

16<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

Dear Parents,

- Just to keep you updated on the events happening in the school.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> class children had their ‘Do this In Memory’ Mass yesterday Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>. Their Holy Communion Day is fast approaching. We wish them well in their preparation.
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class boys have their Ceremony of Light for Confirmation during the 7.30p.m. Mass this Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The boys started their Drumming classes with Patrick Naughton last Tuesday. They really enjoyed the session and look forward to their second class tomorrow.
- We raised €200 on our Lá Glas day. This money was presented to Kevin Higgins from Kanturk Community Council on Thursday for repair of roof in the Edel Quininn Hall. We thank everybody for their contribution.
- Jackie Bolster resumed her music classes last Tuesday. The charge for this term is €5. You may pay this to your class teacher. First class will be starting tin whistle on Wed. May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The charge for them is also €5.
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class boys are taking part in a Rugby Blitz in Ballincollig this Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope they have an enjoyable day out.
- The children will be preparing their art work very soon for the Annual Ballyhass N.S. Fayre. This year the theme is ‘What makes me happy’.
- Our Green Schools Committee held their first meeting for this term on Friday last. They would like to remind everybody of the importance of saving energy and recycling. This year in school we are working on the theme of ‘Global Citizenship – Marine Environment’. As part of this theme we are highlighting the issue of the vast amount of plastic being dumped into our oceans. As a result of this the committee are encouraging the school community to reduce the use of plastic where possible. They are encouraging each child to bring a recyclable, re-usable plastic bottle to school and stop bringing lots of small plastic bottles

which are thrown out in the rubbish each day. They hope to run a competition to name our Marine Environment Mascot and later on in the term we hope to organise a beach clean up.

The Green Schools Committee is also concerned about the amount of litter and rubbish around the town and on the side of the roads. We are sending a signed petition to Cork County Council asking them to install more colourful and eye catching bins, which might help to reduce this litter issue. We look forward to the council's response.

- All classes have been very busy planting seeds this week. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Mrs O'Connor's room have been busy planting tomatoes, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in Mrs Boyce's room have planted cress, spinach and peas, while Mrs Linehan's 1<sup>st</sup> class planted spring flowers.
- Lots of Primary Schools around Ireland will be taking part in Active Schools week from April 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have our Active Schools Week from June 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. More details nearer the time.
- Good luck to the children taking part in the School Quiz this Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> in Boherbue Hall at 7.30p.m. There are prizes for 3 categories – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>. We hope as many as possible can go, as the proceeds of the evening are going towards the repair of the roof of Edel Quinn Hall.
- Don't forget to log on to our website to see what is happening. The address is [www.kanturkbns.com](http://www.kanturkbns.com)
- You can follow us too on twitter@colmanbns
- Thanking you for your support.

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