



‘Bye Bye Miss American Pie’

Last summer we said goodbye to Helen, our dear friend and colleague. This strong, hard-working, fun-loving, thoughtful and caring person had to go following an illness which was borne quietly, bravely and privately. Helen loved her work in OLG. She was described by our chairperson, Harold Brooks, as ‘the perfect lady for the job’. All who passed through the doors encountered Helen’s amazing organisational skills which, coupled with her kindness, sensitivity and thoughtfulness, ensured that each person felt part of this great school.

Helen’s family wanted the school to have something to remember her by and this bench is also ‘perfect for the job’. At her funeral we promised that in her memory we would continue to do the things that need to be done. So, we will live our lives to the full; we will work, travel, dance, party and stay in contact with family, friends and colleagues.

This bench will help us to do just that! We will sit here and reflect, we will talk with friends and colleagues, practice kindness and empathy to ourselves and to others and lastly we will rest here knowing that Helen is with us in spirit.

Thank you to Helen’s family - Charlie, Ana and Eóghan.