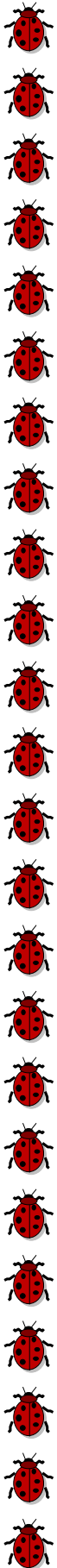




Easter Newsletter 2017

Dear parents, the school year is moving quickly. There has been a lot going on in the school since Christmas. Here is a sample of what we have been getting up to.

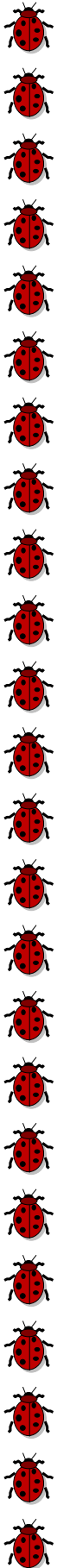
- Well done to all our children from third to sixth class who took part in the Peace proms in the University of Limerick, we can't wait for the DVD to come out!!
- Fourth, fifth and sixth had a great time representing the school in the Limerick Five a side blitz run by the FAI.
- Fourth class are taking part in the LEAF project which is promoted by An Taisce, as part of this they did an in school workshop with an educational representative from An Taisce. They are learning about forests and forest flora and fauna. This week they took part in a field trip to Currachase. Well done to all.
- Fourth class were invited by the Mayor to plant an Oak tree in the park as part of National tree week.
- Rachel's and Ellen's junior infants and Aine's senior infants went to O'Mahony's Book store as part on World Book Day.
- All classes took part in workshops/Fieldtrips with horticulturist Geoff Hunt. This involved birdwatching in westfields, Pond dipping in Adare, learning about ducks and water-based birds and much more.
- Ellen's and Rachel's class had a lovely concert for St Patrick 's Day. Well done to all and thanks to all our parents for coming on the day
- The junior classes had a ceili as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge and the seniors had a table quiz.
- Well done to all the Children from fourth to sixth who took part in the Credit Union Quiz, this year we had 4 teams.
- The senior classes took part in rugby sessions with our Munster development coach.
- The senior classes had sessions on cyber safety with cyber safety expert Ger Brick. This coincided with friendship week when we unveiled our



Friendship bench. We hope you like our new friendship motto " Kind words, kind hands, kind feet!"

- Second to fourth class will resume cricket sessions in May
- Hatch 4 Schools: In February, 6 spritely chicks hatched in an incubator in Paula's room. We looked after them carefully until they were bigger and then the farmer who runs the 'hatch4schools' programme came to tell us about raising hens and he took them back to join their family on the farm in Inagh, Co. Clare. We all loved seeing the chicks grow and were amazed at how much energy they had after only a few hours outside the egg. All children wanted to name the chicks so they wrote and submitted name suggestions and prizes were awarded for creative names and explanations.
- Plant Sale: After Easter, don't be surprised to see hundreds of green shoots growing by our windowsills. We are planning another plant sale during the last term where you will be able to purchase herbs, bedding plants, sunflowers, house plants etc., all planted by the children and teachers.
- Healthy eating: We are in the process of updating our healthy eating policy. Did you know that children can consume up to 1/3 of their daily food intake in school? We firmly believe that these foods should be as healthy as possible so that your child develops good habits that will stay with them throughout their life, as well as keeping them well and receptive to learning. We notice that some children's lunchboxes contain only processed foods (i.e. those in wrappers). While they may be convenient, these foods are often laden with sugar, fat and salt. Preferred natural options are fruit and vegetables (perhaps cut into fun shapes) and brown bread sandwiches with the child's choice of filling. Teachers will be drawing children's attention to lunches during the last term. For more ideas, look at the safefood.eu website (healthy lunchboxes).
- Lost and Found: Last October, we gave away many bags of clothes which were left in the school by children. We will do the same at the next clothes collection. So now's the time to check the long corridor in the old building, or your child's classroom, for your belongings.
- Active School Week: This year Active School Week is on the week beginning 15th May we have already booked a Hip Hop instructor to take sessions with

