

28<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

Dear Parents,

- 2<sup>nd</sup> class had their enrolment Mass for Holy Communion last Sunday. They will be completing the 'Do This In Memory Programme'. Their next Mass will be Sunday Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The date for their First Penance is Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30p.m.
- We had our Annual visit from Noreen O'Sullivan on Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Grow in Love Religion Programme with all the classes. She was delighted with all the children praising them greatly for their knowledge and engagement with the programme.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> classes will have their 4<sup>th</sup> week of swimming this Friday. The other children will be going after Christmas.
- The children are enjoying their I.T. classes with Barry Barrett. They have 3 more sessions to go.
- The children have 3 more sessions of gymnastics with Patsy O'Reilly. We hope they enjoyed the sessions. We hope to have Tag Rugby and Basketball after Christmas
- The Green Schools new Committee has been elected to guide us through the Theme of Transport. The new members are Naglis Vaivada 6<sup>th</sup>, Rhys Carroll and Liam Allen in 5<sup>th</sup>, Daniel Vaughan 4<sup>th</sup>, Tom Lane 3<sup>rd</sup>, Micheál O'Sullivan 3<sup>rd</sup>, Gavin Higgins 3<sup>rd</sup>, Fionn Corcoran 2<sup>nd</sup> and Aaron Kiely 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be coming up with lots of ideas as the school year progresses.
- We would like to thank you for your support in the recent used clothes collection which realised €320.00
- Enclosed you will find The Green Schools Committee are looking into the feasibility of children cycling to school. We would be most grateful if you could complete the enclosed questionnaire and return to the school by next Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Green Schools Committee have decided to organise 'Design a Christmas Tree Decoration Competition' again from recyclable material as last year was such a success. The closing date for competition will be 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. There is a prize for each class winner and the overall winner will receive a book voucher. We hope the boys have fun with this! We look forward to the finished products.

- Well done to our 5<sup>th</sup> class boys who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their category in the Quiz held recently in Boherbue. The team was Ronan Hynes, Liam Allen, Joe Murphy, and Dan Lane. Well done to all the boys who participated on the night.
- Well done too to Ronan Hynes and Dan Lane who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Ceol an Gheimhridh Music Competition recently. Best of luck in the next round.
- Congratulations
- to Michael O'Driscoll in 2<sup>nd</sup> class who has won many trophies and medals at Irish Dancing Competitions held in Killarney and Limerick recently.
- We remind you of the workshop on 'Literature and Lego' taking place in the Trade Union Hall on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 11.30 - 1.30. Booking is essential. If interested you can ring 085-8714237
- The Parents Association would like to remind you to keep Saturday morning December 14<sup>th</sup> free as we will be hosting our Annual Carol Singing Service. We will also be hosting a Christmas Raffle in the school on the day of the holidays. Great prizes to be won. Tickets on sale from December 9<sup>th</sup>. €1 per ticket or 3 tickets for €2.
- We hope to have our Annual School Mass on Monday December 16<sup>th</sup>. You are all most welcome. More details nearer the time.
- Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class boys are busy undertaking their Robotics Project. They are building, designing and programming a robot. We hope they are enjoying the project. They are busy too preparing their stories for the Kanturk Arts Festival Flash Fiction competition.
- Our Literacy Lift-off Programme in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class has been completed. It was a huge success. The children were tested before and after the programme. Each child made significant progress in their reading levels. We would like to thank everybody for their co-operation and participation in this initiative.
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> class pupils will be going to Jack and the Beanstalk in the Everyman Theatre on Thursday Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>. The cost is €20 per child. You may start paying this money to the teacher from now on. We hope the children have a great day out.
- The election for our new B.O.M. has been completed. Our new community members are Miriam Bourke and Michael Twohig.
- If you would like to meet a teacher at any time please make an appointment by ringing the school beforehand.
- I remind you to log on to the school website [www.kanturkbns.com](http://www.kanturkbns.com) to see what is happening in the school.
- Don't forget you can follow us on [twitter @colmansbns](https://twitter.com/colmansbns)

Thanking you for your continued support.

Le gach dea ghúí,

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Eilish Finnegan,  
Principal.

