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Good morning,

Classes from 1st to 6th were delighted to participate in an **online Hallowe'en themed Art lesson last week**. Thanks to Sinéad from The Art and Design Factory for her tutorial. The girls created some amazing seasonal pictures which are on display in school.

We are liaising with **Cash 4 Clothes as a fundraiser for our school**. Your daughter will be bringing home a leaflet this week which has all the details (see attachment also). We would be really grateful if you could donate any unwanted items to our school and in return we raise funds for the school. You can drop in your bags anytime during school hours between 17th to 23rd November, please help spread the word. Thanks Ms. Kilmartin for organising this and thanks also to our Parents' Council for putting up posters around the town. There is nothing like a good clear out to lift the spirits!

A reminder to please bring in your filled shoebox after Hallowe'en to help support the **Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal**. I will let you know the collection date of the boxes as soon as I hear back from the Team Hope volunteer.

What a great day of song and folklore we had in school yesterday, thanks to **Rachel from the Heritage in Schools Scheme**. Rachel specialises in delivering traditional / sean nós singing / storytelling, culture and heritage workshops for all ages in a creative way. During her visit, Rachel engaged the children in a varied collection of traditional / folk / sean nós songs in a fun and supportive environment, aiming to build confidence in song / storytelling and the Irish language. Some classes even composed their own songs!

Well done to our **school football team** this season, they played their best and were a credit to us. We are looking forward to the camogie season next Spring! Thanks Ms. Sheppard and Ms. Kilmartin.

We finished off **Maths week** with a school table quiz on Friday. Check out our Twitter page and website for photos, along with other activities the children have been involved in across the school.

The school is closed at the usual time all of next week for Hallowe'en midterm, reopening on Monday, 6th November. Hope the children have a lovely week off and that they celebrate safely. They are welcome to dress up on Friday, if they so wish. Also, see the attached re a Hallowe'en camp which will be held in Portlaoise College over the break.

Slán agus beannacht,

M. Rohan.