

21st January, 2020

Dear Parents,

- Just to update you on events taking place in our school.
- A big congratulations to 5th & 6th class pupils who took part in Robotics Competition in C.I.T. sponsored by Dell, Thursday, Feb 16th. We had a marvellous day out. The 5th class team won the judges prize while our 6th class team were in the final for the driving skills competition being narrowly defeated. Well done to everybody involved in the project and those who prepared the children so well.
- It is a special year for second class pupils, they are busy preparing for their First Holy Communion. Their First Confession is Thursday March 12th at 7.30p.m. Their next 'Do This in Memory Mass' is next Sunday February 11th
- Catholic Schools Week 2020 begins on Sunday 26th January. Wednesday Jan 29th is designated as the day when the school community pays tribute to grandparents. Both primary schools in the parish invite all our parents and grandparents to join us for 10 O'clock Mass on this day and afterwards for a cup of tea in the Girls School Hall. Children 1st – 3rd may sit with their parents/grandparents in the church if present. 6th class boys may go to the Girls School with their parents/grandparents. We hope as many as possible can attend.
- Good luck to the children who have been selected to represent the school in the upcoming Credit Union Quiz on Friday Jan 31st at the Community Centre in Kilbrin at 8p.m. We have two teams under 11 and two teams over 11. The over 11 teams are T.1. Matthew Deady, Ronan Hynes, Dylan Twomey and Jack McSweeney. T2. Naglis Vaivada, Matthew O'Gorman, Dan Lane and Liam O'Mahony. Under 11 teams T1. Jack O'Grady, Aidan Mulcahy, Austin Mullane and Zac Browne. While T2 under 11 is David Hynes, Jack Vaughan, Adam Winkle and Brian O'Keeffe. The two over 11 teams will represent the school at the Scór Quiz in Boherbue on Feb. 2nd at 2p.m. (Please let us know if your child is unavailable for this Scór Quiz).
- We also have children participating in other competitions in Scór. We have 1. Michael O'Driscoll (2nd), Leon Browne (3rd) taking part in Solo Dancing 2. Ronan Hynes (5th) Michéal O'Sullivan (3rd) in Solo Music 3. Ronan Hynes (5th) and Dan Lane (5th) Group Music 4. Darren McSweeney (3rd) in Recitation and 5. Jack Vaughan (3rd) in Solo singing. We wish all our pupils the best of luck and thank them for participating in the competition.

- Some of our pupils are on their 3rd week of basketball Basketball with Sheila Clernon. As you know the session is €2 per child. We hope to have 6 sessions in total.
- 3rd and 4th class boys will be preparing their art work for Kanturk Arts Festival very shortly. The theme is 'Vision' - good luck to all the boys.
- Our Parents' Association would like to thank you for your continued support in the school. In March we will be hosting our Bi-annual Book Fair. More details nearer the time. We will also host a Primary Schools Quiz on March 5th. More information nearer the time.
- We understand that this may be a difficult time financially for some people. If you have not paid your swimming or music money for the term you may do so in weekly instalments. Similarly if you owe the school money since last term you may pay weekly. Feel free to speak to the class teacher about this. [The amount is €20 for swimming and €10 for music].
- We remind you that in the event of cold winter weather occurring 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. Also as per H.S.E. advice please be mindful of sending your child to school if you feel he has symptoms of flu or vomiting bug.
- Our Annual P/T Meetings are almost complete. We as a staff are delighted to meet you all. If you wish to meet a teacher at any time please feel free to do so . Just ring the school for an appointment.
- 5th class are invited to a Sports Workshop in Scoil Treasa on Feb. 7th . We hope they enjoy the activities. We thank the TY students for organising the event and inviting us to attend.
- Martina Ryan from Cork Mental Health will come and talk to the 6th class boys on March 3rd on Wellbeing & Preparation for the transition from Primary to Post Primary School.
- As a school we would like to express our sincere sympathy to Barry and family (our Computer Teacher) on the death of his daughter Cliodhna. May she rest in peace.
- 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)
- I conclude by thanking all the staff, parents and pupils for their continued work and commitment in the school.

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Eilish Finnegan,
Principal.

