



# Lucan Educate Together

## Newsletter

### November 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our school newsletter! We hope you all enjoyed the midterm break . Staff/children have made a very positive start to the second half of term and are looking forward to busy weeks ahead . This morning our classes met on zoom for assembly where we shared news and introduced our value of Creativity . We are encouraging the children to explore new ways of being creative at home over the month of November and develop new hobbies/skills over the winter evenings . Your support with this will be greatly appreciated and I think with a little encouragement , we will all be amazed at how creative every child can be .

Our Parent/ Teacher meetings will take place on week commencing Monday November 22nd . This year, we are once again unable to carry out the Parent-Teacher meetings in the traditional face to face manner . The parent teacher meetings will take place online using the Zoom meeting software . We will be using the Connect app on Aladdin to schedule the appointments for Parents to meet with teachers. We will be setting up meetings next week and will update you as we progress plans.

Our Student Council has always played an important part in school life and given further expression to student voices. We are re-forming our Student Council and elections will be held at class level 1st to 6th this month . Due to covid restrictions , it will not be possible to have our Junior and Senior Infant children join meetings for the time being but we will ensure that their ideas are incorporated into our meetings . Ian and Amanda will be working with our Student Council and we look forward to introducing our new council to you shortly .

We are beginning our anti-bullying lessons in all classes this week . Our particular focus will be on lessons in Walk Tall , RSE and Stay Safe where children are taught explicitly to identify the different types of bullying , prevention and reporting of any incidents of a bullying nature . Our anti-bullying policy is available on our school website under policies. A reminder that the National Parents Council will be holding virtual Internet Safety Training sessions on November 8th . Barnardos are holding a similar workshop on November 17th and December 8th . Details for registration are on their website .

With the onset of colder weather it is essential that you ensure your child is warmly dressed. Following HSE guidelines, windows and doors will be kept open to ensure good ventilation throughout the school and as a result, despite the heating being on, the classrooms may be cold.

The AGM of Executive (Patron) will take place on zoom on **Tuesday November 16th**. The Executive Committee, which is made up of parents, have been hard at work over the past year and provide a huge service to the school. We would strongly encourage all families to support the Executive at their AGM. class teacher by 8th November. €1 membership fee .can be paid on Way2Pay.ie Details of the meeting will be sent to all signed up members in advance.

### Science Week:

Science Week is taking place from 7th 14th November. RTE and RTE Jnr have a wide range of programmes that you and your family might enjoy such as:

***Future Island* on RTÉ One from 7-8pm on November 9th, 10th and 11th**

***10 Things to Know About* on RTÉ One, 8.30pm, Monday 8th November**

***Let's Find Out* on RTEjr, Monday 8th November**

There is also additional content available on the RTE Player, RTE Learn and RTE Brainstorm.

Science Week on RTÉ is supported by Science Foundation Ireland. For more on Science Week on RTÉ visit [www.rte.ie/scienceweek](http://www.rte.ie/scienceweek)

### Winter Cards:

The cards will be completed in class this week. Once the templates have been received from the printers, they will be sent home with each child, along with an order form.

### Lost Property:

A large amount of lost property has built up over the past number of weeks including a lot of coats and jumpers. It is important that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name and class. Please ensure that you or your child check the lost property if you are missing any items. The lost property is located under the stairs at entrance to left of reception.

Our revised drop off/ collection times are working well. Children starting at 8.50 a.m should be at the school gate at 8.45 a.m. Children starting at 9.00 a.m. should be at the gates at 8.55 a.m. Children who are more than 10 minutes late should come to reception to be signed in at arrival. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Thank you to Leisel and Tonia who are very kindly giving of their time every morning to help with traffic flow. This is making a difference and we thank you for your co-operation in helping to make the journey to school safer for every child. We ask that you make sure not to park close to the turning point at the top of the driveway as this is inhibiting drivers from turning around to come back down. We also ask that **you do not reverse or do a u turn on the driveway. This is extremely dangerous as it is very often not possible to see young children who may be crossing at junction to adjoining apartments.**

We need a few more volunteers to help us for about 20 minutes each morning. Please let us know if you can support in any way and we can work out a rota for our volunteers. Many thanks.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead. Hope there is some nice crisp weather to enjoy the magnificent colours of nature. Take good care and thank you to all for your support.

Kind regards, Mary