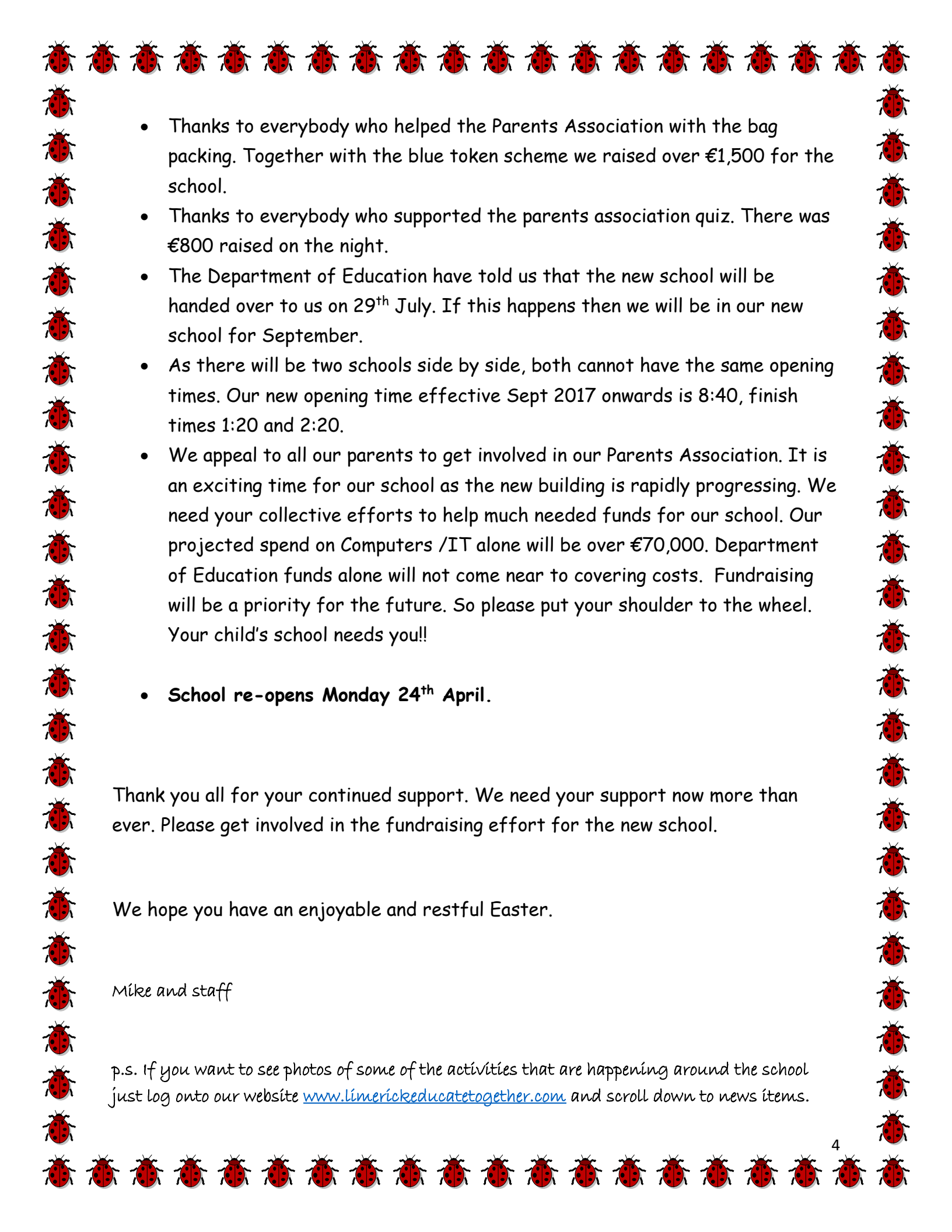




all classes and would love to hear from parents who would like to help out on the week.

- Well done to all our children who are busy taking part in activities outside of school, make sure to thank your parents for giving you these opportunities
 - Fionn Imbush: green belt in karate
 - Abbie Rose: playing Camogie with Patrickswell
 - Leon's soccer team Janesboro won the U-14 league
 - Caoimhe O' Rourke is playing in a blitz in Croke Park over the Easter
 - Artis is talking part in a Latvian Cultural day in Dublin
 - Mantas and Sara are about to start Aikido training
 - Lucy is doing her gymnastics training grades on Tuesday
 - Dominik and Denis have the quarter finals of the Schoolboys cup over the Easter holidays
 - Moya played excellently in a piano competition in the Radisson Hotel
 - Gosia and Irem got beautiful new cousins
 - Ben played for Regional United
 - Conor is playing with Young Munster on Saturday in Cork
 - Jack Crowley completed in his first grade in Tae-Kwon-Doe
 - Sam Fulham won a medal for second place in a hurling tournament
 - Karolina Labutis won a medal for piano
 - Carrick McMahon appeared on Ireland AM with his Mum and Gran
 - Josh Hevey won a medal for gaelic football with Mungret.
 - Naoise O'Donnell is running in the Great Limerick Run
- Thanks to all our parents for your continued cooperation in the drop- off area, working together we can keep everybody safe.
- It is important that children are collected on time, it can be quite unsettling for children to be left waiting in school to be collected. Please ensure prompt collection.
- It is great to see so many of you walking to school with your children. If your child is cycling to school please ensure they observe the rules of the road and wear a helmet.



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- Thanks to everybody who helped the Parents Association with the bag packing. Together with the blue token scheme we raised over €1,500 for the school.
 - Thanks to everybody who supported the parents association quiz. There was €800 raised on the night.
 - The Department of Education have told us that the new school will be handed over to us on 29th July. If this happens then we will be in our new school for September.
 - As there will be two schools side by side, both cannot have the same opening times. Our new opening time effective Sept 2017 onwards is 8:40, finish times 1:20 and 2:20.
 - We appeal to all our parents to get involved in our Parents Association. It is an exciting time for our school as the new building is rapidly progressing. We need your collective efforts to help much needed funds for our school. Our projected spend on Computers /IT alone will be over €70,000. Department of Education funds alone will not come near to covering costs. Fundraising will be a priority for the future. So please put your shoulder to the wheel. Your child's school needs you!!
 - **School re-opens Monday 24th April.**

Thank you all for your continued support. We need your support now more than ever. Please get involved in the fundraising effort for the new school.

We hope you have an enjoyable and restful Easter.

Mike and staff

p.s. If you want to see photos of some of the activities that are happening around the school just log onto our website www.limerickeducatetogether.com and scroll down to news items.