



Lucan Educate Together

Newsletter

December 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our school newsletter!

We hope we can bring you some positive and uplifting news at the end of the week ! Our value for the month of December is "Hope"(Have only positive expectations) and this is more appropriate than ever right now with short , dark days and so much talk of covid, further restrictions, and the introduction of face masks this week for our children in classes third to sixth .

"Hope is like the Sun, when it's behind the clouds, it's not gone, you just have to find it"

We have just over two weeks to the end of term and already the fantastic array of lights and trees in our neighbourhood and school are adding so much festive atmosphere and cheer to our lives . The elf on the shelf has made its appearance in many homes and by all accounts more mischievous than ever ! It has been wonderful to see the creativity and imagination of children blossom over the month and the corridors at the moment are so enriched with children's work in the various curricular areas , particularly science , art and creative writing . In particular , we loved the many projects completed at home and your support for your child's project work is hugely valued. We had a lovely inhouse assembly this morning to acknowledge all the great work around creativity and to introduce our value of 'hope' for December .Thank you to our Staff and children for great teaching/ learning throughout the month and to you our Parents for your great support .

Our Parent teacher meetings ran very smoothly online and our Staff were delighted with the opportunity to connect with you and share important information on your child's progress at school . Thank you to everyone for your attendance and a huge thanks to our Staff for all their efforts, preparation and attention to detail. As school Staff , we truly value your support for your child's education.

Thank you to our PTA for all the lovely events planned for the end of term . The charity drive for homeless hubs/refuge centres is going really well and we are extremely grateful for all the lovely gifts donated to date which will bring lots of happiness to many families over the festive season . We have extended the closing date to December 13th if you would like to make a donation . Thank you again for your kindness .

Well done to our wonderful volunteers who are braving the weather every morning to help with the traffic flow outside the school . There has been a huge improvement and we are very thankful for everyone's support and co-operation . Representatives from the PTA/Executive and BOM are in discussions with SDCC to see what supports they can provide to make the area safer for children crossing the road and also for Parents driving their children to school . This is a longer term project but for now, we are encouraging everyone to keep up the good road practices in the best interests of children's safety . Well done to everyone for all the good news this week . Have a lovely weekend and we hope there will be lots to enjoy over the weekend .

Winter Cards:

The winter card have arrived and will be delivered to classes on Monday . A gentle reminder that payment for the cards is now due. Thank you for supporting this PTA Fundraiser.

Absence Notes

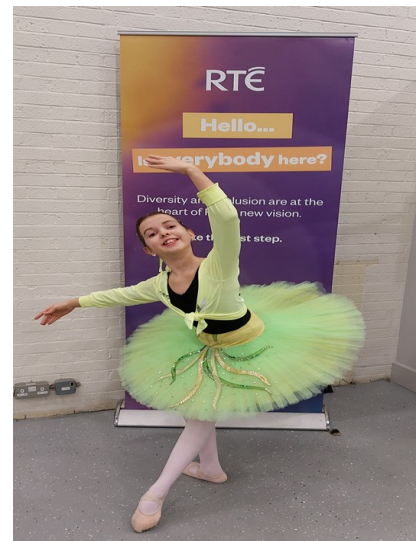
A reminder to please contact the school either by phone, email or via the absence notes on the school website to advise if your child won't be attending school.

Face Masks

A reminder that children in classes 3rd to 6th are required to wear a face mask from Monday December 6th . Please ensure that you provide your child with a mask for school . You will need to give your child a small plastic sandwich bag to hold their mask in while eating or when they are going to the yard. This will need to be replaced every day . Children are not required to wear the mask on yard or for outdoor activities.

The Late Late Toy Show

I'm sure that a lot of student and parents were tuned in to The Late Late Toy Show last Friday night. We were so excited and proud to see one of our 6th class student, Nina Caren featuring on the show. Congratulations to Nina on her wonderful achievement!



A reminder that children with any of the symptoms outlined below, should not be sent to school. Information regarding the antigen testing for primary school children programme is available on the Covid-19 Hub page of the school website. If your child is displaying any of these symptoms, you will be contacted and requested to collect your child.

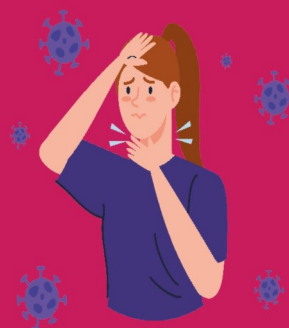
Advice for parents during Covid-19:

Symptoms to look out for



If your child has any of the following symptoms of Covid-19, do not send them to school and contact your GP:

- A temperature of 38 degrees Celcius or more
- A new cough
- Loss or changed sense of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath or an existing breathing condition that has become worse
- Fatigue
- Aches or pains
- Sore throats
- Headaches
- Diarrhoea
- Runny or stuff nose
- Feeling sick or vomiting



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