

19<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

Dear Parents,

Hope ye are keeping well.

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

We congratulate our 2<sup>nd</sup> class boys who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday. It was a very special occasion. We thank everybody involved in the preparation of the children for this event. It is possible to buy a DVD of the ceremony at a cost of €10. If you are interested you can place your order with class teacher. Last orders will be taken on Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup>. To purchase is optional.

All the boys have been very busy participating in class blitzes in hurling and football for the past few weeks. We thank Pat Spratt for organizing these events and a special thanks to our staff who travel and organize the boys for the day.

Catherine Buckley from H.S.E. spoke to 6<sup>th</sup> class boys on the theme of ‘Growing and Changing’.

As you know we are preparing to open our new school. The enrolment process is currently taking place, and very shortly we hope to be handed the keys of the school. Once this happens we hope to take the classes on a tour of the school and show them their classroom for the coming year. We have exciting times ahead.

As we close the doors of St. Colman’s we hope to have many celebrations where the education and history of St. Colman’s will be remembered and celebrated. With this in mind we remind you that any past pupil is most welcome to submit an article for our book ‘‘Memories of St. Colman’s’’. sharing your memories/stories of your time here. The closing date for submission is Wed. May 25<sup>th</sup>. We are planning lots of special celebrations. More details nearer the time.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class boys are heading off to Croke Park for a tour of the stadium. This trip is a competition the boys won in 4<sup>th</sup> class where they wrote stories of their experiences of G.A.A. They are leaving very early in the morning. We wish them a lovely day out and a safe trip. We will keep you updated via text on time of arrival home.

We wish the best of luck to our boys taking part in Scór this Friday night in Newmarket starting at 7.30p.m. Jack Vaughan and Charlie Cronin are taking part in the Solo Singing, while Jake O’Grady O’Sullivan is taking part in the Solo Music Competition. We have 4 Quiz teams. Jake O’Grady O’Sullivan, Brian O’Keefe, David Hynes, Michaél O’Sullivan; Donagh Hartnett, Tom Lane, Gavin Higgins, Jack Vaughan; Timmy Healy, Seán Buckley, Dylan Horgan, Daniel Vaughan; Bryan

Quirke, Austin Mullane, Filip Jurkiewicz, Charlie Cronin.

On Saturday night we have two music groups. We thank all those involved in the preparation of the children for this competition.

Gavin Higgins in 5<sup>th</sup> class had the opportunity to speak to the President of the European Union last week /via zoom! 12,000 pupils took part in the Blue Flag Programme. Gavin was one of the last 15 pupils offered the opportunity to speak to her. Well done Gavin. 5<sup>th</sup> celebrated a European Day where they invited politicians and parents to speak to the children. They had a lovely time. Thanks to all who participated in the event.

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class are enjoying their football coaching sessions with Gabrielle, while 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes are enjoying their basketball sessions with Gráinne and Ciara. Thanks to Kanturk G.A.A. and Basketball for organizing these sessions.

Our school tours will be taking place on Wed. June 15<sup>th</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes travelling to U.L. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> classes travelling to Let's Go, Mallow. The cost for the U.L. trips is €28, while the Let's Go tour is €25. You may pay this to your class teacher or online. You will receive the link for this payment very shortly.

We will be raising our 5<sup>th</sup> Green Flag on Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup>. This is a virtual ceremony! We congratulate all the school in their efforts to create and maintain a Green School Environment.

We have busy and exciting times ahead. We will keep you posted on all of our events.

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,

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Principal.

