

# Limerick Educate Together National School

## Summer Newsletter '25



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a fantastic Summer Term in the school, please see the updates from classes and other news items included in the newsletter. Well done to all of our students on their fantastic achievements.

Thank you to all of our parents/guardians for your cooperation and goodwill this term and indeed since the start of the school year.

Well done to Michelle and our hardworking PA for all the events they hosted during the year and contributing towards our lovely yard markings, robotics kits, student council and more.

Thanks to all our parent volunteers who gave a hand in and outside of the classrooms.

The school will re-open on Thursday, August 28th.

We hope you have an enjoyable Summer

Mike and Staff

# Anne-Marie's Pre-School



We were very lucky with the beautiful weather and got to have some pool parties and some picnics outside.

Little Acorn's Preschool had a fun filled summer term.



We had a wonderful school tour where we got to pet and feed farm animals.



We loved active week where we did loads of activities including a disco in the halla. Vanessa came down and did some lovely breathing work with us. We did the whole school walk in the park and even had a trip to the playground.



Congratulations to our graduates Will, Gabrielle and Hayley. We wish you the best of luck in your new classes and schools.

# Junior Infants



The Junior Infants were busy playing “An Síopa Milseán” (sweet shop) in class where they applied their math learning by using pretend money to buy lots of sweet treats.

We have had a jam packed summer term here in junior infants filled with fun and learning.



We had a wonderful birthday celebration where the children prepared lots of rice krispie buns, practiced yoga in the courtyard and had a treasure hunt in the library.



For our school tour we had plenty of furry friends come to visit and a magician with plenty of tricks up his sleeve! The children were very impressed.

We can't forget the delicious stone baked pizza and home made cordial that we made from our very own elderflower trees in the forest.

# Senior Infants



We had a fantastic summer term in senior infants. Here are some of the highlights.



We had a wonderful school tour. Ger the farmer brought his mobile farm. We loved all the farm animals. It was great fun seeing the animals roaming around our Orchard.

Thank you Mike for organizing the ice cream van to come to our tour. It was a lovely treat



We had a pizza party in the lovely weather to celebrate a year of fun, friendships and lots of learning. We made and cooked our own pizzas.

They were so tasty. Thank you to all our parent helpers who came in to help with the pizzas



We had a very sporty week during active sports week. We got to try out lots of sports. We really enjoyed the yoga and meditation workshop.

We picked some Elderflowers from our Choill Bheag and made elderflower cordial using flowers, sugar water lemons, and citric acid. The cordial was delicious!



We have been very busy in the polytunnel planting tomatoes, courgettes, radishes and beetroot. We will be harvesting the vegetables before the summer holidays.

We are all looking forward to a lovely summer and our move to first class in September.

First class have worked so hard this year and the final term was no exception. This term we took part in a number of different activities.

# 1st Class



We did a number of lovely art lessons and learned about artists such as Kandinsky and Matisse. We also completed a number of art activities based on the theme of 'Under the sea'.



We went to the Old Rectory in Croom for our school tour and had great fun. We travelled there by bus and we did orienteering, baked cookies and saw different farm animals. It was an amazing day.



Our class prepared some fantastic artwork and writing activities as part of our school's 20th Birthday celebrations. It was a great day for us all and we even got to have some birthday cake!

All the children in the class have worked exceptionally hard this year and they all deserve a well earned break.

# 2nd Class

The children were given the honor of performing a dance routine during the opening ceremony of the soccer league finals. They performed with confidence and even got the opportunity to demonstrate some impressive gymnastics!

Second Class have had an exciting and busy final term.



Active Week was one of the highlights of the term. The children got a taste of a variety of sports, including soccer, javelin and playground games. We also had our school tour during Active Week. The children enjoyed swimming, water slides and a wide variety of inflatable obstacle courses. It was a fantastic day and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The children also had the chance to showcase their talents during the School Talent Show. Many Second Class children signed up and demonstrated a wide range of talents. It was fantastic to watch! Each performer practised in their own time and put on a great show.

Well done to everyone that participated.



