

11th October, 2016

Dear Parents,

Just to keep you up to date on events happening in the school.

The 'Do This In Memory' Masses for 2nd class will be starting this Sunday October 16th at 10a.m. We wish the children well as they prepare for First Holy Communion.

The Green Schools Committee clothes collection is Wednesday October 26th. The clothes collection company will take used men's/women's and children's clean unwanted clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, ties, linens, household textiles, stuffed toys, also take old books (not school books or magazines). You may start bringing in these items anytime from now on.

Reminder that the school photographer is coming on Wednesday October 19th. He will be taking individual and group photographs of the children in 1st and 6th classes. Individual/ family photographs from other classes may be taken on the day if requested. If you are interested please contact the school. Purchase of photographs is completely optional.

We would like to thank the Parents' Association for organising their Annual Church Gate collection last weekend. They raised €786.07

Their next big event is a Cooking Demonstration Evening with Hazel Bourke from Assolas House, on Friday December 2nd in the Edel Quinn Hall. A great night is promised. We hope as many as possible will attend.

If you haven't paid your Photocopying , Book Rental and Music for the term we ask that you do so as quickly as possible. If you have any financial difficulties please contact the principal or class teacher. You may pay in instalments if this arrangement suits you best.

The boys are enjoying their sessions with David Beckom. This is their 3rd week. The cost is €2 per session.

The children are starting to design their Christmas Cards this week. They will be on sale later on in the term. We look forward to the finished product!

If you need to meet a teacher at any time please make an appointment by ringing the school before hand.

Mrs O'Connor is starting the purchase of sammy stamps in conjunction with the Credit Union for 2nd class upwards. She hopes to begin this scheme shortly. To participate is optional.

Well done to our boys who participated in the Rural School Hurling Blitz in Rathcoole on September 30th. Thank you to those who travelled and managed the boys for the day. They are playing football this Friday.

Good luck to 4th class boys who are taking part in a Football Blitz in Newmarket this Wednesday October 12th. We hope the boys have an enjoyable day out.

Congratulations to our 4th class boys who came 1st and 2nd place in a Table Quiz held in Boherbue last Friday night. In 1st place we had Eoin O'Keeffe, Daragh Quirke, Noel Forde, Dan O'Rourke. Stephen Sheehan, Ronan Harrington, Paddy Duggan and Craig McKiernan were 2nd. Well done to the boys in 5th and 6th class who attended the quiz too and came joint 2nd with three other schools missing out narrowly on the tie breaker round. They were Shane Fitzgerald, Shane Carver, David Allen, Laurynas Barbsys, Robert Stefanski, Kallum Young, Paul O'Sullivan and Jack Quirke.

The Munster Maths & Science Family Fair is taking place this Sunday October 16th from 11am – 5pm in Mallow G.A.A. Complex. Admission is free and it is well worth a visit if you have the time to do so.

The Annual Parent Teacher meetings will be taking place on Thursday 17th and Monday November 21st. You will receive further details nearer the time.

Swimming lessons for 3rd, 4th and 6th classes will commence on Friday November 11th and will continue for 6 weeks. The cost is €36 per pupil. However the Parents' Association have very kindly agreed to subsidise this amount by contributing €16 per pupil. If you are unable to pay the fee of €20 in one payment you may do so in weekly instalments. The other classes will be going after Christmas.

We remind you to log on to the school website and see what is happening in the school. The address is www.kanturkbns.com. Don't forget you can follow us on [twitter@colmansbns](https://twitter.com/colmansbns)

2nd and 3rd class boys went to the library last Friday where they were entertained by the storyteller and cartoon artist Wayne O'Connor. They really enjoyed his stories. We thank the library for inviting us.

I conclude by thanking you for your continued support and co-operation in our school.

Le gach dea ghuí,

Eilish Finnegan
Principal