



October Mid-Term Newsletter: 2017

Dear parents,

It has been a busy and eventful first half to the term. We are delighted with our new state of the art school and are enjoying settling into our new home. Thank you all for your assistance since we got back, it was great to see you all at the open evening and we hope to see you in and around the school at future events.

Our Parents Association has been busy hosting coffee mornings for parents in class groupings. These coffee mornings are free and are a wonderful opportunity to come in and chat to other parents and network. We will let you know by email when the next coffee morning is on.

Our Board of Management is very happy with the new school accommodation and wishes you all well for the school year. The Board is currently reviewing the Child Protection Policy and Code of Behaviour for the school. If you are interested in helping in the review of these policies please let somebody in the PA know.


The next PA meeting is on in the school on Wednesday 14th Nov at 7:00 p.m.

We are having a cash for clobber collection and will notify you with dates after the mid-term, so if you are having a clear-out please keep up in mind. We will accept all clean clothing and bed linen as well as old leather goods and shoes, we will not accept old duvets/pillows/ cushions/blankets. This is a fantastic way to raise money and costs nothing. All funds will go towards the kitting out and stocking of our new library.

Parent teacher meetings will be held on Wednesday and Thursday 15th and 16th November. You will receive your allocated time after the mid-term.

The school staff are participating in compulsory Department of Education training on Autistic Spectrum Disorder and the Primary Languages Curriculum as a result the school will be closed on the following dates:

- 1st December
- 15th December



Thank you for your cooperation in the drop off area. This will be more important than ever after the mid-term when the mornings are darker. Working together we will keep all our children safe.

Thanks to our neighbours in Mungret GAA club who have offered their parking facilities to us for use by parents


Parking is also available at either side of the road outside the Gaelscoil

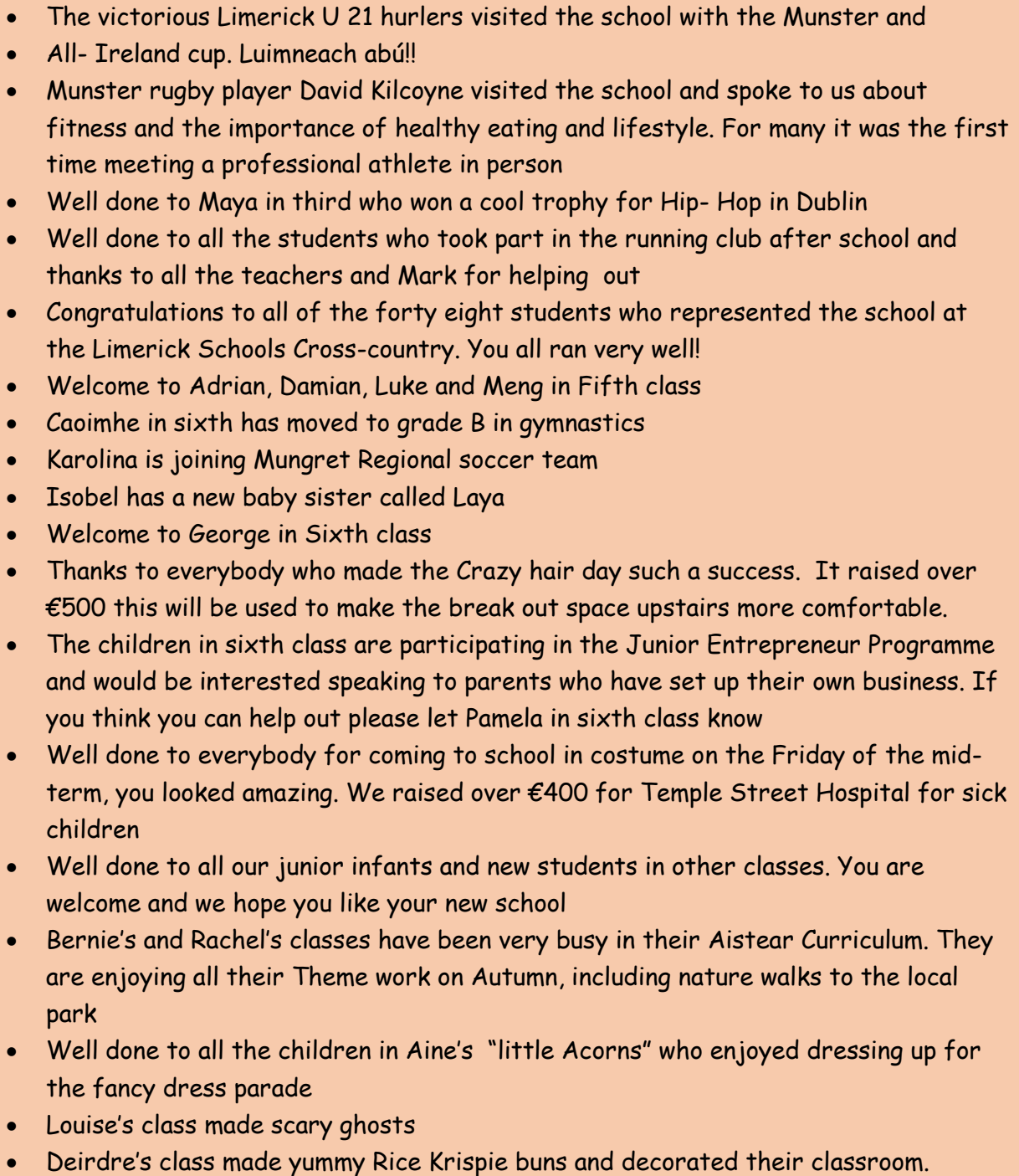
Lost and Found: Often times young children can misplace jackets and other items of clothing in school, our lost and found is kept under the stairs in reception. Just ask Deirdre if you are looking for something

