



# Lucan Educate Together

## Newsletter

### April 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

**Welcome to our latest newsletter**



We are delighted to have everyone back at school for our final term. Staff / children have started very positively and we are all appreciating being together in the school environment . This morning it was lovely to have all our classes together via zoom for our assembly where we introduced the children to our value for April ' Readiness ' and embracing the new learning opportunities. We also introduced Earth Day which will be celebrated on Thursday April 22nd. As we emerge from the pandemic, there is concern globally about the expected rise in levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere as life returns to some kind of normality. The motto for Earth day is "Reuse the Past, Recycle the Present, Save the Future". There is a lot we can do in living simply which will benefit future generations. Perhaps it might be a good time to try and upcycle some clothes or furniture. It is also a great opportunity to be creative!

Our Staff met for a planning meeting last week, to look at our goals for this term. Our priority is to provide children with rich learning experiences across the curriculum areas as well as bridging the gaps that may have arisen in some areas for children due to the school closure. With the lovely Spring weather, we will be using the outdoors as much as possible for learning activities. This term the Stay safe programme lessons will be complete. The RSE lessons focussing on the human sexuality and development aspects of the programme will be taught on the week commencing May 10th 2021. More information on the content of the lessons at each class level will be sent out to you in advance of the lessons being taught . Please see information on standardised testing and pupil reporting on next page. We are working on the school calendar for the coming school year and will forward it to you as soon as it is complete .

Thank you to our Executive for their great work in liaising with the County Council to have the path widened and permanent cones installed in the vicinity of the school gates. This is making it much safer for everyone walking to / from school. Thank you to everyone for your continued efforts with procedures to keep our school community free of covid. So far, as a school community our efforts are paying off and school attendance very strong . While these are more 'hopeful ' times, we need to continue to tread with

## **Standardised Tests**

The DES has advised that standardised tests in literacy and numeracy should be administered to children in classes 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> this school term. Due to the school closures last year tests were not administered in the last school year. Standardised tests, while important are just one form of assessment used by schools to assess children's progress and to inform future planning for teaching / learning. We will provide additional information on the testing process closer to the time.

## **Teacher / Parent Phone Calls**

This term, you will receive your child's end of year school report by email on June 18<sup>th</sup> which will include the standardised test results and also provide you with updated information on your child's progress across the curriculum as well as his / her social / personal development, since our first school report in December. There will be an opportunity for Parents to communicate with class teachers in the final week of term, should you need clarity on any aspect of your child's school report.

If you have a specific concern / issue at this point, that you would like to discuss with your child's class teacher, please get in touch by email [info@letns.org](mailto:info@letns.org) or by note in your child's journal to request a phone call ( 10 minutes ). Your child's teacher will arrange a phone call with you during the week of April 26<sup>th</sup>- 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Enrolments**

Applications for children wishing to join our school, from senior infants to 6th class, are currently open. Additional information and application forms is available on the school website—please go to School Info and then select Enrolments / Admissions from the dropdown menu.

It is important that you confirm with us as soon as possible if your child will not be returning to our school in September 2021. This will guide us in knowing how many places we have to offer at each class level.

We are still accepting applications for Junior Infants 2021. Further information is available on the school website.

## **PTA**

Thanks to the PTA for arranging Crazy Hair Day last Friday. There was some wonderful hair styles on display around the school.

## **Vacancy**

The school is seeking a temporary part-time cleaner, further information has been emailed to all in our school community. A reminder that the closing date for applications is tomorrow, Wednesday 21st April at 3pm.

As always the students have been very creative, with these colourful Ostriches from Sarah's 4th class...



...and these colourful intricate rabbits from Muireann's 4th class.



Martina's 1st class have been learning all about bees and have created this showstopping art display in our hall.

