



Lucan Educate Together

Newsletter

October 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our school newsletter!



Our first term is reaching its halfway point and what a busy half-term it has been . It has been a fantastic start to the school year where everyone has settled in so well and there has been a really lovely positive atmosphere with great work and co-operation all round. A huge thanks to Parents/ Staff and children for your great support and efforts which has helped to keep a lovely spirit of kindness and care, despite the challenges of the pandemic. It has also gone along way in ensuring our school community has remained relatively free of covid, apart from a few cases over the weeks. Well done to everyone.

As the term has progressed we have been planning ahead cautiously for a return to more normality as the school year moves on. Yesterday our Senior Classes enjoyed a musical treat with a short live recital in the yard from local musicians ' Ruaille Buaille'. Many of our classes have visited Willsbrook Park to observe the changes in nature through Autumn, with a special emphasis on learning about trees as we celebrated National Tree Day in October. Our fourth and fifth classes are enjoying cricket lessons with Anne O' Meara, Leinster Cricket and today they have been mastering the skill of batting! Our Sixth Classes will have cycle safety workshops after midterm ...just some of the events that have been happening ,

It is great to see the return of some of these special events again which we have missed.

We have revised the arrival/departure times for some of our classes for after midterm break. This is to bring the start/ finish time more in line with the 'normal' school day. We hope these new arrangements will work well for families, particularly now with more Parents/Guardians returning to the workplace. Classes concerned have received an email outlining the changes. All our classes will now be starting at either 8.50a.m. or 9.00 a.m. It is important that children arrive 5 minutes before the start time to allow time for walk / sanitizing on arrival. We expect that the new arrangements will lead to a slightly busier start at the school in the mornings/ afternoons. We encourage children where possible to walk, scoot or cycle to school. As we move into winter and darker days, it is very important that children who are coming to school independently wear 'high vis' jackets or armbands to ensure they are visible.

A walk around the school this week will bring you into very spooky corridors with the fantastic Halloween / autumn artwork and displays the Staff and children have created. We had the most colourful, creative and imaginative dress up today and Parents / Staff and children have to be highly commended for the huge efforts that was put in from early morning to surprise and delight classmates. Thank you to all for adding to the fun and excitement. We had a lovely assembly this morning to celebrate the festival of "Halloween" and thank everyone for a superb effort since our return to school!

Mid-Term Break:

A reminder that the school is closed next week and will re-open on Monday 1st November. We hope that you all enjoy the break and for those children who will be Trick or Treating on Halloween, we hope you have a wonderful time. A big thank you to the PTA for organising goody bags for all students, which will be distributed today.

Winter Cards:

The templates will be distributed after the mid-term break. Children might like to try out some designs over the break.

Lost Property:

A large amount of lost property has built up over the past number of weeks including a lot of coats and jumpers. Please ensure that you or your child check the lost property and we recommend that coats are labelled.

Road Safety:

As we have previously mentioned in our newsletters, we have been concerned for the safety of Parents and children at drop off / collection time in recent weeks. The concern has been shared and discussed at recent meetings of the BOM / Executive / PTA. In this past fortnight two of our parents, Liesel and Tonia, are at the school each morning encouraging safe practices for both road users and pedestrians coming to school. This is making a big difference and we are very grateful to them.

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help in the mornings. We would again remind you that there is a turning point at the end of Mount Bellew Way so there is no need for any cars to U-turn on the road outside the school. Please always consider how your actions might impact on another road user / pedestrian and be extra vigilant on days, where people might be rushing due to inclement weather. We are very appreciative of your support in helping us make the journey to / from school safer for everyone in our school community so please let's keep working on it!

Coming up in November :

Parent/ Teacher meetings will take place in week commencing November 22nd . More details to follow on this following our Staff meeting.

The AGM of Executive (Patron) will take place on **Tuesday November 16th**. Membership forms are being sent home with students today, one per family. **Please complete and return to the 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.

PTA Newsletter special Pictures of our Halloween dress up day. See PTA newsletter for details.

Lessons on anti-bullying will be taught in all classes .

Winter cards project will be finalised.

School Return – 1st November 2021

Amended Drop-off & Collections

Arrival Time	Classes	Departure Time	Gate
8.50am	1 st Class (Martina & Andrea)	2.30pm	B
	2 nd Class (Derek & Sharon)		A
	4 th Class (Siobhan / Eimear / Jenny)		B
	6 th Class (Therese / Yvonne)		A
	Outreach Classes (Ian & Sheena)		
	Junior Infants (Sarah & Laura)		
9.00am	3 rd Class (Sarah / Anne Marie)	2.40pm	B
	5 th Class (Muireann / Ruth / Catriona)		A
	Senior Infants (Helen & Fiona)		

Gate A is beside the flag poles and Gate B is beside the astro-turf.

A reminder that all parents / guardians must wear a mask at all times on the school grounds. Please ensure to maintain social distancing around and inside the school grounds at all times.

Junior Infants 2022/2023:

A reminder that enrolments for Junior Infants 2022/2023 **commenced on 11th October and will finish on Monday 1st November**, additional information and application forms are available on our website.

Way2Pay:

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.

Enrolments for Secondary Schools 2022/2023:

A reminder to all parents of 6th class students to please ensure that you have completed applications for the secondary schools of your choice.

Heuristic Baskets:

Thank you for all the donations for our Heuristic Baskets, we will continue to accept donations throughout the year. Thank you to Andrea to co-ordinating this project. The children have been enjoying using the baskets. The students are really been enjoying these baskets as you can see from the photos!



Aistear:

Laura's Junior Infants have been learning through role play!



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Sarah's Junior Infants have been learning through role play and creating some wonderful artwork!



Art Gallery

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



