Attendance levels in the school are very good, we have many children on full attendance and this is great to see. If your child has to miss a day for any reason please inform the school, in writing, to let us know. This can be done using the absence slips in the homework diary, a note to the teacher in the case of infants or an email to the school.

You may have noticed that there have been no updates on the website recently, this will be rectified over the mid-term and it will be updated regularly after that.

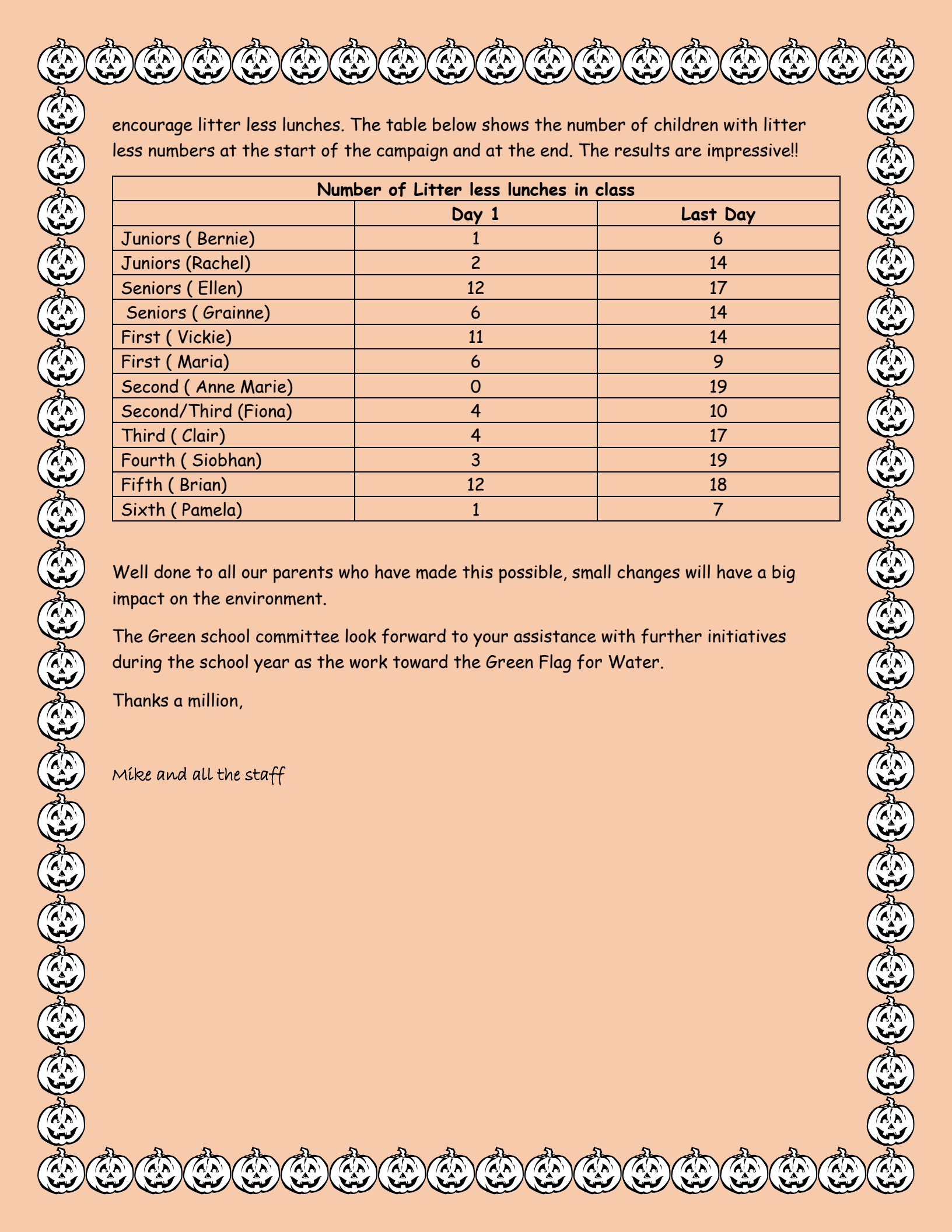
Here is a flavour of some of the activities going on in the school

