10th February, 2019

Dear Parents,

- Just to keep you up to date on the events taking place in the school.
- Well done to all the boys who took part in the Annual Credit Union Quiz on Friday Jan 31st. Congratulations to our boys who won 1st prize in the over 11's Category Tadhg Humphreys, Mathew O'Gorman, Dan Lane, Liam O'Mahony. They will go on to represent our school in the next round, called Chapter Level in Mallow. Best of luck to all involved in this preparation. Well done to our U11 team who came 3rd in their category. This team consisted of David Hynes, Jack Vaughan, Adam Winkle and Brian O'Keeffe.
- Congratulations to all the children who participated in Scór on Feb 2nd. Our musical duet of Ronan Hynes and Dan Lane and our solos dancers Leon Browne and Michael O'Driscoll all qualified for the final which is taking place in Kanturk on Sat. Feb. 15th at 1.30. Those who did not qualify are invited to take part in Scoraíocht, taking place in Meelin on Feb. 21st at 7.30p.m. Best wishes to all participating in both competitions.
- We have one more swimming lesson to go. We thank our Parents' Association for subsidising our swimming and music lessons.
- The boys have one more session with Sheila Clernon. After mid-term 6th, 3rd (Mrs O'Connor's) and 1st and 2nd class will have tag rugby with Olan Daly. There is no charge for these sessions.
- Our Confirmation children have their Ceremony of Light this Saturday February 15th at 6.30p.m.
 Mass. Their Confirmation Date of Feb. 25th is fast approaching. We wish everybody the best of luck in the preparation of the children for these events.
- The pupils from 3rd and 4th classes are completing their pictures for the Kanturk Arts Festival. This year's theme is 'Vision'.
- Eoin Stan O'Sullivan is coming to the school for the next few weeks to prepare children to play music at the Interval of the Poetry Session on Sunday 15th March during the upcoming Arts Festival. Could you complete the form below at the end of the newsletter informing us if your child is/is not available to perform on that night. Thanking you in advance.

- Our Parent's Association will be hosting the Book Fair from March 10th 18th. We will be looking for volunteers to help out with this event. We are having a meeting on Thursday Feb. 27th at 8p.m. to plan for this event. If you are unable to attend the meeting but available to help, you can let the school or committee member know.
- We thank the students from Colaiste Treasa for inviting our boys to participate in a session of Fun Games last Friday. Our students really enjoyed the activities. Well done to all those involved in this project.
- We have been asked to inform you that there is a primary school quiz taking place on Friday 28^{th} February in Boherbue Hall from 7.30 9.30.
- Four of our Green Schools Committee will be travelling to U.C.C. to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of U.C.C. being designated the first Green Campus in the world. We hope they have an enjoyable day out.
- We remind you that in the event of cold winter weather occurring we urge you not to travel to school until it is **safe** to do so. If your child is late for school he will not be marked absent. Remember to think safety first. Our school will remain open unless you hear otherwise via text that morning. Also as per H.S.E. advice please be mindful of sending your child to school if you feel he has symptoms of flu or vomiting bug.
- 2nd class have their next 'Do this In Memory' Mass on Feb. 16th. Their First Confession is on March 25th.
- Enclosed is information on St. Patrick's Day and the sale of shamrocks. We will be fundraising in the school through the sale of Living Shamrock. The Shamrock is supplied by Irish Plants International Athlone. Each Shamrock is sold for €4. The school retains €2.00 of this cost. Attached please find a Sponsorship Card for the sale of same. Your participation in this activity is completely voluntary. You may choose not to participate in this activity or you may sell as many Shamrocks as you please. HOWEVER ALL CARDS USED OR UNUSED MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL BY FEBRUARY 17TH. If you need extra cards they are available in the school. Remember to purchase is entirely optional.
- The school will be closed on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st of February for midterm break. We hope you all have an enjoyable time.
- Don't forget to log on to the school website www.kanturkbns.com to see what is happening.
- Don't' forget you can follow us on twitter @colmansbns
- I conclude by thanking all the staff, parents and pupils for their continual work and commitment in the school.

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