



Limerick Educate Together N.S.

'No child is an outsider'

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### 2014

Halloween is nearly upon us and on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Halloween by allowing children (and staff) to wear costumes of their choice.

On the day we will have prizes for each class for the best 'home made' costume .

School will be closed for one week until the 3<sup>rd</sup> November .

Maths week – This week in school we are doing lots of Maths activities and games to encourage the children to see Maths not just as a school subject but also something that has real life uses.

We will be working on Maths this year as part of our school improvement plan and would encourage you , as parents to play games that involve counting – such as snakes and ladders, counting cars , guessing how many tablemats would it take to cover a table etc. Maths is an essential part of life and if the children can see it as fun they will develop a much more positive attitude .

Last year the school worked on English comprehension and this work will continue side by side with the work on Maths.

Well done to the children in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> who were part of the Open House Project Exhibition which was held in Rutland Street recently. The leaders of

this exhibition were really impressed by the children in our school – their enthusiasm and their willingness to work on a new project – great to hear.

On the windows and walls of the school there are the most beautiful art pieces – please take the time to look when you are in the school yard.

Thank you so much to all of you who have volunteered to help with activities in the school – it helps to make our school the vibrant community that it has become.

### **Great News!**

Our school has been chosen to be part of the Limerick Peace Proms which is project where hundreds – yes hundreds of school children will perform in a choir in the University Concert Hall in February – the pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> will prepare here at school and then after Christmas come together with other schools to rehearse. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children and for the school and thank you to Siobhan and Pamela who were more than happy to apply for the project.

### **Curraghchase**

The damp weather last Thursday did nothing to quell the excitement of Juniors , Seniors , 1st as they set off for Curraghchase. Thank you to all our ‘volunteer’ parents who came on the trip which was enjoyed by all – there are beautiful pictures on our web site – [www.limerickeducatedtogether.com](http://www.limerickeducatedtogether.com).

Parents Association: This is an important and welcome aspect of our school – all parents are automatically part of the Association but if you would like to play a more active part please contact me and we will set up a meeting time for all who are interested.

### **Traffic:**

As usual I would remind people to take special care in the car park – our children are very precious and patience is needed both morning and evening to avoid accidents of any kind.

### **Art/Craft /Swimming**

Thank you if you have already paid for the above – if not please make an arrangement to pay a.s.a.p.

Children from 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> will be going swimming starting on 7<sup>th</sup> November.

Anti-Bullying workshop: The workshops held for the children were excellent and teachers and pupils were educated to the dangers of unsupervised access to the Internet.

I would also remind parents to be aware of the age level for games which their children are playing . If a game states that it is for 'over 18s' then your child should not be playing the game as the content can be both violent and sexually explicit.

### **Green School /Energy Awareness.**

The school is currently working to gain its second Green Flag –this time for energy .The Green School committee are organising an Energy –Free day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>.Staff will not be using computers, interactive boards or even kettles to make tea.Energy usage will be monitored and compared to our normal daily use- should be interesting!

### **School Council- Welly Wednesday**

A big thank to our School Council who organised Welly Wednesday last week – this was a great success and Dara from Limerick 95fm spoke to the school council and explained that all funds raised would be going to the Children's Ark Unit in Limerick University Hospital.

**Personal news:** I have decided to retire at Christmas – the school has been central to my life for the past ten years and now I feel ready for new adventures – this has been a very big decision for me but I am happy that L.E.T.S will be in good hands for the future.

I have informed both the Board of Management and the Staff and wanted you as parents to hear directly from me.

