



# Lunchtime Soccer League



This was a Premier Game in the Lets football league. The game finished 7-7 with Garda Rebecca getting player of the game and Garda Martin getting Ultimate Pro award

Round 1 has just ended in this year's LETS Football League (Season 2024 to 2025). 6 teams in each division will progress while the others will be reformed into new teams to play in a parallel competition called the Respect Shield.

During December there will be a focus on forming new teams, getting some media footage, like team poses and facilitating children to come up with their own team names. Round 2 will begin in the first week in January with all children competing in two different tournaments across all three divisions; The Europa League (League 3), The Premier League (League 2) and The Champions League (League 1).

Make sure to tell your children to get out over Christmas, weather permitting, to practice their skills!

## School Choir



The choir have really enjoyed this term and we, especially, loved travelling to the Crescent Shopping centre to perform and raise some funds for Music Resources in the School. We are looking forward to another fun term in January and new faces are always welcome! The Choir is for children from 2nd to 6th class and we sing on Mondays after school until 3.15pm.

Come along in January if you are interested!  
Clíodhna, Sorcha & Miriam

# Chess Club

We're excited to announce that registration for the Chess Club is now open on Aladdin for the 2025 season!



The first term has been incredibly active for our club. We focused on preparing for the All Ireland Online Tournament organized by Ficheall, which took place throughout November. Our team performed exceptionally, finishing in the top ten during the eight online battles. It was a fantastic experience, and we look forward to competing again next year!



A huge congratulations to Devah and Lira who took part in the Munster Championships. They are role models for our Chess Club and Classmates with their dedication to the game. We had a ball at our Winter Chess Friendly Blitz and enjoyed chatting with Chess enthusiasts from Corpus Christi Primary School. As we look ahead, we are particularly excited about the upcoming Feile Ficheall competition in March 2025.

# Robotics Club

This term in Robotics has been a thrilling ride of creativity, curiosity, teamwork, and problem-solving! We dove into exciting open projects, tackling challenges like animal expressions, space rovers, and the impact of emotions. Our nail-biting competitions brought out the best in team spirit and fun!



Next term, we can't wait to dive into Lego Spike. A huge thank you to our amazing parent volunteer, Sebastine, for your invaluable support!

Booking for Term 2 is now open on Aladdin. We're excited for the New Year with fresh equipment funded by our Robotics Club and the Parent Association. Thanks for your continued support!

# School Garden



Our raised beds and tunnel are looking far tidier now that the Axa volunteers have worked their magic and have helped with a massive clean up. We are so grateful to them. Cliodhna's class and some in Sarah's fourth have been planting garlic which we can harvest in June.

Bird feeders have been filled for the hungry birds in our locality. The Coill Bheag and Orchard have had regular visits from classes with the 'Fresh Air Friday' drive being a good stimulus for classes going outside. We are still looking for volunteers especially for the busy Spring term so please give your name to Deirdre in the office if you would like to help out.  
(Yvonne B and Paula)

## Student Council



Our newly-elected council members have met every Wednesday since the 2024/25 council was formed. Officers were chosen within the council e.g. secretary, chair, treasurer.

Activities we have been involved with include:

Cake sale

Condiment buying pilot project

Setting up suggestion boxes for children

Acquiring a permanent notice board

Meeting representatives from the Parents Association who kindly donated money to us.

We look forward to making lots of positive changes for all children in LETS.

(Paula)

# Active Committee

The Active Committee has made significant strides this term by successfully clearing out and organizing the P.E. storeroom, creating a more efficient space for equipment and resources.

In addition, they spearheaded the Active Flag Active Breaks initiative, running engaging activities each day for four weeks. Their efforts ensured that all students participated and felt motivated to enjoy being active, fostering a vibrant and energetic atmosphere throughout the school. The dedication of the committee has not only enhanced the accessibility of sports equipment but also promoted a culture of health and fitness among students.



## Art Club



Attention all budding artists and creative minds! We are thrilled to announce that our Afterschool Art Club is back in the New Year and better than ever! Join us every Tuesday and Thursday for an exciting journey into the world of creativity, where pupils from 1st class to 6th class come together to explore their artistic talents in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Our sessions run from 2:20 PM to 3:45 PM, once a week for six weeks, providing the perfect opportunity to dive into your imaginative side and craft something truly special. Don't miss out on this fantastic chance to make new friends, express yourself, and unleash your creativity! Forms will be handed out in school, so keep an eye out for them. We can't wait to see the amazing creations you'll bring to life!

Let's get creative together! 

# Parent's Association

We are thrilled to share some wonderful news! Both the school raffle and school disco were a fantastic success.



We are delighted to announce that we raised over €4,000 from these events—an incredible achievement that far surpassed our target of €2,000. The funds will go towards supporting the Robotics Club and the installation of new yard markings. We are so grateful for your generosity and involvement. This success would not have been possible without the children, the school staff and local businesses who gave amazing prizes and all of you who contributed.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who generously gave their time, as well as the committee members and everyone actively involved in the Parents Association. Your dedication is deeply appreciated.

We'd like to remind you that everyone is welcome to be part of the Parents Association. You are already a member, and you can choose to be as involved as you wish. If you'd like to join in more actively, our next meeting will be held on Thursday, 9th January at 9am in the school halla. Going forward, all PA meetings will be held in the mornings as this time seems to suit more parents who are already at the school for morning drop-offs. We hope to see you there!

Finally, we're excited to announce the launch of a walking club starting in January. Stay tuned for more details after Christmas.



Thank you again for your incredible support, and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Warm regards,

Michelle Costello - Chairperson



# Fundraising

We raised €821 for Temple Street Hospital. Thanks to all our families who supported this and for all the children who came to school in fancy dress!



Another huge success for our school. We sold €2,800 worth of books. The great news is we will receive €1400 worth of credit to purchase books for our school library.

Again, you have supported this fundraising effort with enthusiasm and generosity.



Thanks to all our parents and students who made our bake sale such a success. We raised €1550 and all of this money will be used towards part payment for yard markings and outdoor equipment.



## Board of Management

The Board has had two meetings this term and the minutes of these meetings have been sent to all through Aladdin.

The members of the Board are as follows:

Marek McGann/ Chairperson

Emilia Pustkowska/ Patron Nominee and Treasurer

Mike Quealy/ Secretary

Siobhan Costelloe/ Staff Nominee

Gillian Walsh/ Parent Nominee

Kevin O'Shaughnessy/Parent Nominee

Joe Leddin/ Community Nominee

Mary Larkin/Community Nominee



## Policy Development

We have reviewed the following policies:

Anti-Bullying Policy

Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment

Induction Policy

## Curriculum

We are continuing to review our curriculum plans in the following areas:

Primary Language Curriculum, Maths, Science, Music, Digital Literacy

English as an Additional Language

Social Personal and Health Education

Assessment

## 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**

Please ensure that your child attends school on a regular basis. We are obliged to report absences of 20 days or more 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.

## **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)

## **School Re-Opening**

The school will re-open on Monday 6th January

## **Early School Closing Reminder**

The school will close early on Friday 31st January for a Department of Education Sanctioned meeting.

## **Additional School Closure**

The school will be closed on Monday 10th Feb to facilitate staff training on the revised maths curriculum.

Thank you for all your help and assistance since September.

We hope you have an enjoyable and restful break.

