



Lucan Educate Together Newsletter October 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we begin the month of October we are feeling 'at home' again in the school environment and it is lovely to see and hear children working in the classrooms and playing happily in the school yard. Our new children throughout the school are settling in very well and it is great to see new friendships emerging. Our Junior Infants are settling in brilliantly and are adjusting well to the full school day. We are continuing to put a strong focus on Social, Personal and Health Education and are in the process of organising a well-being week, beginning after World Mental Health day on October 10th. We will provide more details on this closer to the date and how you can support your child's well-being at this time. Tree day was celebrated yesterday October 1st. This was an opportunity for classes to reflect on the many benefits of trees as well as appreciating their beauty in the local environment. Lucan (Leamhcán) is named after the elm tree.

One of the highlights of this week was seeing the completion of the bike /scooter racks and shelters at the school. We are very grateful for this wonderful facility outside the school and what is even more encouraging is to see the increasing numbers of children who are bringing their scooters and bikes to school. Parking spaces are already in high demand and let's hope that children keep this up. It is important that all children wear high vis jackets and helmets and also have a lock for their bikes. Great credit is due to our Executive committee for their hard work and perseverance in securing funding for this project and seeing it through to completion. Thank you to all.

Our sponsored family walk for the school took place last week-end and there was lots of chat on Monday about the various routes families took. The weather was glorious and we hope you enjoyed the event. Many thanks for your support and also to Michael, Donal and the PTA for this creative idea to raise funds for additional games/resources for pods in the classrooms, during the current restrictions. It is still possible to make a donation through the Go Fund Me page. Please see the lovely newsletter attached capturing the joys of this event.

As you may be aware all Primary schools are required to amend their Admissions policy in line with legislation passed in 2018. The annual admissions notice and revised policy will be on our website on Monday next October 5th. This sets out all important dates for applying for school places for school year 2021/2022. We have begun making offers of places to children who were on our enrolment list prior to the policy being amended. The second round of offers will be made on October 12th.

Our Junior Infant classes have been enjoying their new longer days and have plenty of time to create some wonderful artwork as you can see!



Our 3rd classes are enjoying life upstairs and have made a wonderful Wall of Happiness!





Our fourth classes have been settling in really well and have produced some fantastic self portraits!



We are delighted with our new bike racks and scooter racks, which were finished this week. Thanks to our Executive Committee for arranging this wonderful new facility. We hope to see as many children as possible cycle and scooter to school.



Therese's 6th class have given us some lovely examples of "marbling" as you can see.



A reminder that if you wish to avail of the Pupil Personal Insurance you must return the completed form to your child's class teacher for processing . Closing date is October 12th . The €9 is payable through the Way2 Pay app .

Thank you to Staff/Parents for your co-operation and support with the various measures in place to keep our school community safe and the school open . To date, the staggered arrival/departure times and lunch breaks are working very well and we are noticing with the reduced numbers children are arriving /leaving very calmly which is also of great benefit . Your support is greatly appreciated and while the rising numbers of daily covid cases is concerning, it is hoped that by continuing to exercise great care with hand washing, sanitizing , wearing of face coverings and social distancing we will continue to stay safe . Wishing you all a relaxing and safe week-end ahead and look forward to seeing you again on Monday .

Kind regards, Mary

