

Dear Parents/Guardians,

- I begin by thanking you most sincerely for your lovely messages of congratulations and support on my appointment as Principal of Scoil Naomh Pádraig. I look forward to my new role with great excitement and enthusiasm.
- It is business as usual in St. Colman's and I would like to update you on the upcoming events in the school.
- Next Wednesday we hope to have a WOW Day- celebrating our Green Schools Theme (WOW -> Walk On Wednesday).
  - We would like if you could drop your child to the church car park at the usual time that he would be dropped for school. His class teacher will be there to pick him up and walk to school. For those who cannot drop your child to the church car park you may drop him to school as per usual and there will be a teacher here to greet him.
  - We hope to facilitate 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> class children scooting in the school yard. Your child must have a helmet if he wishes to participate. He may take his scooter to school on Tuesday and it can be kept in the school.
  - We also hope to hold a Quiz on Green Schools theme.
  - Finally we hope to have a Living Bingo Game- A Green Schools activity.
- 6<sup>th</sup> class boys are completing their last day of Cycle Safety Training this Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. It has been a wonderful success and the boys have really enjoyed their sessions. We thank everybody involved in facilitating this event.
- The Kanturk Art Festival Committee have displayed the art pictures completed by the students on this year's theme of 'Happiness'. Take a walk around town and look at all the fabulous pictures on display. Congratulations again to all those who participated.
- We have completed our Green Schools Walk Around Ireland initiative. It has been a great success with a renewed interest in walking to school, parking and striding to work, wearing a high vis jacket while walking.

We welcome Ellen O’Sullivan on Thursday to assess us on the theme of Travel with a view to achieving our 5<sup>th</sup> Green Flag.

- Thanks very much to everybody who contributed to our Ukraine appeal. We collected a huge amount of medical and food supplies and we also made a donation of €354 to the Irish Red Cross Society.
- 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils had a very informative talk on the transition from primary school to post primary school on March 22<sup>nd</sup> with Susan from Cork Mental Health Association. We wish them well in all their endeavours in the future and especially as they prepare with 5<sup>th</sup> class for their upcoming Confirmation on April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Well done to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class boys who took part in the Rural Schools Football Blitz on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The boys had an enjoyable day out. A big thank you to the staff members and parents who looked after the boys on the day.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> boys participated in a blitz last Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Again they had a great day out and we thank those who travelled with the boys and looked after them on the day.
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class will be taking part in a Football Blitz in Banteer after Easter.
- Good luck to our basketball team who are taking part in a blitz this coming Thursday organised by Diarmuid O’Donovan in Scoil Mhuire.
- We encourage you to keep collecting 1.5/2 litre bottles as our Tidy Towns Art Committee hope to create a flower display for Easter using them.
- We also encourage you to continue collecting the ‘Save the Bees’ collection Cards. As you know when we fill the wall chart we may enter a draw for €50,000.
- We remind you that the school will be closing for Easter Holidays on Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> and reopening on Monday April 25<sup>th</sup>.  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes will be going home at 12.20 with 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> leaving at 12.30. We hope you have a lovely Easter.
- We remind you to log on to our school website to keep up to date on school events. The address is [www.kanturkbns.com](http://www.kanturkbns.com)

- Don't forget you can follow us on [twitter@colmansbns](https://twitter.com/colmansbns)

Thanking you for your continued support in our school.

Your sincerely,

Eilish Finnegan,  
Principal.