

23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017

Dear Parents,

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

2<sup>nd</sup> class children had their first 'Do This In Memory' Mass yesterday Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10a.m. We hope the children enjoy the programme.

Martin Sheehan Fitness coach will have his last class with the boys this Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup>. We hope the children enjoyed their sessions with him.

After the Halloween break we will be having Martin Farrissey coming to do football drills with all the children.

The Green Schools Committee clothes collection is this Thursday October 26<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 Tuesday November 7<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.

The children have completed their Credit Union pictures this week. They also are completing their Christmas Cards. They will be on sale later on in the term. We look forward to the finished product!

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

Well done to our boys who participated in the Rural School Football Blitz in Rathcoole on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those who travelled and managed the boys for the day.

The Annual Parent Teacher meetings will be taking place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday November 16<sup>th</sup>. You will receive further details nearer the time.

Swimming lessons for 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> (Mrs O'Connor) and 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> classes will commence on Friday November 10<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.

We have been asked to remind parents of the importance of health and safety issues when collecting children in the evening from school. We ask you to be mindful of where you park your car and ensure that you are not a hazard to yourself and others at this busy time.

Well done to the boys who took part in Quiz in Dromtariffe last Friday night and good luck to those going to Knocknagree this Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>.

The Folens Christmas Annuals are available to buy in the school. We have

- Spraoi 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>,
- Siamsa 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>,
- Sonas 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.

The cost is €3 per annual. We will be collecting money for orders after Halloween. To purchase is completely optional.

All pupils will be taking part in I.T. classes with Niamh Barrett commencing Friday November 10<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.

We are constantly speaking to the children about the importance of responsible use of the Internet and playing games online. Please keep an eye on your child's activities online and the games he is playing. We discourage children to play games or communicate with strangers online.

The school will be closed next week from Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> for Midterm Break. We hope you all have an enjoyable restful time. School reopens again on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

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](https://twitter.com/colmansbns)

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

Le gach dea ghuí,

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Eilish Finnegan,  
Principal.