- Anne Marie's second class have had a student teacher, Paddy, they have learned all about Halloween and how it can affect the environment, they have learned about 2 D shapes and much more. Welcome to Reem in second class
 - Second and Third had a lovely day in Curragh chase forest park as part of Tree Day. They enjoyed the nature walk and talk on bats and other creatures native to the park
 - Second and third are learning all about Fire Safety and had a visit from local fire officers, they will return to us in November and this time they will bring the fire engines!
 - Welcome to Jude in third class!
 - Well done to Saoirse who took part in a research project
 - Sam Curtin has moved up to Cubs from Beavers
 - Fourth and Fifth Travelled to the local library for a workshop on artefacts ranging from the stone age to the Bronze age. It was hosted by Michael Moylan and the children got to hold and try on many artefacts
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- The victorious Limerick U 21 hurlers visited the school with the Munster and All- Ireland cup. Luimneach abú!!
 - Munster rugby player David Kilcoyne visited the school and spoke to us about fitness and the importance of healthy eating and lifestyle. For many it was the first time meeting a professional athlete in person
 - Well done to Maya in third who won a cool trophy for Hip- Hop in Dublin
 - Well done to all the students who took part in the running club after school and thanks to all the teachers and Mark for helping out
 - Congratulations to all of the forty eight students who represented the school at the Limerick Schools Cross-country. You all ran very well!
 - Welcome to Adrian, Damian, Luke and Meng in Fifth class
 - Caoimhe in sixth has moved to grade B in gymnastics
 - Karolina is joining Mungret Regional soccer team
 - Isobel has a new baby sister called Laya
 - Welcome to George in Sixth class
 - Thanks to everybody who made the Crazy hair day such a success. It raised over €500 this will be used to make the break out space upstairs more comfortable.
 - The children in sixth class are participating in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme and would be interested speaking to parents who have set up their own business. If you think you can help out please let Pamela in sixth class know
 - Well done to everybody for coming to school in costume on the Friday of the mid-term, you looked amazing. We raised over €400 for Temple Street Hospital for sick children
 - Well done to all our junior infants and new students in other classes. You are welcome and we hope you like your new school
 - Bernie's and Rachel's classes have been very busy in their Aistear Curriculum. They are enjoying all their Theme work on Autumn, including nature walks to the local park
 - Well done to all the children in Aine's "little Acorns" who enjoyed dressing up for the fancy dress parade
 - Louise's class made scary ghosts
 - Deirdre's class made yummy Rice Krispie buns and decorated their classroom.

Green Schools

The green school committee have been very busy since we started back. They have conducted an energy audit in the school and have had a very successful campaign to



encourage litter less lunches. The table below shows the number of children with litter less numbers at the start of the campaign and at the end. The results are impressive!!

Number of Litter less lunches in class		
	Day 1	Last Day
Juniors (Bernie)	1	6
Juniors (Rachel)	2	14
Seniors (Ellen)	12	17
Seniors (Grainne)	6	14
First (Vickie)	11	14
First (Maria)	6	9
Second (Anne Marie)	0	19
Second/Third (Fiona)	4	10
Third (Clair)	4	17
Fourth (Siobhan)	3	19
Fifth (Brian)	12	18
Sixth (Pamela)	1	7

Well done to all our parents who have made this possible, small changes will have a big impact on the environment.

The Green school committee look forward to your assistance with further initiatives during the school year as the work toward the Green Flag for Water.

Thanks a million,

Mike and all the staff