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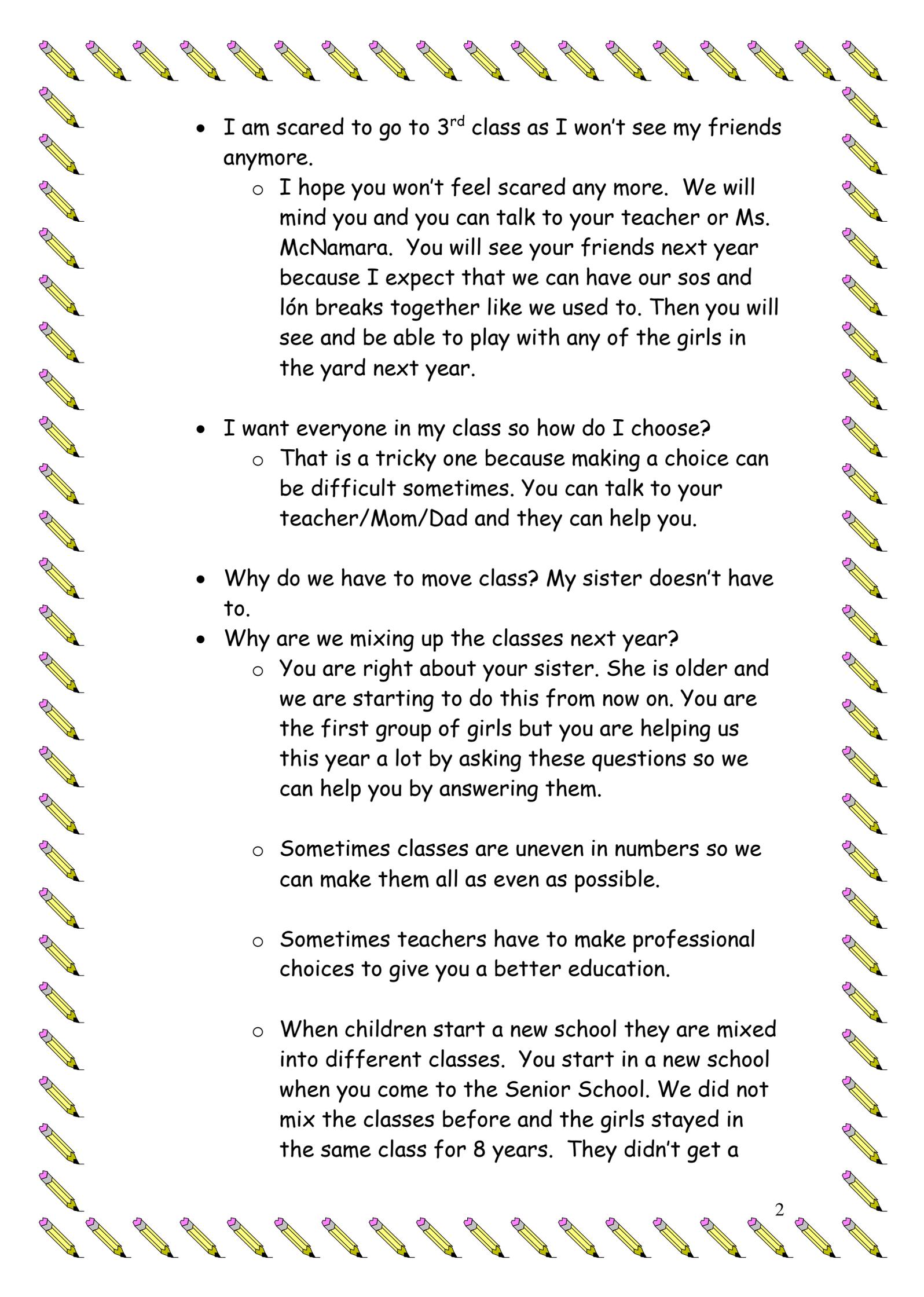
Thank you for the lovely notes some of you wrote to me. There were some questions, some information and some nice compliments from you 😊 **Míle buíochas!**

