

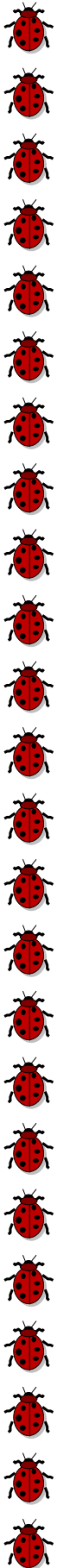


Summer Newsletter 2017

Dear parents,

there has been a lot going on in the school since Easter. Here is a sample of what we have been getting up to:

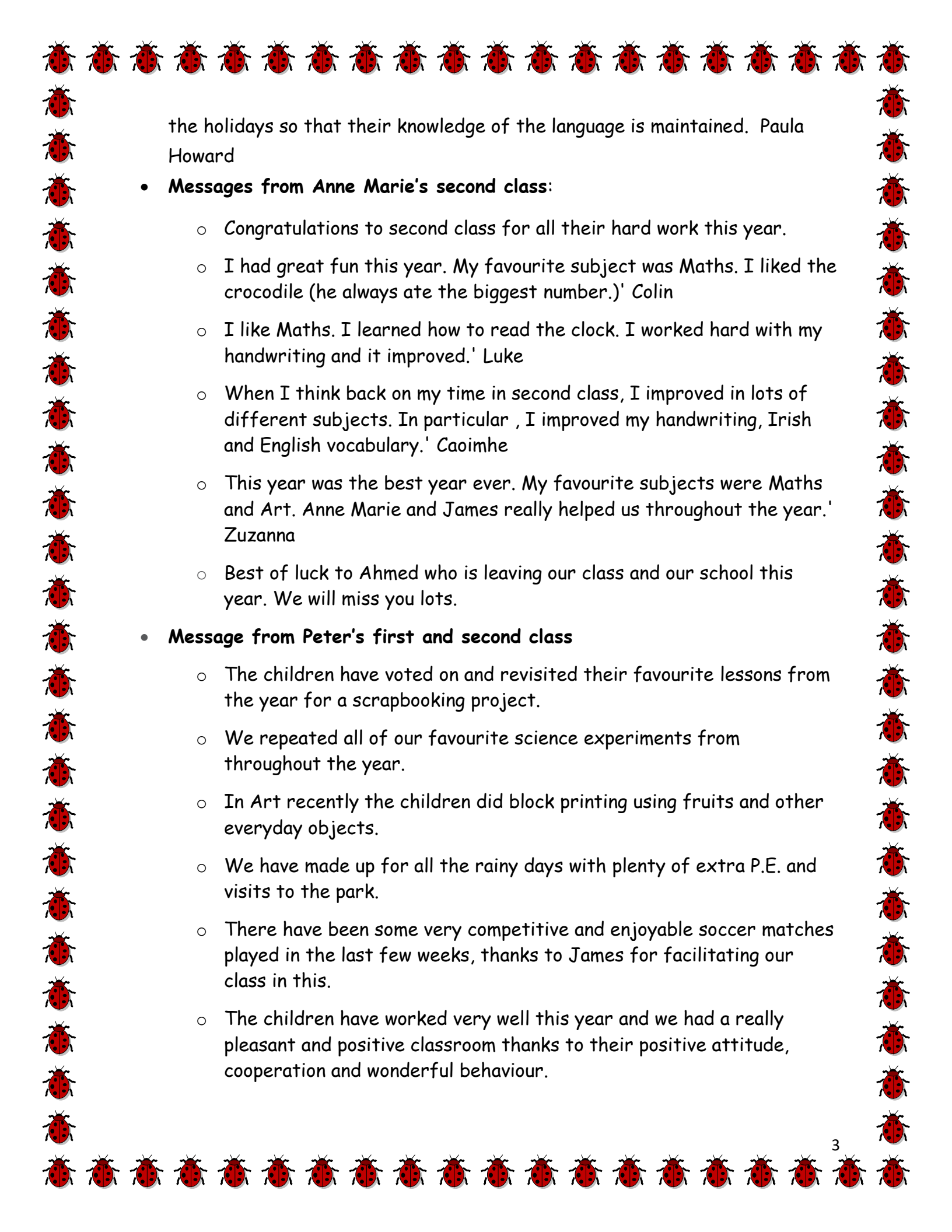
- Well done to all Rachel's junior infants who had a busy term they took part in many activities such as :
 - Decorating cupcakes with a real chef!
 - Playing Gaelic football as part of Active School Week
 - Bringing their favourite Teddy to the Teddy Bear's Picnic
 - Bringing their class teddy "Ted" on different trips
- **Active School Week:** The school had its third annual Active School Week this term. We took part in activities such as bouncy castle, Hip-Hop, keep fit, yoga, athletics, gaelic football, treasure hunt. We also had a fun sports day in the park. We are looking forward to next year already. For more details log on to www.activeschoolflag.ie
- **Cricket:** The children from second and third class took part in Cricket coaching sessions with a coach from cricket Ireland. Teams from third and fourth travelled to a cricket blitz where they competed against teams from other schools. This is the first time we have had a cricket team enter a competition, well done to all.
- **Soccer:** Well done to all the children from fourth, fifth and sixth who took part in the FAI five a side blitz.
- **City Sports:** We had a very successful outing for the Limerick City Sports, both our boys and girls teams did very well. Thanks to all the parents who came to support on the day.
- **School Tours:** All the classes had a great time on their school tours
 - All the infant classes had a lovely day last week. They got to see all sorts of farm animals in the petting farm. One of the hens even laid an egg on while sitting on a child's lap! They also had a visit from a reptile zoo and they saw all sorts of reptiles. There was a lovely surprise visit from an ice-cream van and that was a great treat



