

6th March, 2018

Dear Parents,

We hope you all enjoyed and survived the severe weather conditions. Just to keep you up to date on the events taking place in the school for the month of March. It is very busy indeed!

- This Wednesday March 7th the 5th and 6th class boys have their Enrolment Service for their Confirmation at 7.30pm. Please be in the church at 7.15p.m.
- March 7th is also the first day of our Book Fair. The times of the Book Fair are as follows;

Wed. 7 th	10 – 11am	For Nathleen & Tina's Playgroups.
	11 – 12.30	Girls School
	1 – 4pm	Boys School
	7.30 – 8.30pm	Public Welcome
Thurs. 8 th	3 – 4.30pm	Public Welcome
Fri. 9 th	1.30 – 2.30pm	Public Welcome

We hope you all can make it at some stage to the Fair.

- We are taking orders for 'We are Writers' which was written by all the children in the school. The cost is €6.50 with a €1.50 book token which we will give the children. It is a great read and well worth purchasing – a fabulous memento for your child or a great idea for Mother's Day gift.
- As part of our Book Fair we are hosting a design your own book marker competition. There will be a prize for each class winner (1st – 6th) of a voucher for €7 to spend at the fair. Happy designing.
- Due to the poor weather conditions the Chapter Level of Credit Union Quiz was cancelled last Saturday March 3rd. It has been rescheduled for this Sat. March 10th at 2p.m. in Mallow. Good luck to all involved.
- Congratulations to Brian O'Keeffe (2nd class) Liam Allen (3rd class) and Wojciech Dzedzic (4th class) who won 1st prize in each of their respective categories in the Kanturk Arts Festival Schools Art Competition. The boys will receive their prizes at a presentation ceremony in O'Callaghan's Motors on Thurs. March 15th at 7.30p.m. Well done to all involved.
- We remind you that Paddy Duggan (5th class) and Shane Fitzgerald (6th) were winners in the in the Flash Fiction Creative Writing Competition and they will receive their prizes at Kanturk Courthouse on March 16th.

- Our 5th and 6th class boys will be taking part in the 5-aside Soccer Competition sponsored by SPAR on Monday March 12th in Blarney. We have two teams involved in the competition. Good luck to all involved.
- Best wishes to Eoin O’Keeffe (5th class) who will be representing our school at the Spelling Bee Competition on Wed. March 14th at the Rochestown Park Hotel.
- Rural School Football season will be starting again on Friday March 16th. Best of luck to our boys taking part and those involved in their preparation.
- The boys will be participating in the Annual INTO Handwriting Competition. This year’s theme is on that of St. Patrick. We will be submitting our entries on March 13th.
- 2nd Class boys will be making their First Penance on Wed. March 21st. We wish them well in their preparation.
- We remind you that the school will be closed on Monday March 19th as this is a Bank Holiday.
- On Thursday March 22nd we hope to re-enact the history, songs and music associated with the Easter Rising Celebrations of 1916. We hope to raise our National Flag at 2.30p.m. on this day. We welcome as many parents and extended family to this event.
- The school will be closing on Friday March 23rd at 12.30p.m. for Easter Holidays and reopening on Monday April 9th.
- Arising from our staff training day yesterday, March 5th the following issues have arisen.
 - (1) If your child needs to take any medication at school (prescribed or otherwise, including inhalers) it is compulsory for you (the parent/guardian) to send in a written note with your child granting your permission for this. A phone call will not suffice in this case.
 - (2) Children are occasionally withdrawn from the classroom for extra learning support or help on a one-to one basis. Could you please sign the accompanying consent form for this as outlined below.

I allow my child/children _____ to be withdrawn from the classroom on a one-one basis if and when the need arises.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

- Don’t forget to log on to the school website for up to date information on school activities. The address is www.kanturkbns.com
- Don’t’ forget you can follow us on [twitter @colmansbns](https://twitter.com/colmansbns)
- Thanking you for your co-operation in the school.

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