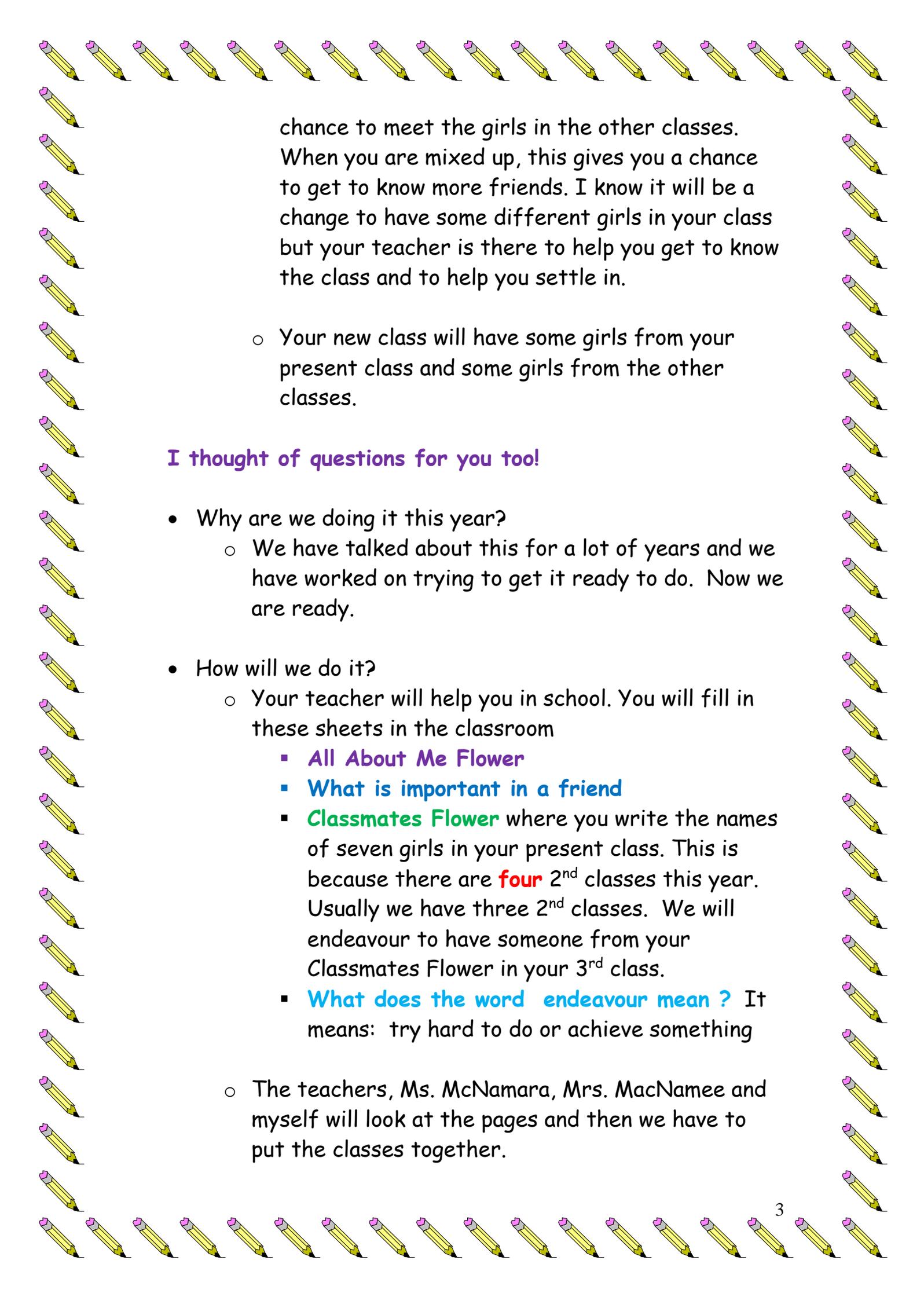


Unfortunately, I can't write to you all individually as I got lots of letters and some had no name on them. So I thought I would write to you all and I hope that is alright with you.

- I was asked can you wear your own clothes the day of the holidays and the answer is **YES**.
- I was asked about bringing a pet to school but the answer for you is unfortunately **NO**. **Brón orm**.
- Someone wanted to do a charity fundraiser and I think they will be able to do that after the summer!
- I was asked about a pyjama day **HMMMMMMMM** I need to think about that and talk to the teachers.

I know you are enjoying meeting the girls in the other 2nd classes on the ASTRO in a safe way and meeting new **friends**. **But** I got some very good questions.

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- I am scared to go to 3rd class as I won't see my friends anymore.
 - I hope you won't feel scared any more. We will mind you and you can talk to your teacher or Ms. McNamara. You will see your friends next year because I expect that we can have our sos and lón breaks together like we used to. Then you will see and be able to play with any of the girls in the yard next year.
 - I want everyone in my class so how do I choose?
 - That is a tricky one because making a choice can be difficult sometimes. You can talk to your teacher/Mom/Dad and they can help you.
 - Why do we have to move class? My sister doesn't have to.
 - Why are we mixing up the classes next year?
 - You are right about your sister. She is older and we are starting to do this from now on. You are the first group of girls but you are helping us this year a lot by asking these questions so we can help you by answering them.
 - Sometimes classes are uneven in numbers so we can make them all as even as possible.
 - Sometimes teachers have to make professional choices to give you a better education.
 - When children start a new school they are mixed into different classes. You start in a new school when you come to the Senior School. We did not mix the classes before and the girls stayed in the same class for 8 years. They didn't get a