- First and second class went to Bunratty Castle
- Third class went to had a great time in Corofin at The Farmyard, the children got to feed the animals, milk a cow, herd sheep and make butter among other thing.
- Fourth class went to the Titanic Museum and Fota Wildlife Park for their school tour. It was great fun and we all had a great day
- Fifth and sixth class had a fantastic school tour at the end of April where they visited Leinster House, the Natural History Museum, The Witness History exhibition at the GPO and even had some time for shopping. A special thanks to Senator Maria Byrne for inviting the children to Leinster House.

- **Choir:** The LETS senior choir was a super success this year. The children made lots of progress and learned many songs. We had three performances over the year including the Crescent Shopping Centre in December, Friendship week in the school during February. Our most recent performance was on Friday the 9th of June, where we visited Limerick School Project and sang three of our own songs as well as singing two songs with the LSP choir. The children really enjoyed themselves. Hopefully, we will see the same children in the choir next year as well as new faces from second to sixth class.
- **Plant Sale:** Thanks to all the children and their class teachers who got their hands dirty to plant seeds, water plants and make grass heads so that we could produce an array of plants for our plant sale this month. Parental support of this sale was greatly appreciated - we even had some donations of plants. €320 was raised from this event and the children also benefitted by learning about how plants grow and where vegetables come from. We hope all the plants are doing well in your houses. Paula Howard
- **English as an Additional Language:** Those children who attend this class have worked hard over the year. We are delighted that they have shared their native languages with us as well as showing enthusiasm for learning English. To parents of these children, do try to read to your children in English and encourage your child to interact with some English speakers over





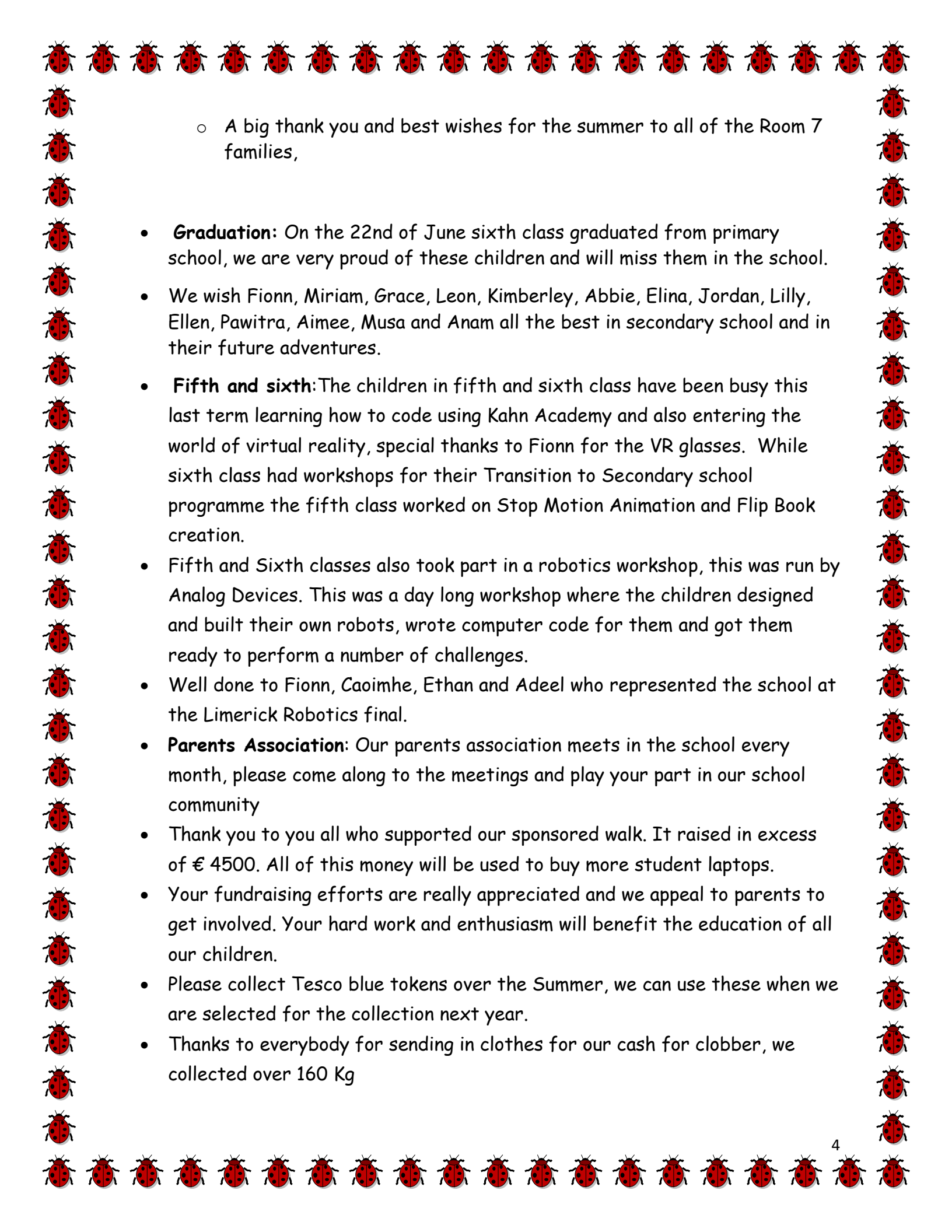
the holidays so that their knowledge of the language is maintained. Paula Howard

