



## October Mid-Term Newsletter

Thank you to everybody for their cooperation and help during the first half term. A particular thank you to all our parents who helped in any way.

There has been a lot happening in the school since we started in August. Some of the activities include:

- Cricket lessons for first to third classes with Jim Doran from Cricket Ireland, we hope to take part in our first cricket tournament in the new year
- We had a safe travel week and all classes learned about road and travel safety, we also had a visiting speaker from the Road Safety Authority
- First and second class travelled to Currachase for International Tree day
- For the first time a group of students will represent the school in the Limerick County Cross Country
- The girls from fifth and sixth took part in a very enjoyable hockey blitz
- Tag rugby will resume for fourth to sixth classes after Christmas
- The book fair was a big success we will receive credit of over €700 and all of this will be used to purchase books for our children
- Many classes have been busy in the new park going on nature-walks, playing and keeping fit, we are lucky to have this on our door-step. The official opening is on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. You all should have received an official invitation yesterday. The council have asked for people to R.S.V..P if attending
- If you want to see photos of some of the activities that are happening around the school just log onto our website [www.limerickeducatogether.com](http://www.limerickeducatogether.com) scroll down to news items.


There are many activities happening after school including: drama, dance, creativity class, choir and music. There will be another class starting after mid-term offering chess and other board games.

Swimming will resume after the mid-term for all classes from second to sixth. We would like to thank all of our parents who have paid already. Payment can be made to Deirdre in Reception.

Thank you to everybody who has made the additional voluntary contribution. Your support is much appreciated and is essential in the day to day running of our school.

The department of Education has informed us that our new school building is at "construction stage". This means that the building company has been chosen. Hopefully we will see work starting soon!

Thanks to the Parents Association for our Safe parking Policy. This was distributed to all families during safe travel week, it is also available on the website under policies. It is



important that all users respect the rules of the drop off area. We appeal to all users to be courteous and patient at drop off and collection times.

We will be looking for volunteers to assist in the drop off areas after mid-term. So if you are not rushing away, five or ten minutes of your time could really help make it a safer place for all our children.

Thanks to the Parents Association for organizing a very enjoyable Harvest Fair, it was great to see so many of you on the school grounds on the day.

The Parents Association are holding a clothes collection "cash for clobber" as a fundraiser. So if you want to do a clear-out put any unwanted clothes, shoes, bags into a plastic sack and send into us after the mid-term. The last day for drop off is 11<sup>th</sup> November. Please tell your friends and neighbours!

All parent Association funds go directly towards purchasing resources for your children. During the Summer we purchased a laptop charger trolley and since start of term we have purchased a park bench that will be used as a friendship bench on the front yard.

One of our Parents Laura Collins is offering mindfulness classes for adults in January 2017. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Laura can be contacted at 0871755040

The parents Association meets once a month. The next meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7 p.m.

One of our parents is looking for a lift for her daughter to O'Connell street every day. Please contact Tina at 087634551 if you can help.

The staff have been busy, as always, have attended courses in maths, PE, Autism and Social skills since the start of the year. One area we are improving this year is maths and are currently purchasing €5000 worth of maths equipment across all classes. Some staff will be attending courses in maths outside of school and we will have in-school support from the Professional Development Service for Teachers (PDST)

Well done to our student council for all their good work and suggestions since September. They met with Jennifer for the Parents Association and were a great help in preparing for the Harvest Fest.

October 30<sup>th</sup> is Diwali "Festival of light" Happy Diwali to all our friends who celebrate it at this time.

Once again thanks a million for all your help and assistance during the first part of term. We hope you have an enjoyable break. Happy Halloween!

*Mike and all the staff*