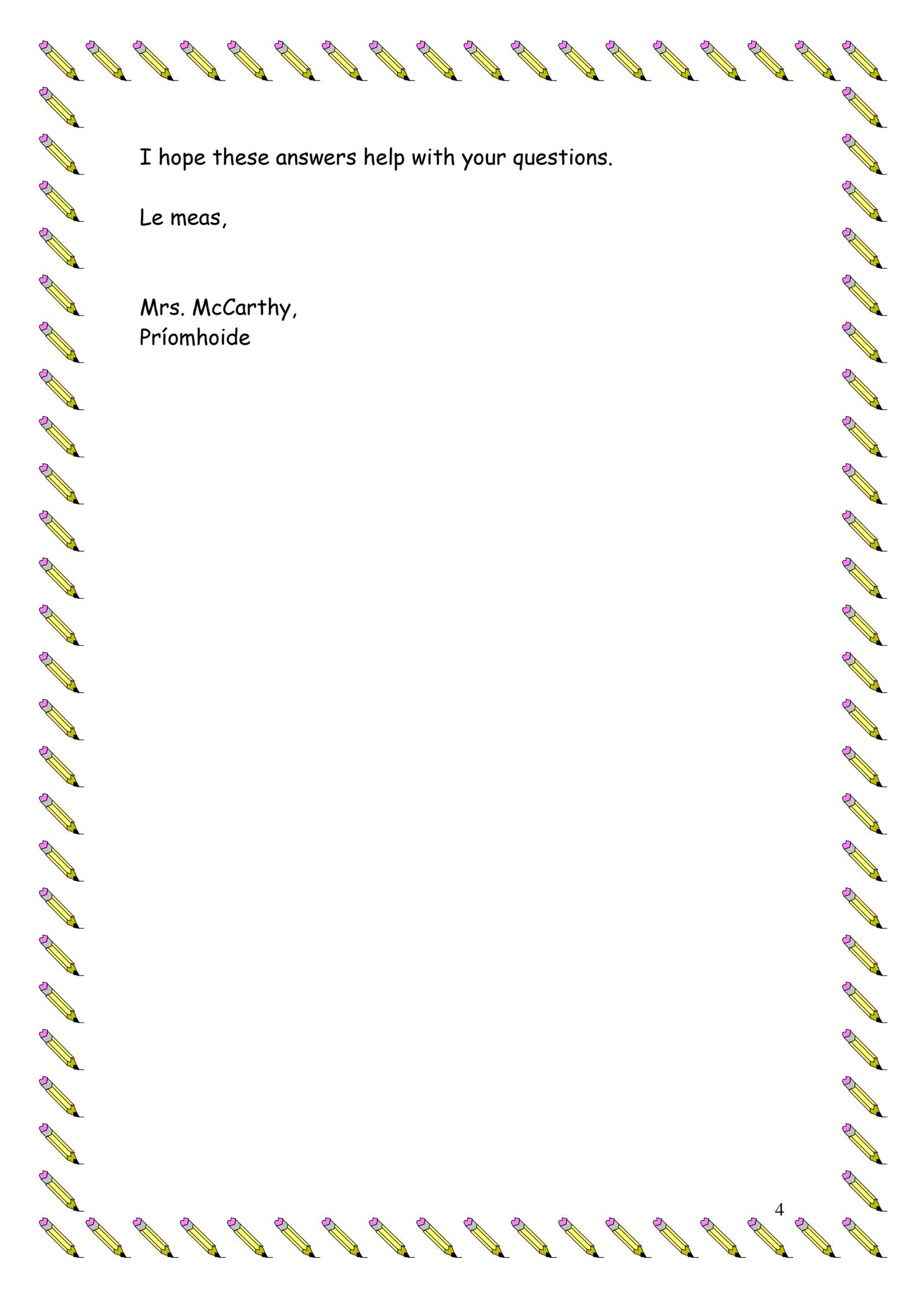


chance to meet the girls in the other classes. When you are mixed up, this gives you a chance to get to know more friends. I know it will be a change to have some different girls in your class but your teacher is there to help you get to know the class and to help you settle in.

- Your new class will have some girls from your present class and some girls from the other classes.

I thought of questions for you too!

- Why are we doing it this year?
 - We have talked about this for a lot of years and we have worked on trying to get it ready to do. Now we are ready.
- How will we do it?
 - Your teacher will help you in school. You will fill in these sheets in the classroom
 - **All About Me Flower**
 - **What is important in a friend**
 - **Classmates Flower** where you write the names of seven girls in your present class. This is because there are **four** 2nd classes this year. Usually we have three 2nd classes. We will endeavour to have someone from your Classmates Flower in your 3rd class.
 - **What does the word endeavour mean ?** It means: try hard to do or achieve something
 - The teachers, Ms. McNamara, Mrs. MacNamee and myself will look at the pages and then we have to put the classes together.



I hope these answers help with your questions.

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Mrs. McCarthy,
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