We finished the year with an end of year picnic. The children brought some teddies and toys with them and we all enjoyed some tasty treats in the park. The sun was shining and it was the perfect end to an amazing year.



Well done to all the Second Class children. They have worked very hard all year and have had plenty of fun and laughter along the way too!

It's been a fun and exciting term for our Garden Class. We had a fantastic time on our school tour. We loved seeing all the animals at the pet farm. The highlight of the day was enjoying a delicious ice cream treat.



We've really enjoyed sensory play this term. On sunny days, we brought the water and sand outside. It was great fun using scoops, buckets, and playing with bubbles.



We learned all about the lifecycle of a flower and planted our own seeds. We watered them every day and it was so exciting watching them grow.



For Active Week, we joined in on many different activities throughout the school. One of our favorite sessions was yoga with Vanessa.



Horse riding has been a huge success this year. We all love our trips to Liskennett. We are calm and happy when we are with the horses.



Well done to all the children in our Garden Class! We've had a great year, packed with fun and learning.

# 3rd Class

It's been an exciting and busy year in 3rd Class!



Our year-long school soccer league was a big success, with fantastic sportsmanship shown by everyone. The children played with great enthusiasm and supported one another throughout.



We've also enjoyed new yard games, with Foursquare and Pickleball becoming quick favourites.

Active Week was a big highlight. The children got to try badminton, tennis, and even taekwondo. Their energy and willingness to try new things was fantastic!



Finally, we finished the year by visiting Suas climbing and Kidstown for our school tour and had the best time!

It's been a joyful, active, and creative year – well done to all the children!

We've loved spending time in our new school library, where the children have been eagerly borrowing and reading a wide range of books. As part of our 20th anniversary celebrations, Vanessa's class led a peaceful outdoor yoga session for guests, while Peter's class held a wonderful forest education workshop in our Tiny Forest. We also performed the Irish song "Dúlamán" for our visiting French guests – a special moment for everyone! With the lovely weather, we've taken some lessons outside and made great use of our school grounds.



We were also lucky to work with artist Aideen Barry on a brilliant Claymation project, sparking lots of creativity. Our Book Swap was another great success, giving everyone a chance to discover new stories to take home.

# 4th Class

What a fabulous final term we've had in 4th class! The past few weeks have been filled with fun, learning and unforgettable memories.



One of the biggest highlights was our school tour in Killaloe Activity Centre. The sun was shining and all the children took part in kayaking, archery and climbing. What an unforgettable day!



We made the most of the good weather by bringing our learning outdoors. From reading novels out in the sun to practical maths lessons on capacity, the children embraced new ways to learn and engage with the world around them.



We were also thrilled to take part in a camogie blitz at Mungret GAA. The girls played brilliantly, showing great determination and teamwork.



Active week was a huge hit! The class got to try out a fantastic range of sports including hockey, tennis, badminton, taekwondo and frisbee. It was a week full of movement, fun and new skills.



It has been a wonderful year watching both 4th classes grow in confidence, curiosity and kindness and Karen and Sarah are very proud of their students. Well done all!



# 5th Class



We have had a fantastic year in 5th class, here are some of our highlights from a busy and memorable final term!



Our school tour to Wildlands in Galway was packed with adventure and excitement from start to finish. We zipped through the air on thrilling zipline courses, bounced on trampolines and challenged our friends to a round of disc golf. It was a brilliant day full of fun, and friendship – a highlight of the term for sure!



We had a brilliant visit to Mungret Community College, where we enjoyed an amazing show of talent – from songs and dramas to fashion, dance and live bands. It was so inspiring to see the older students perform.

Active Week was a huge success. We joined our Buddy classes for a walk in the park and tried sports like Tennis, Ping-Pong, Badminton, Frisbee, Taekwondo, and Athletics. Thank you to Daisy-Jane who taught us how to throw the Javelin and Shot Put. Limerick Sports Partnership ran fantastic games, and we finished the week with an amazing Sports Day.



Siobhán's 5th also welcomed visitors from France! We played games together and introduced them to robotics and learned to sing Frère Jacques in both French and English – we even performed it at Assembly! Our joint performance of The Wellerman was a big hit, with our class singing the verses and our French friends beatboxing.



