

24th November, 2015

Dear Parents,

Just to update you on the events happening in the school.

- Our Annual Parent/Teacher Meetings have just taken place in our school. We as a staff were delighted to meet you all.
- 2nd class boys had their second 'Do this In Memory Mass' last Sunday. Their next Mass is December 13th.
- Congratulations to Bailey O'Driscoll (2nd) who received 1st prize in his category in this year's Kanturk Credit Union Art Competition. Congratulations too to Ciarán Carroll and Callum Carroll who received Special Merit Awards in their categories. They received their prizes at a special presentation ceremony Friday last November 20th at 6p.m. Well done to all the boys who took part in the competition.
- Our Christmas School Mass is taking place on Friday December 18th at 1.30p.m. We invite you and your extended family to attend.
- We had a very special memorable day here in the school on Friday November 13th when Sergeant Chris Hoare and Gnr. Noah Lynch came and presented us with our National Flag. The children learned lots of interesting facts about army life. They sang and played our National Anthem. A big thank you to everybody who prepared the children so well for this day. Thanks too to our Parent and B.O.M. representatives who came along on the day. We also had the pleasure of Áine Collins and Michael Moynihan.
- Well done to the children who took part in the Dromtariffe Annual G.A.A. Quiz on Friday last. We had three teams taking part. They were 6th Class – Colin Walsh, Colin Linehan, Brandon Hogan & Aidan Carroll. 5th Class - Jack Quirke, Liam Breen, Paul O'Sullivan & Kallum Young. 4th/5th Class - Sean Moylan, Gary McAuliffe, Bryan Healy & David Allen.

- With the Advent and Christmas season approaching we will be starting our Annual Advent Readathon. The children will receive their own reading record sheet. We encourage you to fill in the card when you ‘catch’ your child reading. All completed cards will be entered for a special draw. Our aim is to promote a love of reading among our pupils and nurture the life long skill.
- As you know The Parents’ Association are organising a fundraising event on Saturday December 19th from 11a.m. to 1p.m. This entails an open air performance on Strand Street by the Lorraine O’Riordan Gospel Choir accompanied by the pupils from the school (weather permitting). Everybody welcome to join in the festive spirit. They are also organising a raffle which will take place in the school on the day of the holidays. There are fantastic prizes up for grabs! Tickets on sale from next week in the school. The cost is €1 per strip or 3 strips for €5. We thank the Association for their continued support in the school.
- Our Parents’ Association have kindly offered to decorate our school on Thursday December 3rd at 7.30p.m. We urge as many people as possible to come, especially those who are not afraid of heights! Refreshments will be served when the work is done.
- We had a huge response to ‘‘Our Pennies War’’. We collected 45.4 kg of coins. Mrs Stack/Mrs Linehan’s class came out on top on this occasion thus winning the prestigious prize of extra P.E. and a homework pass. Well done to all who brought in coins. We are busy counting them! The ‘‘war’’ is on again so we encourage those who did not get a chance to empty those jars the last time to do so now! There is another prize up for grabs!
- As you know Mrs O’Connor runs the Sammy Stamp Savings Scheme for the Credit Union in school. The children from 2nd class can buy these stamps on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is good to foster the habit of saving.
- As the cold winter weather approaches we urge you not to travel to school until it is **safe** to do so. If your child is late for school he will not be marked absent. Remember to think safety first. Our school will remain open unless you hear otherwise via text that morning.

Don’t forget to log on to the school website to see what is happening in the school. Have a look at the class blogs to see the children’s work. www.kanturkbns.com

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Thanking you for your continued support.

Le gach dea ghúí,

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Principal.

