



Lucan Educate Together

Newsletter

23rd November 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. The weeks are flying by and it is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of November. Everyone is showing remarkable resilience in working hard and keeping a positive attitude, despite the challenges along the way. Great credit is due to all in our school community for their co-operation with the safety measures in place which is helping to keep us all safe and well. Our school attendance has been exceptionally good for this time of year which is very encouraging.

Over the past fortnight all classes took part in a variety of Science activities to mark Science week in the school. It was very impressive also seeing so many children setting up science experiments at home and presenting their findings to their class via the online platform Seesaw. Well done to all and thank you to our Staff and to you, for your support for your child's efforts. It is very often, in these early years that by inspiring and encouraging a child's interest in a particular subject area, we sow the seeds of a life long interest. No doubt we have many future scientists in our cohort of students.

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold face to face Parent/Teacher meetings this year. However, it is very important to us that we have regular communication with you in relation to how your child is getting on at school. We have looked at different options to enable this to happen as well as guidance from the Department of Education. This year, Parents will receive an end of term progress report for your child in December. This will be followed up with the offer of a phone call from your child's teacher before midterm break in the second term. This will allow you to discuss further any aspect of the school report or questions you may have in relation to your child's progress. We hope you will find this helpful.

Thank you to all parents who joined the Stay Safe presentation last week, facilitated by Séan Ó' Casaide. There will be a Stay Safe power point available online from the end of this month, for anyone who was not able to join us. Further information to follow. The Stay Safe lessons will be delivered in your child's class over the coming three weeks. Your support in discussing and re-inforcing the main points of the lessons with your child will have huge benefits for your child. Thank you in advance.

A big welcome to our two student teachers joining us for a number of weeks —Emily, working in Grace's 5th and Killian, working in Learning Support. We are delighted to be in a position to offer these teaching practice positions, as per the DES guidelines and recommendations. Unfortunately, due to the current restrictions, we will not be in a position to offer any work experience placements to TY students this year.

A reminder that no children should be allowed to get in or out of cars that have stopped at either crossing outside the school. This is a dangerous practice and we must ensure the safety of all in our school community. Please park in an appropriate location before allowing your child get in or out of your car.

A reminder that the AGM of the Lucan Educate Together Association takes place tomorrow evening Tuesday 24th November at 8pm via zoom. A meeting ID and password was sent out today, to anyone who has returned the completed membership form. It's not too late to join, simply complete the form and email a scan / photo of it to barbara.sharkey@letns.org tomorrow morning. The membership fee of €1 can be paid via Way2Pay.

Thank you all for your ongoing support for all that goes on in the school . We really appreciate it . Very best wishes to you and your families for the week ahead and let's continue to look out for and support each other through these dark days of Winter .

Kind regards,

Mary

Thanks to all those who supported the Virtual Walk Fundraiser, organised by our PTA. Thanks to your generosity we have been able to purchase a huge amount of games / puzzles / activities for each class! Perfect for golden time on a Friday or those rainy lunchtimes!



One of the things that we are all missing at the moment, is celebrating events with our friends and extended family, such as birthdays! Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, we ask that parents do not send in treats / goody bags to school. However, we would like to give a big shout out to everyone who has a birthday this month, so ...



We are delighted to announce the launch of our Annual Art Competition, this year's theme is "Light". The closing date for entries is Friday 27th November. We have 4 prizes for our junior infant to 2nd class and 4 prizes for our 3rd to 6th classes. We are looking forward to displaying a selection of art around the hall!



Whilst we cannot welcome you into our school at the moment, please take a few minutes to “walk” the corridors and see some of the lovely artwork on display around the school!



Leave prints by Muireann's 4th class, winter mittens by Fiona's JI, space by Sharon's 3rd class, linear art by Andrea's 1st class, beautiful scenes of An Geimhreadh, scenes from the Antartic by Claire's 2nd class and on the following page, Therese's 6th class inspired by Van Gogh, Northern Lights by Ruth / Catriona's 5th class, Grace's 5th class inspired by Piet Mondrian, street scapes by Sarah's 4th and Deirdre's 2nd class enjoying a hot chocolate!

