, Basketball and Zumba after Christmas
- A big congratulations to our 5th and 6th class boys who won the final of the Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition on Monday Nov. 19th. Their topic for discussion on the night was ‘Living in the Countryside or in the City – which is better?’ The team consisted of Eoin O’Keeffe, Paddy Duggan, Matthew Deady and Naglis Vaivada. Congratulations too to Eoin O’Keeffe who was awarded Best Speaker on the night. A big thank you to all involved in the preparation of the boys for this event.
- Our Green Schools Committee had a fabulous day out on November 22nd in Cork. They addressed those attending the Eco-Schools International Operators Meeting. The boys were fantastic and the attendees were blown away by their presentation. We received a gift of €100 Easons voucher from An Taisce for attending. We were also invited to attend a conference in Galway on Tuesday Jan. 29th which we were delighted to accept.
- The Green Schools Committee have organised a competition to design a Christmas Tree Decoration from recyclable material. The closing date for competition will be 14th Dec. There is a prize for each class winner and the overall winner will receive a book voucher. We hope the boys have fun with this!

- Well done to our 2nd class boys who came 2nd in their category in the Quiz held recently in Boherbue. The team was David Hynes, Micheál O’Sullivan, Charlie Cronin & Jack Vaughan. Well done to our 4th class boys who came 3rd in Castlemagner Quiz. The team was Liam Allen, Liam O’Mahony, Ronan Hynes and Dan Lane. Well done to all our students who participated on both nights
- The Parents Association would like to remind you to keep Saturday morning December 15th free as we will be hosting our Annual Carol Singing Service with the Lorraine O’Riordan Gospel Choir. More details nearer the time.
- We hope to have our Annual School Mass on Monday December 17th. You are all most welcome. More details nearer the time.
- Our school is going to feature on the Kidzone Section of the Evening Echo newspaper very shortly. We had a photographer out to the school who took photographs of the activities in our school. Some of the children have written lovely pieces about what the school means to them. We will inform you exactly of the week we feature.
- Our 5th class boys are busy planning their Junior Entrepreneur projects. We look forward to their finished products. They are making headbands in Kanturk, Cork and Duhallow colours and other surprises too!
- Our 6th class boys are undertaking a Robotics Project. They are getting ready to build, design and programme a robot. Should be fun! We look forward to the finished product.
- Kanturk Library is presenting a Children’s Literary Day on Sat. Dec, 16th at 11 a.m. – Trade Union Hall. All are welcome to attend. There will be top Irish authors attending. We hope as many as possible can attend. Entry is free but booking is required at :
kanturklibrary@corkcoco.ie
- Dr Maureen Griffin, Forensic Psychologist is giving a seminar for parents on Social Media Challenges in the James O’Keeffe Institute on Wed. Dec. 12th at 7.30. She is a fantastic speaker and it would be well worth your while attending if you can. Admission is free.
- 1st/2nd / 3rd class pupils will be going to the Panto – Aladdin in the Cork Opera House on Thursday Dec. 13th. The cost is €20 per head. You may start paying this money to the teacher from now on. We hope the children have a great day out.
- I remind you to log on to the school website www.kanturkbns.com to see what is happening in the school.
- Don’t’ forget you can follow us on [twitter @colmansbns](https://twitter.com/colmansbns)

Thanking you for your continued support.

Le gach dea ghúí,

Eilish Finnegan,
Principal.