It's been a wonderful year of learning, laughter and memories. Wishing everyone a happy, safe summer, from all of us in 5th!

# Miriam's Senior Garden Class

As we enter our final term with three of our wonderful graduating students, we've cherished these past few weeks together. We wish them every success as they move on to exciting new adventures.



A standout moment was our final trip to Liskennet Equine Centre, where we had more positive experiences horse riding alongside the junior autism class.

We've explored Lámh sign language in depth, learning new signs each week. A highlight was taking part in a live Lámh session, and we were proud to organise a fundraiser for Down Syndrome Ireland, which included a fun ice cream party at school!

The school's 20th birthday was a memorable celebration, bringing our whole community together.

Active Week was another highlight, with the class embracing a range of sports and activities – showing great teamwork and enthusiasm.



This term also brought birthday celebrations, where students used life skills lessons to plan and organise their own parties – a great way to build independence and confidence.

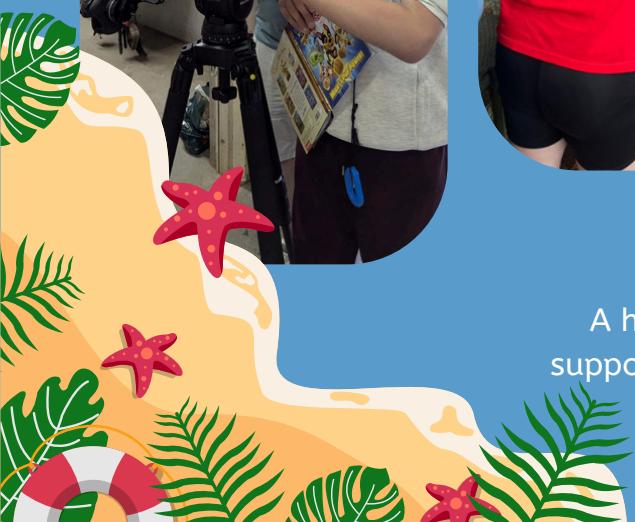
Some students have been preparing for their transition to secondary school, learning about their new environments and getting excited for the next step.



We ended the term with a fabulous trip to Bunratty Folk Park, where the children made lasting memories.



A heartfelt thank you to all our families for your support. Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer!



# 6th Class

What a whirlwind of a final term in 6th class! Our students have truly made it a memorable send-off.



They received their Our World STEM Award, with representatives from 6th Class visiting Dublin Castle for the award ceremony—a proud moment for everyone.



They also visited the County Council Chambers, where students discussed pertinent issues related to sustainability and voted on perplexing scenarios—an inspiring experience in civic engagement.



The highlight was definitely their school tour—a fantastic way to celebrate their last year in primary school with friends and staff. Our 6th class students demonstrated incredible responsibility, trustworthiness, and maturity by organizing not just one, but two sports days—junior and senior—showcasing leadership and team spirit.

To top it all off, they bid farewell in style with a heartfelt graduation ceremony, leaving as true ambassadors. Their kindness, consideration, and compassion have touched everyone, and while they will be missed, we know they are ready for new adventures with confidence.

We are so proud of each and every one of our 6th class students. Best of luck as you embark on your next chapter—go out into the world and continue to shine!

# Soccer League



The LETS Lunchtime League is booming! Throughout the year, we've witnessed some truly electrifying games across all three divisions, showcasing incredible talent, teamwork, and spirit.

A huge shoutout to our dedicated staff referees and the amazing student helpers whose support keeps the league running smoothly. And a massive thank you to all the children who have participated—you've displayed outstanding sportsmanship and enthusiasm that truly inspire us all!

The excitement reached new heights during the epic Teachers vs. Students matches! What an incredible showdown—both sides battled fiercely and kept us on the edge of our seats. In the end, the teachers edged out the students in a nail-biting finish, making it a perfect, exhilarating way to wrap up an unforgettable season!

Here's to more thrilling games and unforgettable moments next year!