- **Messages from Anne Marie's second class:**

- Congratulations to second class for all their hard work this year.
- I had great fun this year. My favourite subject was Maths. I liked the crocodile (he always ate the biggest number.)' Colin
- I like Maths. I learned how to read the clock. I worked hard with my handwriting and it improved.' Luke
- When I think back on my time in second class, I improved in lots of different subjects. In particular , I improved my handwriting, Irish and English vocabulary.' Caoimhe
- This year was the best year ever. My favourite subjects were Maths and Art. Anne Marie and James really helped us throughout the year.' Zuzanna
- Best of luck to Ahmed who is leaving our class and our school this year. We will miss you lots.

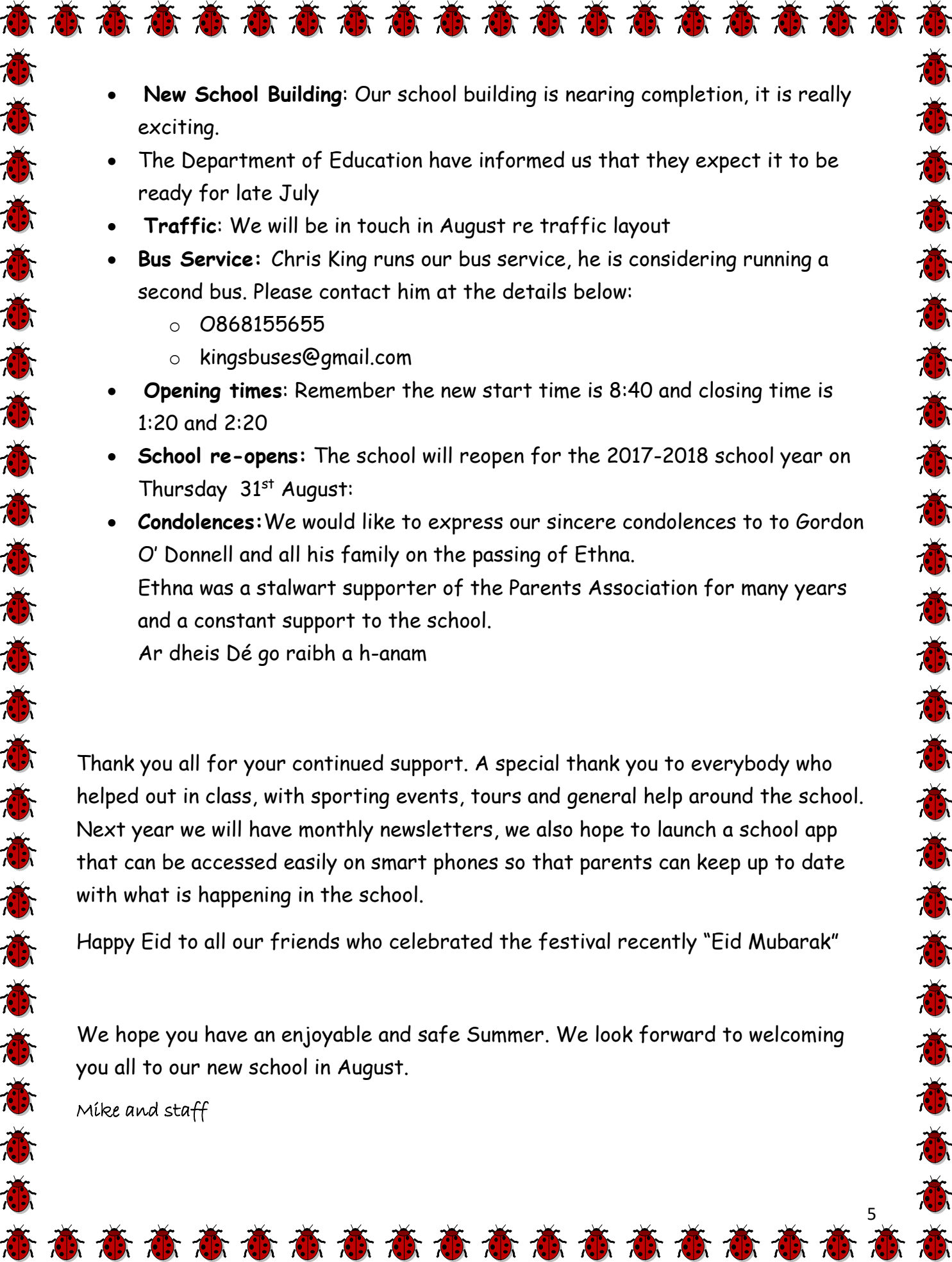
- **Message from Peter's first and second class**

