

25th October, 2018

Dear Parents,

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

Reminder 2nd class children have their next 'Do This In Memory' Mass this Sunday October 28th at 10a.m. We wish them well in their preparation.

We are on week 3 of our Fitness programme with Martin Sheehan. The children are really enjoying the sessions.

Well done to our 5th / 6th class boys who had an enjoyable day out at Football Grading in Rathcoole last Friday. Thanks to those who looked after the boys on the day.

Well done to Dan Lane, Conor Hartnett, Rhys Carroll and Warren O'Mahony who came 3rd in the quiz in Dromtariffe last Friday night. Well done to all the boys who took part.

The Green Schools Committee would like to thank those who dropped in some items for clothes collection. A group of students attended a forum on Tuesday October 23rd in Lifetime Lab in Cork on our current theme – Global Citizenship and Marine Environment. It was a very informative day and we look forward to hearing their report after Halloween.

Last Friday we had a talk from the local garda on the importance of safety at Halloween. We hope the children have an enjoyable and safe time.

We congratulate our Public Speaking team who got through to the Final of the Primary School Public Speaking competition. This will take place on November 15th in Newmarket. Their chosen topic last night was 'Primary School children should have to learn another foreign language in school' the team consisted of Eoin O'Keeffe, Paddy Duggan, Matthew Deady, Naglis Vaivada. We congratulate Eoin on being awarded Best Speaker on the night. We thank all those who prepared the boys for last night's event and wish them luck in the final.

Congratulations to Liam Allen in 2nd class who was awarded 2nd place in his category for the recent Credit Union Art Competition. Well done to all the boys for their work and participation in this event.

Our Christmas Cards have been sent off today. We look forward to seeing the 'real productions' after Halloween. Thanks to all who helped the boys.

Well done to 4th class boys who took part in a Hurling blitz today in Mallow. Thanks to those who travelled with the boys.

Reminder that the school photographer is coming on Tuesday November 6th. He will be taking individual and group photographs of the children in 1st and 6th 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.

Our Parents' Association held their A.G.M. Monday October 15th in the school at 8p.m. We thank those who attended. The newly appointed committee is Chairperson Amanda Higgins, Secretary Karen Quirke, Treasurer Catriona McSweeney. We thank the outgoing committee members. We hope the Committee and Association will have an enjoyable year.

Swimming lessons for 2nd (Mrs Linehan), 2nd / 3rd (Mrs O'Connor) and 5th (Mrs Boyce) classes will commence on Friday November 7th 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 7th 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.

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

Reminder the school will be closed on October 26th to facilitate the upcoming Referendum and Presidential Election. We are also closed for Halloween break. The school will reopen again on Monday November 5th.

We were asked to distribute the following brochures for your perusal.

We remind you to log on to the school website and see what is happening in the school. The address is 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 ghuí,

Eilish Finnegan
Principal

