



10<sup>th</sup> December, 2015

## CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

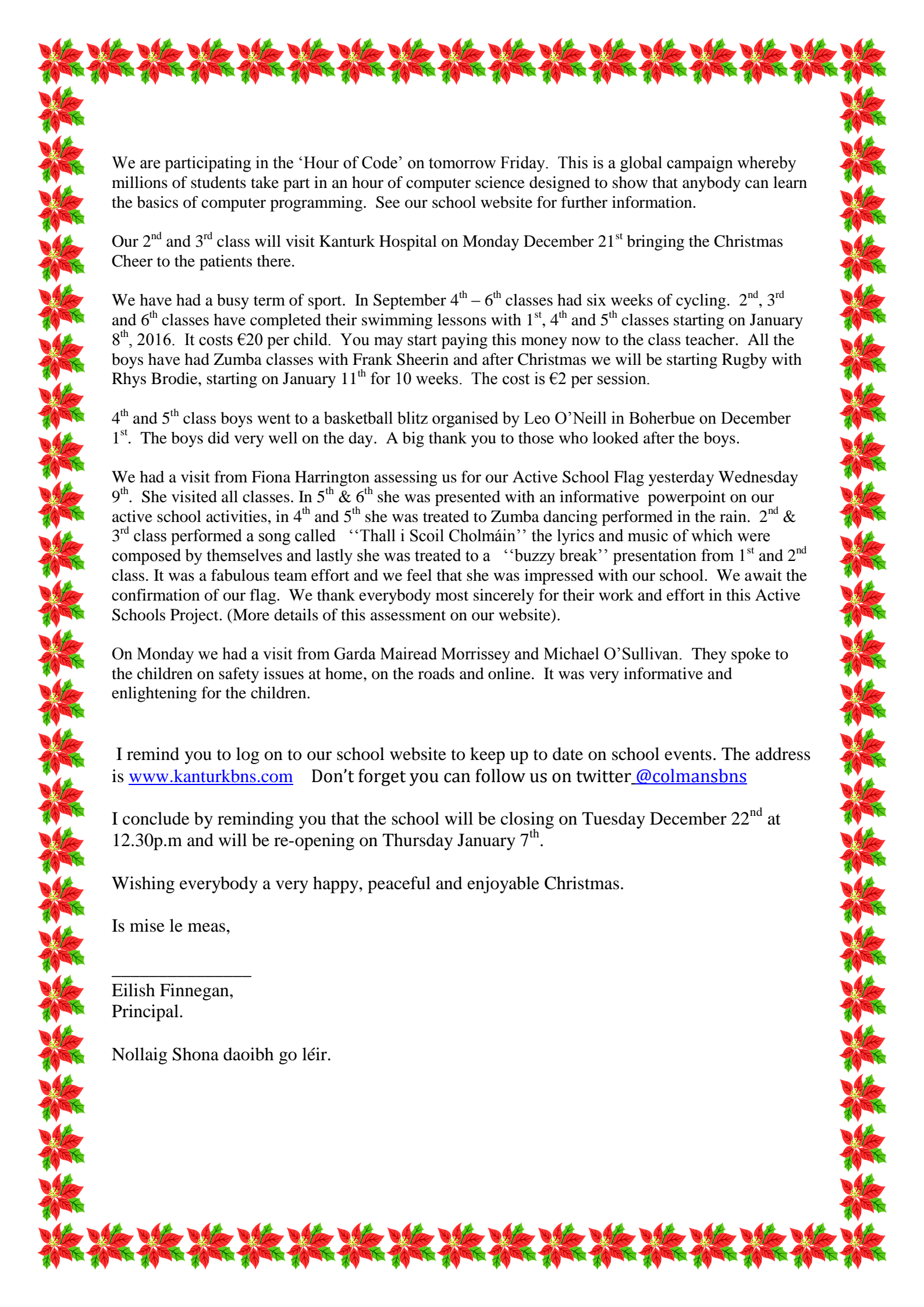
As the Christmas Holidays approach I would like to thank the whole school community for your commitment and co-operation in the school during the term.

2<sup>nd</sup> class boys have their third 'Do This in Memory' Mass this Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. We hope as many as possible will be able to attend.

As you know our Parents' Association are organising a fundraising event Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 10.30a.m. with the Lorraine O'Riordan Gospel Choir. Everybody is welcome to attend. If your child is coming along you may drop him at the Credit Union building at **10.15a.m. and may be collected from there at 12.30p.m.** The children must wear their uniform and a Christmas hat! The Parents' Association are holding a meeting Tuesday night December 15<sup>th</sup> at 8p.m. to finalise the arrangements for Saturday. We hope as many as possible can attend. We remind you of our Christmas raffle taking place in the school on Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets are on sale in the school at a cost of €1 per strip or 3 strips for €2. We thank those who have sponsored the fabulous prizes. Remember if you're not in you can't win! We thank the Parents' Association for their continued support and work in the school.

We invite you and your extended family to come along to our School Mass on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 1.30p.m. Our 1<sup>st</sup> class will act out the Nativity play during this Mass. The children may be collected from the school immediately after.

Pupils from our school will take part in their Annual Carol Singing on Tuesday December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1.15p.m. in O'Brien Street. Your support will be greatly appreciated and you are most welcome to come and join in the fun. All donations received will be split between Mercy House Kanturk and school funds.



We are participating in the 'Hour of Code' on tomorrow Friday. This is a global campaign whereby millions of students take part in an hour of computer science designed to show that anybody can learn the basics of computer programming. See our school website for further information.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class will visit Kanturk Hospital on Monday December 21<sup>st</sup> bringing the Christmas Cheer to the patients there.

We have had a busy term of sport. In September 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes had six weeks of cycling. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes have completed their swimming lessons with 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes starting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. It costs €20 per child. You may start paying this money now to the class teacher. All the boys have had Zumba classes with Frank Sheerin and after Christmas we will be starting Rugby with Rhys Brodie, starting on January 11<sup>th</sup> for 10 weeks. The cost is €2 per session.

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> class boys went to a basketball blitz organised by Leo O'Neill in Boherbue on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The boys did very well on the day. A big thank you to those who looked after the boys.

We had a visit from Fiona Harrington assessing us for our Active School Flag yesterday Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>. She visited all classes. In 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> she was presented with an informative powerpoint on our active school activities, in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> she was treated to Zumba dancing performed in the rain. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> class performed a song called "Thall i Scoil Cholmáin" the lyrics and music of which were composed by themselves and lastly she was treated to a "buzzy break" presentation from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class. It was a fabulous team effort and we feel that she was impressed with our school. We await the confirmation of our flag. We thank everybody most sincerely for their work and effort in this Active Schools Project. (More details of this assessment on our website).

On Monday we had a visit from Garda Mairead Morrissey and Michael O'Sullivan. They spoke to the children on safety issues at home, on the roads and online. It was very informative and enlightening for the children.

I 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)

I conclude by reminding you that the school will be closing on Tuesday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12.30p.m and will be re-opening on Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Wishing everybody a very happy, peaceful and enjoyable Christmas.

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Eilish Finnegan,  
Principal.

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