




## Christmas Newsletter

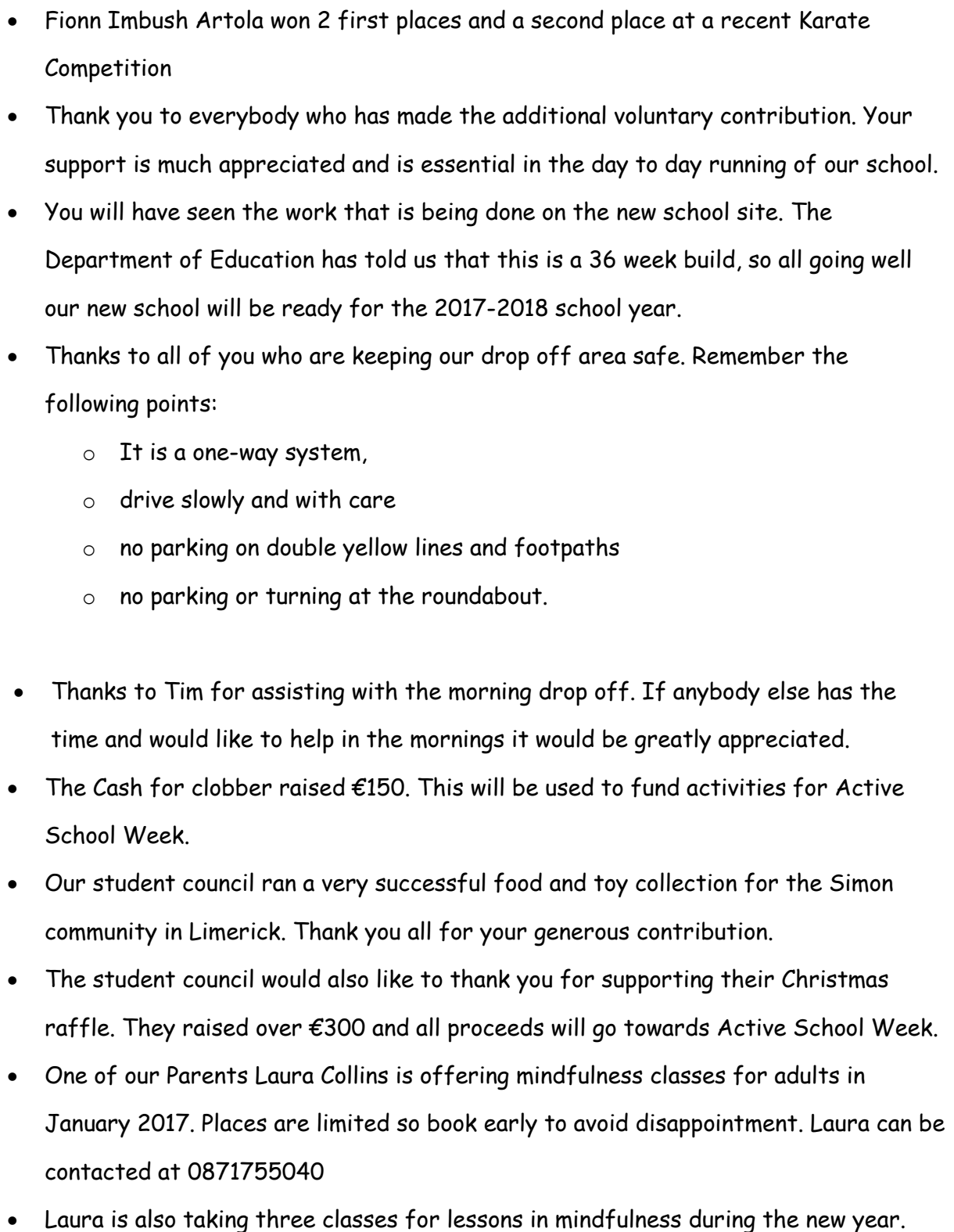
Dear Parents, as we approach the end of 2016 it is good to look back at some of the work and activities going on in our school.