## School Choir



The Choir have had an amazing final term this year. We really enjoyed being part of the school's 20th birthday celebrations where we performed to parents, past staff and some visitors.



Our highlight of the year was our trip to Limerick Sings Choral Festival where we joined primary school and youth choirs from Limerick and the surrounding area. We were so thrilled to sing on the University Concert Hall stage and enjoyed every second.

Hopefully this is the first of many performances like this for the school choir!

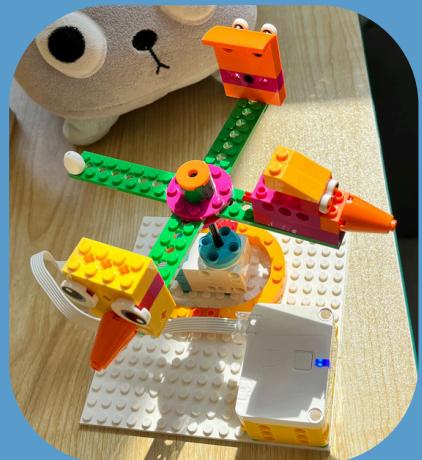
Looking forward to another year of singing next year!

# Chess Club



What a fantastic way to wrap up the 2025 chess season by visiting Boher N.S. in Co. Tipperary! Our Chess Club enjoyed a lively Friendly Chess Blitz, warmly welcomed by former teacher Brian McKeogh. Students battled it out in exciting matches, sharing plenty of laughs and strategic moves. We also savored delicious pizza and had a great time playing in the school's playground. The day was filled with fun, friendship, and chess! We're already looking forward to an even more successful 2025-2026, with upcoming tournaments, friendly blitzes, and online competitions. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this a memorable end to the year. Here's to more chess adventures ahead!

## Robotics Club



We had a wonderful third term in robotics, with students showcasing incredible creativity and innovation. It was a pleasure to welcome our new 3rd class students, who joined us with enthusiasm and curiosity.

A heartfelt thanks to the PA for their generous support in purchasing new equipment, which has truly enhanced our program. We're excited about the progress made this term and look forward to many more exciting projects and discoveries next year!

# School Garden Green School



The warm spell in May was an impetus for us to get planting early and often. Every inch of the polytunnel has produced this term - tomatoes, potatoes, lettuce, courgettes, strawberries, beetroot, radishes have all grown here. Also our garlic was harvested by 1st and 4th class and peas and lettuce were brought home by some lucky children. Thanks to Ballyneety men's shed for donating plants to us for our beds and for the plant sale.

## Student Council



Our Student Council were very busy since Easter. The 3 day talent show was a resounding success. It provided an opportunity for anyone who wanted to show us their music, magic, singing, dancing, gymnastic, artistic skills (to name a few). See the slideshow for some photos of the 3 days. We also surveyed classes to generate suggestions for new books for the library as well as looking at our anti-bullying leaflet for children. A new addition to our fish family was purchased and we also spoke at the 20th Birthday.

We hope to meet with next year's council to impart words of advice. It was an enjoyable year - so much so that a few of us want to run for election again next year

# Basketball



The basketball teams have had a very exciting end to their seasons. The girls qualified for a semi-final game against Pallaskenry. Unfortunately they were defeated but they played extremely well and didn't give up until the final whistle was blown.

The boys had a very successful season and were victorious in their Division. They beat Roxborough 65-30 in the semi final and as a result, qualified onto the Division 1 final. The boys played a very skillful 'Modhscoil' but came out on top with an impressive score of 35-26. The level of skill and sportsmanship demonstrated throughout the league was very impressive. The boys truly deserved the trophy and title after a fantastic season.

Well done to all the boys and girls who took part in this year's basketball teams. You were a pleasure to train and support this year!!



## Art Club



We have had a great time at Art Afterschool this term. We celebrated the theme of the school's 20th Birthday in our Art work sketching Aster flowers, we enjoyed the weather by painting our favourite parts of the school outside. We let our imagination go with clay creating Sonic, pancake stacks, recreating some of our school sculptures and many more.



