9th February, 2015

Dear Parents,

I would like to keep you updated on the events taking part in the school

* Well done to all the boys who took part in the Annual Credit Union Quiz on Friday January 30th. Congratulations to our 4th class boys who won 2nd prize in the under 11’s Category, on the team were Brian Healy, Jack Quirke, Ciarán Donovan and Paul O’Sullivan and our U13 team who came 3rd place were David Higgins, Niall Breen, Cyruz Rodrigo and Keelan Culloty. A big thank you to all those involved in the preparation of the children.
* Well done to our fourth class boys who came second place in the Scór Quiz held in Cullen last Friday night. The team were Jack Quirke, Liam Breen, Kallum Young and Seán Moylan.

* Good luck to our 4th and 5th class boys travelling to Cork this Wednesday February 11th to take part in a basketball blitz. We hope they have an enjoyable day out.
* We have our final swimming lessons this Friday February 13th. We thank our Parents’ Association for subsidising our swimming and music lessons.
* The kids are enjoying their sessions of tag rugby with Matt Gandy. We are now in week 9.
* Timmy Burke from Kanturk G.A.A. started football coaching with 4th, 5th and 6th classes last Wednesday. The other classes will have their turn later in the term.
* Pupils from 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes in all the local schools will be taking part in the art work for the Kanturk Arts Festival. This year’s theme is ‘Memories’. Our boys are busy putting the final touches to their work.
* Our 6th class boys are busy working on their JEP Project. They have decided to produce a ‘Book of Memories’ Each child in the school is going to ‘submit’ a piece of writing for this book, it might be a poem, a factual story, a fictional story, jokes, riddles etc. We look forward to the finished product which will be on sale in the school!
* The Green Schools committee are promoting the recycling of batteries. If you have any of them lying around at home would you mind sending them in this week.   
  Thanking you in advance.
* 2nd class have their fourth ‘Do This in Memory’ Mass this Sunday. We wish them well as they prepare for their First Confession on March 11th.
* Tomorrow Tuesday is Safer Internet Day. We will be talking to the children on the importance of correct internet usage. We ask you to talk to your children about their activities on the internet i.e. have a look at their utube, snapchats and email accounts. Look at our website for more parent information. I.R.D. Duhallow Ltd is hosting an information meeting on Internet Awareness Safety this Thursday, February 12th at 7.30p.m. in the James O’Keeffe Institute in Newmarket. This information service will provide parents with an insight into how social media platforms can be harmful to younger users. It also offers advice on practical safety measures for parents to protect young people while on line. Dr Maureen Griffin is guest speaker on the night. She is an excellent speaker. If you are free we highly recommend this talk to you. Admission free.
* This week is also International Friendship week organised by Amnesty International. We will be discussing the importance of friends and friendship with the children.
* We have received complaints about the behaviour of some children walking home from school in the evening. We ask you to talk to your children about the importance of walking carefully on the path home and avoid unnecessary boisterous behaviour such as pushing each other and ringing doorbells! Just note this is only applying to a small number of pupils.
* Cork Mental Health will be coming to talk to the 6th class boys on Mental Wellness for Children on Wednesday 18th February at 1.15p.m. There will also be a talk for staff members at 2p.m. To facilitate this the children will be going home at the earlier time of 1.50p.m. on this day.
* The school will be closed on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th of February for midterm break. We hope you all have an enjoyable time.
* Don’t forget to log on to the school website [www.kanturkbns.com](http://www.kanturkbns.com) to see what is happening.
* Don’t’ forget you can follow us on twitter @colmansbns

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