

10<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

Dear Parents,

Just to keep you up to date on events happening in the school.

Patricia O'Reilly – Fitness coach will be taking the boys for 6 sessions of gymnastics starting November 7<sup>th</sup>. The cost is €2 per session. You may pay the full amount together or weekly to class teacher.

Well done to our 3<sup>rd</sup> class boys who had an enjoyable day out last week at Football Blitz in Mallow. Thanks to those who looked after the boys on the day.

Well done too to the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class boys who played Hurling in Rathcoole on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again to those who travelled and looked after the boys.

The Quiz season is starting again. Well done to the boys who took part in the recent Quiz in Boherbue. Good luck to those taking part in the Annual Dromtarriffe Quiz on Friday October 11<sup>th</sup>.

The school is about to begin the next Green Schools Theme which is that of Travel. To help us to get started Ellen O'Sullivan is our Travel Co-ordinator and she is coming out to the school on Tuesday October 22<sup>nd</sup> to talk to all the boys about climate change, significance of carbon emissions and how we can make a difference. Following this talk we will have the election of our New Green Schools Committee. We would like to thank and acknowledge the work and commitment of our outgoing committee.

The Parents' Association held their A.G.M. on Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 8p.m. The following people have been elected for the year. Chairperson: Amanda Higgins, Secretary: Karen Quirke and Treasurer: Roanna Browne. We would like to thank the outgoing members and officers of the club. They have been very supportive and co-operative in the school

The Parents' Association are running a 'Design Your Own Halloween Costume Competition'. The children are encouraged to design their costume from recycled materials. There will be prizes for each class. The judge will be Ellen O'Sullivan. We would like the costumes to be ready for Tues. October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We look forward to the costumes and great creativity.

The Green Schools Committee clothes collection is Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>. The clothes collection company will take used men's/women's and children's clean unwanted clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, ties, linens, household textiles, stuffed toys, also take old books (not school books or magazines). You may start bringing in these items anytime from now on.

Reminder that the school photographer is coming on Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. He will be taking individual and group photographs of the children in 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes. Individual/ family photographs from other classes may be taken on the day if requested. If you are interested please contact the school. Purchase of photographs is completely optional.

If you haven't paid your Photocopying, Book Rental and Music for the term we ask that you do so as quickly as possible. If you have any financial difficulties please contact the principal or class teacher. You may pay in instalments if this arrangement suits you best.

Also, if you have not returned your Annual Consent Form and Code of Discipline Acceptance Form please do so immediately. If you have mislaid these forms could you please request a replacement from class teachers. It is very important to complete these forms.

The children will be starting their Credit Union Posters very shortly. This year's theme is 'Walk of Life'. Good luck to all involved.

Soon they will be starting their Christmas Cards which will be on sale later in the term.

If you need to meet a teacher at any time please make an appointment by ringing the school beforehand.

Swimming lessons for 3<sup>rd</sup> (Mrs O'Connor & Ms. Hickey) and 5<sup>th</sup> (Mrs Boyce) classes will commence on Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> and will continue for 6 weeks. The cost is €36 per pupil. However the Parents' Association have very kindly agreed to subsidise this amount by contributing €16 per pupil. If you are unable to pay the fee of €20 in one payment you may do so in weekly instalments. The other classes will be going after Christmas.

All pupils will be taking part in I.T. classes with Niamh Barrett commencing Friday November 8<sup>th</sup> for six weeks. In the classes we will focus on **Basic Computer Skills** including **Word** together with an introduction to **Coding** including **Scratch** and **HTML**. The activities offered and the learning are all age appropriate. The cost is €2 per session. Again you may pay this in full or weekly instalments to class teacher.

Maths Week will be taking place from 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October. We hope to pursue lots of Mathematical games and activities with the children.

This year we are purchasing the Christmas Annuals from Educate.ie This company are celebrating 50 years in business and are offering the annuals for €1 per child. If you would like to buy 1 for your child you can notify your class teacher. The closing date for orders is Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>. To purchase is optional. Fairground 2019 Edition (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Class), Parade-2019 Edition (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class), Festival -2019 Edition (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class), Winter Wonderland (Ages 6 to 10)

We would like to wish our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupil Mikolaj Muzyk the best of luck as he is representing Ireland in an Acrobatic Rock' – n' Roll Dance Competition in Bratislava, next week. This is a huge achievement and opportunity for him. Wishing you an enjoyable, memorable and safe trip.

The Midland Theatre Company will be visiting the school on Tues. November 12<sup>th</sup>. Their production this year is 'Bluebird' The cost is €2 per child. We hope the children really enjoy the show.

Enclosed is a brochure with information on Munster Maths and Science Family Fair. To attend is optional.

The current term of B.O.M. will expire on 30.11.2019 and a new Board will take up office on 01.12.19. Enclosed is a letter explaining the process for nomination and election of Parent Representatives to the Board. Please read this material carefully and if you are interested in being nominated please complete the attached Consent Form and return in the envelope provided to the school no later than Friday October 18<sup>th</sup> 2019. Please note that if both parents in the household are interested in being nominated, each person must furnish the school with a separate Consent Form.

Reminder the school will be closed for Halloween Break on Friday October 25<sup>th</sup> and reopening on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>. Wishing you all a very enjoyable midterm.

We remind you to log on to the school website and see what is happening in the school. The address is [www.kanturkbns.com](http://www.kanturkbns.com) Don't forget you can follow us on twitter@colmansbns

I conclude by thanking you for your continued support and co-operation in our school.

Le gach dea ghúí,

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Eilish Finnegan  
Principal

