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Dear Parents,

Yesterday was a truly special day in school. After months of anticipation, the gates to our Astroturf finally opened. The joy and excitement on our children's faces as they ran onto the pitch for the first time was infectious. It was a lovely moment and one I'm sure all of our children will remember for years to come.

We still have some finishing touches to carry out to our Astroturf, however it is now open for use and we look forward to using it daily in school. We have secured a Credit Union loan of €30,000 to help cover the final costs of the project and to also add floodlights to the pitch. 10m ballstop netting is also due to be erected next week. Our Board of Management agreed to take on this loan based on a commitment that fundraising would continue again this year again. Our fundraising committee will be making plans in the coming days and will be in touch with more information in the near future.

Once again, thank you to all families who supported our fundraising efforts over the past year. Thank you also to our Fundraising Committee with a special mention to Michelle O'Brien who led our fundraising efforts along with Joan O'Connor and Michelle Fox. We were delighted to raise over €50,000 to go with the €157,801 secured through Sport Capital funding. We were also successful in securing funding through the Emergency Works grant scheme. This is a Department grant and our application was based on health and safety concerns for the large trees that overhung the school playground. The school received funding over the summer that covered the complete removal of these trees. Thank you to Niall Mullins for his very professional work in removing these in what was quite a difficult job.

We will be having an official opening of our Astroturf in the coming weeks where we can gather as a school community to mark this exciting milestone and to thank and acknowledge the work of everyone who helped to make this possible. We will be in touch with more information on this in the coming weeks.

Well done to our girls and boys teams who competed last week in the South Limerick Cumann na mBunscol competitions. Congratulations to our boys team who won the South competition. We celebrated with a pizza party in school.

We will once again take part in the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox appeal. Information leaflets on this are being sent home today. We will be collecting shoeboxes in school on Thursday 23rd October.

Reminder school is closed on Friday 24th as the school is being used as a polling station.

Our Student Council elections take place this Friday with our new Student Council being announced next Thursday. This links in nicely with the Presidential election. Thank you to Mr Maloney who will be working with our Student Council this year.

Our Christmas Concert takes place once again this year on Thursday 4th December at 7pm in the Community Hall. We look forward to practicing for this after Halloween.

Maths Week is being celebrated in school this week. We have a number of fun events organised to celebrate the week.

Our infant classes will be visiting the school hall for Aistear over the coming weeks.

Parent Teacher meetings will take place on Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November. You will receive a time slot for your Parent Teacher meeting after Halloween. Once again, the option for a phonecall for PT meetings will be available to parents. If you would like to have your Parent Teacher meeting by phonecall, please email your child's teacher and let them know.

On Thursday 23rd October children are invited to dress up for Halloween. We will once again be taking part with the "Trick or Treat for Temple Street" fundraiser with money raised helping sick children. Children can make a donation to our fundraising box which will be available at the school door on the morning of October 23rd. Money raised will be donated to Crumlin and Temple Street hospitals.

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Seán Kearney