



Lucan Educate Together

Newsletter

May 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

The weeks are flying in and here we are at the end of another busy but great week. Our value for May is sharing. Our classes met this morning for assembly via zoom. Ian shared some lovely resources on our value of the month. We shared some of the lovely work children have been doing and acknowledged the efforts everyone is making. World bee day was celebrated on Thursday and Martina's first class shared some amazing information on the life of bees and also lovely artwork. Helen's senior infants inspired us with all the different ways we can share with others. It was fantastic to see the enthusiasm of both classes. Formal assessments began this week and classes first to sixth completed their standardised tests in literacy. It was our first time using the revised Drumcondra tests and while they are challenging, children coped very well and were happy that they made their best efforts. Eid was celebrated on Thursday/ Friday last week. Many of our children took part in all or part of Ramadan and have to be commended for their great efforts. We hope it was a lovely time of celebration for families.

As we are approaching the final few weeks of the year we are planning ahead for what is always an exciting time for children. While we are still operating under strict public health guidelines, we have had to adapt many of our events and unfortunately we are unable to invite Parents/Guardians and visitors to the school for traditional events such as graduation for our sixth classes and sports day. We have missed having this face to face contact with our school community in the past year but we will continue to do our best to provide, where possible, links /communication around events that are happening.

On June 21st/22nd and 23rd we are planning 'fun days' for the children as a 'thank you' for their amazing resilience, positivity and hard work throughout this challenging year. We will be hiring out a number of games/inflatables/ ice-cream van for the school grounds to bring a wide range of activities to the children which we know they will enjoy.

Advice from the DES on school tours is that they should be confined to local areas avoiding long bus journeys. We will be adhering closely to the guidelines and confining trips to school grounds and parks close by that children can walk to.

We will continue to assign formal homework for the first two weeks of June this year, due to the disruptions in the school year. For the final two weeks we will look at alternative tasks/activities for children and hopefully the summer weather will have arrived by then providing opportunities for outdoor activities. Reading is an essential activity for children in all seasons with huge benefits for their learning. It is great to hear the local libraries have re-opened and you can avail of a vast collection of books for young readers. Many of our classes have been out planting in the school garden and we are looking forward to seeing the progress in the garden over the coming weeks. If you are growing any seeds at home, whether its flowers, fruit or veg, we would love to see your pictures. Email them to us and we will display them in the hall!



Muireann's class are planning a trip once the restrictions are lifted!





Our junior infants have created these beautiful sunflowers!



Wishing you all a relaxing weekend ahead and hopefully we will see a return to some nice Summer weather over the coming days . Take care and thank you as always for all your support for your child's education in the school .

Kind regards,
Mary