

24th January, 2016

Dear Parents,

- Just to update you on events taking place in our school.
- We had the privilege of welcoming our Young Scientist of the Year winners last Monday. In particular we welcomed our past pupil Jack Murphy, they gave a comprehensive account of their projects to all the school. We congratulate them again on their achievements and wish them continued success.
- It is a special year for second class pupils, they are busy preparing for their First Holy Communion. Their First Confession is March 15th
- Catholic Schools Week 2016 begins on Sunday 29th January. Wednesday Feb 1st is designated as the day when the school community pays tribute to grandparents. Both primary schools in the parish invite all our parents and grandparents to join us for 10 O'clock Mass on this day and afterwards join us for a cup of tea in the Girls School Hall. We hope as many as possible can attend.
- Well done to the boys who took part in the Quiz in Mallow last Friday night in Ballygowan N.S. Good luck to the boys taking part in the Annual Credit Union Quiz this Friday January 29th in the Edel Quinn Hall. The teams are T1 Brian Healy, Kayden O'Driscoll, Shane Carver, Paul O'Sullivan. T2 Jack Quirke, Kallum Young, David Allen, Liam Breen. T3 Stephen Sheehan, Paddy Duggan, Craig McKiernan, Ronan Harrington. T4 Eoin O'Keeffe, Darragh Quirke, Krzysztof Dlubala, Charlie Barry. Sub Nathan Higgins.
We will also be participating in Scór Quiz Competition on February 3rd.
- We are in our 2nd week of Tag Rugby with Olan Daly. As you know the session is €2 per child. We hope the children are enjoying the activity.
- 1st and 2nd class are enjoying football coaching on Thursdays with Martin Farrissey, organised by Rebel Og. They have 2 sessions left.

- 2nd, 3rd and 4th class boys will be preparing their art work for Kanturk Arts Festival very shortly. The theme is ‘What if’ - good luck to all the boys.
- The Green Schools Committee is very busy at present. On Thursday January 19th four boys and Mrs Finnegan went to Fermoy to attend a Forum on the theme of water organised by An Taisce. They had a very informative day out and came back buzzing with ideas. Currently they are reviewing the water usage in the school. They are encouraging all classes to complete a poster on ‘Clean Water and Sanitation’.
- Cáit McCarthy from Marymount Hospice called to the school on Wednesday January 18th. She spoke to the boys on the wonderful care given to the patients in the hospice. We presented her with a cheque for €500. (Money raised from Carol singing at Christmas).
- We understand that this may be a difficult time financially for some people. If you have not paid your swimming or music money for the term you may do so in weekly instalments. Similarly if you owe the school money since last term you may pay weekly. Feel free to speak to the class teacher about this. [The amount is €20 for swimming and €10 for music].
- The Convent Primary School Kanturk are hosting an open evening on Thursday 16th February at 7.30pm . Spread the word if you know of any children due to start school this year.
- Mrs O’Connor is operating the Sammy Stamps Scheme in the school on behalf of the Credit Union. We invite pupils from 2nd upwards to foster the habit of saving. You may bring in money on Tuesdays and Thursdays for this.
- Don’t forget to log on to the school website for up to date information on school activities. The address is www.kanturkbns.com
- Don’t’ forget you can follow us on [twitter @colmansbns](https://twitter.com/colmansbns)
- I conclude by thanking all the staff, parents and pupils for their continued work and commitment in the school.

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Eilish Finnegan,
Principal.