- The children have voted on and revisited their favourite lessons from the year for a scrapbooking project.
- We repeated all of our favourite science experiments from throughout the year.
- In Art recently the children did block printing using fruits and other everyday objects.
- We have made up for all the rainy days with plenty of extra P.E. and visits to the park.
- There have been some very competitive and enjoyable soccer matches played in the last few weeks, thanks to James for facilitating our class in this.
- The children have worked very well this year and we had a really pleasant and positive classroom thanks to their positive attitude, cooperation and wonderful behaviour.



○ A big thank you and best wishes for the summer to all of the Room 7 families,

- **Graduation:** On the 22nd of June sixth class graduated from primary school, we are very proud of these children and will miss them in the school.
- We wish Fionn, Miriam, Grace, Leon, Kimberley, Abbie, Elina, Jordan, Lilly, Ellen, Pawitra, Aimee, Musa and Anam all the best in secondary school and in their future adventures.
- **Fifth and sixth:** The children in fifth and sixth class have been busy this last term learning how to code using Kahn Academy and also entering the world of virtual reality, special thanks to Fionn for the VR glasses. While sixth class had workshops for their Transition to Secondary school programme the fifth class worked on Stop Motion Animation and Flip Book creation.
- Fifth and Sixth classes also took part in a robotics workshop, this was run by Analog Devices. This was a day long workshop where the children designed and built their own robots, wrote computer code for them and got them ready to perform a number of challenges.
- Well done to Fionn, Caoimhe, Ethan and Adeel who represented the school at the Limerick Robotics final.
- **Parents Association:** Our parents association meets in the school every month, please come along to the meetings and play your part in our school community
- Thank you to you all who supported our sponsored walk. It raised in excess of € 4500. All of this money will be used to buy more student laptops.
- Your fundraising efforts are really appreciated and we appeal to parents to get involved. Your hard work and enthusiasm will benefit the education of all our children.
- Please collect Tesco blue tokens over the Summer, we can use these when we are selected for the collection next year.
- Thanks to everybody for sending in clothes for our cash for clobber, we collected over 160 Kg

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- **New School Building:** Our school building is nearing completion, it is really exciting.
 - The Department of Education have informed us that they expect it to be ready for late July
 - **Traffic:** We will be in touch in August re traffic layout
 - **Bus Service:** Chris King runs our bus service, he is considering running a second bus. Please contact him at the details below:
 - 0868155655
 - kingsbuses@gmail.com
 - **Opening times:** Remember the new start time is 8:40 and closing time is 1:20 and 2:20
 - **School re-opens:** The school will reopen for the 2017-2018 school year on Thursday 31st August:
 - **Condolences:** We would like to express our sincere condolences to to Gordon O' Donnell and all his family on the passing of Ethna. Ethna was a stalwart supporter of the Parents Association for many years and a constant support to the school.
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Thank you all for your continued support. A special thank you to everybody who helped out in class, with sporting events, tours and general help around the school. Next year we will have monthly newsletters, we also hope to launch a school app that can be accessed easily on smart phones so that parents can keep up to date with what is happening in the school.

Happy Eid to all our friends who celebrated the festival recently "Eid Mubarak"

We hope you have an enjoyable and safe Summer. We look forward to welcoming you all to our new school in August.

Mike and staff