

25<sup>th</sup> April, 2017

Dear Parents,

We welcome you back and hope you had a lovely Easter.

Congratulations to Kasparas Martinkus in 6<sup>th</sup> class whose Week 11 – 100 Word Challenge was showcased and chosen to be read out in **Space**. He wrote a speech about **respecting the environment**. Peaky the Ohbot was sent to space to deliver messages written by children worldwide. Log on to our school website to hear Peaky read Kasparas' speech. This is a huge achievement for Kasparas and we are all very proud of you. It isn't everyday your work makes it to space!

Good luck to our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class boys participating in the Duhallow Rural Schools Football Competition today, Tuesday.

2<sup>nd</sup> class children have their next 'Do this In Memory' Mass on Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup>. Their First Holy Communion date is fast approaching and we wish them well as they prepare for this very special occasion. It is customary for the parents and families of the First Holy Communion Class to go to the Girls School for refreshments after the ceremony. We ask the parents of the children in 1<sup>st</sup> class to help out each year. (You will be spoiled next year). If you are available to help out on the day we would appreciate if you would ring the school and let us know. If any of the Parents Association are available to help out you are most welcome too! Just give the school a call!

Enclosed is a consent form informing us if your child can sing in the choir on May 13<sup>th</sup>. We hope as many as possible will be able to attend.

We remind you that the school will be closed this Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> as the teachers must attend an Inservice Day in Cork on a New Primary Language Curriculum.

On Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup> we welcome Martina Ryan, Educational Officer with Cork Mental Health who will speak to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class children on the importance of positive mental health and wellbeing. She will also talk to the boys about the transition from Primary to Post Primary School.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> is also Poetry Ireland Day. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class will be going to the library to read some poetry, written by themselves and other authors (both in Irish and English). We hope they enjoy the experience.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> is National DEAR Challenge Day. The whole school will drop everything at 12 midday and read!

We have been granted our 3<sup>rd</sup> Green Flag on the Theme of Water. We have been invited by An Taisce – to a reception in the Radisson Blu, Little Island, Cork on May 11<sup>th</sup> to receive the flag. Well done to the Green Schools Committee for guiding the whole school through the project. All classes are very busy currently planting tomato seeds. Mrs Linehan's class will be planting vegetable seeds very shortly in the beds at the front of the school. The Green Schools Committee would like to remind you of their upcoming Clothes Collection on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Get Spring cleaning those wardrobes again! You may start bringing in your items from now on.

Cork City Sports will be taking place on Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup>. Well done to those boys who qualified to go. Start running at home and make use of these fine long evenings.

This is also techweek! The children hope to start coding with 'Scratch' this term! Log on to our website for more information on this! and all our school activities.

All the children will be busy this week with their art work for the annual Ballyhass N.S. Bank Holiday May Fayre. This year the theme is 'The Future'.

You can follow us on twitter @ colmansbns.

We were asked to distribute the attached leaflet for your perusal. To participate is optional.

Lots of Primary Schools around Ireland will be taking part in Active Schools Week this week. We hope to have our Active School' Week from June 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. More details nearer the time.

Thanking you for your support.

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*Eilish Finnegan,*

Principal.

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First Holy Communion Day on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>. We invite pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes to sing and play for this ceremony. If your child can attend could you please complete the consent form attached. We invite as many as possible to attend as your presence will really enhance the ceremony.

I give my child/children \_\_\_\_\_ permission to go to the First Holy Communion Ceremony on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11a.m.

Yes  No

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian). Date: \_\_\_\_\_