- The school choir gave a wonderful performance in the Crescent Shopping Centre recently. Thanks to everybody for their support.
- Third to sixth class had a visit from Willie Larkin from Trad Time. He entertained us with some tunes on his button accordion and the students showed off their tin whistle skills.
- Well done to Karolina from Pamela's class who won second prize in the Credit Union colouring competition
- The school cross-country team had a very successful day at the Limerick Primary schools cross country in November. Despite challenging weather and slippery conditions all our athletes did very well. Congratulations to Ellen who won an individual bronze medal and to our U 12 girls team who won bronze in the team category. Thanks to all our parents who braved the weather conditions on the day!
- Well done to Fionn, Miriam and Ellen who represented the school at the Dooradoyle library table quiz recently.
- Swimming lessons concluded last week. All our students made great progress during their 6 swimming lessons. Well done to all!
- Fifth and sixth class travelled to LIT for Science week and attended the science fair. They also organized their own science fair for all the classes in school.
- Maria's and Anne Marie's class went to LIT to see the animal magic show.
- Thanks to Anna Susel who took fourth class for a session of web-design as part of Science Week.
- The children in Paula's English as an additional class (EAL) have been busy, they made their own Christmas calendars or Christmas decorations. Anam, Hania and



Amaan demonstrated to fourth, fifth and sixth class how to make a 3D snowflake. Some children made their own autobiographies that they read to their class. It is important that all children attending EAL spend time playing, socializing and reading through English over the holidays.

- All the boys in girls in Senior Infants have been so busy this term. Their Winter Show 'Ralph the Reindeer' was a big success, thanks to all our parents who made in to see the show. They have also been learning some really lovely songs and rhymes about Winter and have learned all about the Robin. They even made bird feeders to help the birds through the cold Winter months!
- Well done to Peter's class on their show Ralph the Reindeer!
- Bernie's class have been very busy buying and trying out the toys for sale in our Aistear Toy Shop. They have created some lovely snowmen and have learned poems about them. They made some lovely weaved placemats to use at mealtimes over the holidays Well done to everyone in Junior Infants who have been working so hard in class as they have begun writing, learning their tricky words as well as blending. They are all quite tired as we approach the holidays because of all the work they have completed. Thank you to all the parents for your help with the shared reading and word work being sent home.
- Well done to all in Anne Marie's class for a lovely Christmas performance.
- Well done to Lucy Bennett in fifth class who won 3rd prize at a recent Irish dancing Feis
- Sara Oliszewska has received her orange belt in Akido following a recent grading exam, Mantas got his Yellow tag in Akido also.
- Caoimhe O' Rourke has been promoted to the U14 Camogie team with Mungret St Paul's

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- Fionn Imbush Artola won 2 first places and a second place at a recent Karate Competition
  - 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.
  - You will have seen the work that is being done on the new school site. The Department of Education has told us that this is a 36 week build, so all going well our new school will be ready for the 2017-2018 school year.
  - Thanks to all of you who are keeping our drop off area safe. Remember the following points:
    - It is a one-way system,
    - drive slowly and with care
    - no parking on double yellow lines and footpaths
    - no parking or turning at the roundabout.
  - Thanks to Tim for assisting with the morning drop off. If anybody else has the time and would like to help in the mornings it would be greatly appreciated.
  - The Cash for clobber raised €150. This will be used to fund activities for Active School Week.
  - Our student council ran a very successful food and toy collection for the Simon community in Limerick. Thank you all for your generous contribution.
  - The student council would also like to thank you for supporting their Christmas raffle. They raised over €300 and all proceeds will go towards Active School Week.
  - 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
  - Laura is also taking three classes for lessons in mindfulness during the new year.

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- Thanks to all our parents who took the time to help with the bag- packing in Tesco. Part of the funds raised will be spent on graded readers for our junior classes. The remainder will be used to help in the equipping of our new school. We still need more help so it is not too late to put your name down!
  - The parents Association meets once a month. The next meeting is on the 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7 p.m.
  - The teachers from first and second classes are taking part in a Maths project under the guidance of the Professional Development Service For teachers (PDST). This project involves looking at ways to improve the teaching of mental maths at these class levels
  - The school has purchased new sets of novels for third, fourth fifth and sixth class as well as reading materials for reluctant readers
  - 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](http://www.limerickeducatetogether.com) scroll down to news items.
  - School re-opens on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January
  - The school will be closed on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January. This closure is to facilitate compulsory Department of Education in-service training on the new languages curriculum.

Once again thanks a million for all your help and assistance since August. We hope you have an enjoyable, restful and safe Christmas. Happy New Year to you all.

*Mike and all the staff*