Lucan Educate Together Newsletter October 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our school newsletter! We are enjoying the onset of Autumn and its wonderful array of colours. **National Tree Day** is being celebrated today Thursday 7th October 2021. We hope you get a chance over the coming days to get out and enjoy the beautiful nature on offer around Lucan. Switching off our devices and connecting with nature is so good for our mental well-being .

World Mental Health Day is on Sunday 10th October. In keeping with this, our value this month is 'calmness ' . There is a focus on children's well-being throughout the month with classes participating in relaxation exercises/ techniques. After a very challenging 18 months , it is an opportunity for us all to be kind to ourselves and others, find time to rest and relax and reach out for a helping hand when needed .

Our Staff training on the **Primary Language Curriculum** on Wednesday afternoon was facilitated by Carmel Linehan from Primary Development Support Service . The revised PLC in Irish and English takes account of the diverse languages and cultures represented in classrooms and is available online on the PDST website. In this new language curriculum, there is a shift away from the previous emphasis on learning content ,to giving children the skills to become independent learners and access content for themselves. In the teaching of language the most important aspect is to enable the child to use the language for communication purposes .

The curriculum gives greater autonomy to the individual teacher in choosing content which reflects the needs, interests and experiences of his/her class . Carmel will continue to provide sustained support to our teaching staff over the coming year as we come to grips with this new curriculum which we feel has many positives for children's learning and relevance to their world. The NCCA website has many useful resources for Parents in helping them support their children's learning in different subject areas. If you are interested , resources are available on:

https://ncca.ie/en/primary/resources-for-parents/ and click on your child's class level for more information

Thank you to those who have already made payments through our Way2Pay system. We appreciate your continued support. If you are having difficulty with the system, please contact Veronica / Barbara in the office.

Art Gallery

Please enjoy the beautiful artwork which are classes have been busy creating over the past few weeks.

We have observed some very unsafe driving / parking at the school at drop off and collection times . This is of great concern as it places our children at risk of accidents . Following complaints from a number of Parents, we contacted Lucan Gardai and they have forwarded the attached letter in relation to rules for driving on the public road. They have ensured they will be a more visible presence in the area over the coming weeks. We are appealing to all Parents/ Guardians to drive with the utmost care to ensure that neither your own child or any other child is put at unnecessary risk . Please never ever, let your child out in the middle of the road or overtake another car on the driveway . Wishing you all continued safe travelling on your journeys .

Junior Infants 2022/2023

A reminder that enrolments for Junior Infants 2022/2023 will commence on 11th October, additional information is available on our website and application forms will be available from next Monday 11th October.

Please see attached letter from Lucan Garda and BOM monthly report .

Many thanks for your continued support . Kind regards, Mary