Dear Parents,

Hope you are all keeping well.

Just to keep you updated on the events taking place in the school.

2nd class received their First Confession last night. It was a lovely ceremony. Thanks to those involved in the preparation of the children for the event.

The children had a lovely experience with Marina Levitina as they explored the theme of Music of the Plants, Irish Wildflowers and trees in the Spring time forest. They learned some interesting facts about our local nature reserves and habitats.

 6th class boys started their Cycle Safety Training Course on March 3rd. They had a great 1st day out and are looking forward to their 2nd day this Thursday.

3rd, 4th, 5th class boys started their football coaching last Friday. They are looking forward to Friday for their 2nd session. We thank the local G.A.A. for facilitating these sessions.

3rd and 4th class have completed their artwork for the Kanturk Arts Festival. This year’s theme is ‘Happiness’. We look forward to seeing the finished products in shop window displays.

3rd – 6th classes went to the Edel Quinn Hall yesterday to see the Musical ‘Voulez Vous’ (Mamma Mia) performed by T.Y. students from Scoil Treasa. It was a fantastic performance and we congratulate our past pupils who participated in the show.

Our Green Schools Walk around Ireland Initiative is going very well. We have travelled from Co. Waterford via Connacht and Ulster to Dublin. We will soon be back to our starting destination. All the boys are learning about the dangers of emissions of fossil fuels, global warming, the need to protect our environment, the importance of exercise and staying healthy. We will also be launching a competition to design a logo for our Green Schools – Travel Theme.

The children are participating in fun activities virtually to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge. Táimid ag caint as ghaeilge sa scoil ag spreagadh an teanga agus suim a mhuscailt í measc na ndaltaí.

We remind you that our school is collecting items to send to Ukraine. We have had a great response already. We will be collecting items up to Friday. We are also hoping to send a donation to the Irish Red Cross Society. For those of you who have not sent in items already maybe you might prefer to donate €2 (or as much as you can). To do so is optional. We will be accepting donations until Wed. 16th March. We thank you for your co-operation. We are also asking your child to dress up in yellow and blue clothes this Friday. We hope to create a human heart in the yard to show our solidarity with the people of Ukraine. To dress up is optional.

We congratulate our Library Staff on the reopening of their new premises in town. It is a fabulous facility and we look forward to taking the children there to renew their membership and start borrowing books again.

Susan from the Cork Mental Health Association will be coming on Tues. March 22nd to talk to the 6th class boys about the transition from Primary School to Secondary School.

3rd, 4th & 5th classes have been invited to Scoil Mhuire on March 16th for a fun day of activities organised by the T.Y. students. We hope they enjoy the event.

The school will be closing earlier on March 16th to facilitate a staff meeting with the staff in the Convent School as we prepare to amalgamate our two schools. 1st, 2nd, and 6th will be going home at 12.20 while 3rd, 4th & 5th will be going home at 12.30

We remind you that our school will be closed on Thurs. March 17th & 18th.

We thank you for your continued support. We encourage you to log on to the school website [www.kanturkbns.com](http://www.kanturkbns.com) and see what is happening in the school.

Thanking you,

Le gach dea dhuit,

Eilish Finnegan

Principal.