We are looking forward to getting started with our Art and Craft summer camp starting Monday 30th of June until Friday 4th of July. 10am to 2pm. Where we will tie dye, paint, draw, construct, create with clay, make slime and more.

If you are interested in attending contact Áine on [artandcraftwithaine@gmail.com](mailto:artandcraftwithaine@gmail.com)

# School Library



A big thank you to our Junior Librarians from 6th class, Emma, Janeeta, Omisha, Lauren and Tanirika for all their help with the set-up and maintenance of the school library, making it a well-organised and inviting place for the pupils of our school.

## U.L Sport's Hall Athletics



On the 14th May, over 50 children from LETS represented our school in the Limerick City Sports competition in UL. The children competed in a variety of events including long jump, 80m and 100m sprints as well as the longer distances races of 200m and 400m. We also had some team events such as relays. As always, the children represented the school marvellously and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

# Active Week

L.E.T.S had a vigorous and exciting Active Week filled with fun games and outdoor adventures! We kicked off with a healthy walk around the park for our PA Sponsored Walk, with many parents joining us to show support. The day continued with an uplifting Yard Disco, and 6th Class wowed everyone with a gymnastics performance that showcased their talent and hard work. Thanks to the PTA for the delicious ice-creams to quench the thirst.



A big thank you to our incredible parent volunteers—Raja (Badminton), Sara Jane & Daisy Jane (Javelin & Shot Put), Aideen (Stop Motion), Sandra (Frisbee), Marie and Mary (Disco), Kevin (Soccer) and our dedicated teacher volunteers—Sarah (Hockey), Yvonne (Egg and Spoon), Muireann, and Vanessa (Yoga). We also appreciate the support from our coaches: Lauren (Limerick Sports Partnership), Wesley (Tennis), Roland (Taekwondo) and Cathy-Ann (Yoga).



Many classes took advantage of the outdoors to boost activity levels, and a special shout-out to our 6th Class students for organising and running the Junior and Senior Sports Day. It was a fantastic week of movement, teamwork, and fun!

# 20th School Anniversary

We had a fantastic celebration on Friday, 16th May, to mark our school's 20th Anniversary.



It was a joyful day filled with memorable moments. A special thank you to our talented school choir for their beautiful performance during the ceremony in the hall. .



It was wonderful to welcome back past pupils, parents, staff, and members of the Board of Management to share in this special occasion.

# 20th School Anniversary



Our students showcased the diverse and vibrant activities happening across the school, and a big thank you to our Sixth Class students who expertly guided our visitors on a tour of the school.



Thank you all for making this celebration a truly special and meaningful event. Here's to many more years of success and growth!



## Policy Development

We have reviewed the following policies:  
Bí Cinealta our new Anti – Bullying Policy

### Drop Off/Collection Area

Thanks to everybody for making this work so well.

#### Please remember

No entry to staff car park

No parking on footpaths

Only parents of children in the special classes should go beyond the pedestrian crossing

Drive slowly in and around the school grounds

If you cannot find a space to drop off just continue around

Parking available outside Gaelscoil and Old School carpark

Thanks to the PA for funding the purchase of the barriers at the top of the drop off area.

Pedestrians should never cross at this point.

### Drop Off and Collection Time

School doors open at 8:30 and close each morning at 8:40, please ensure that your child arrives to school and is collected on time.

### School Attendance

The Department of Education has organised a National Attendance Campaign with the aim to increase/improve attendance across all schools in the country.

Poor attendance is defined by a child missing only 2 days per month over the year

We are required to report all cumulative absences of 20 or more days to TUSLA.

### Health and Safety

Reminder to all that there is no smoking or use of vaporisers permitted inside the school grounds.

There are no dogs permitted on the school grounds.

There is no cycling permitted inside the school grounds.

### School Re-Opening

The school will re-open on Thursday 28th August for senior infants to sixth and Friday 29th August at 9:15 for Junior infants.

### Website

Please go to the website to view a selection of activities that are going on in the school  
[www.limerickeducatetogether.com](http://www.limerickeducatetogether.com)

Thank you for all your help and assistance since September.

We hope you have an enjoyable Summer