



Lucan Educate Together

Newsletter

October 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are on the countdown to our midterm and everyone is ready for a well-deserved break next week . It has been a really positive start to the school year and great to see our children settling in so well and growing in confidence in their learning each day . Our Junior Infant classes and new children have made a fantastic start and with so many new friendships growing in every corner of the school .

The school will be closed from Monday (Bank Holiday) October 31st to Friday November 5th inclusive. This Friday is a normal school day with no changes to closing times . Children have the choice of dressing up and wearing their Halloween costumes to school tomorrow Friday if they wish . We wish you all a lovely relaxing break next week with your families and let's hope some nice weather to get out and about and enjoy the beauty of nature at this time of year.

Some of what has been happening over this past week .

Last week we were delighted to welcome three inspectors from the Department of Education who were here to do a curriculum evaluation of SPHE (Social , Personal , Health Education) The team visited 60% of classrooms over the two days as well as meeting our middle management team and a cohort of children (randomly selected) from our fifth and sixth classes .

The Inspectors were very complimentary about our school and in particular about the quality of teaching and learning they observed –which was the main focus of the inspection . They were especially impressed by the general atmosphere in the school and how confident , happy and enthusiastic the children were about their learning and experience of school . The quality of the pupils learning outcomes in SPHE was very good and pupils displayed commendable levels of knowledge, dispositions and skills .

We will receive a detailed written report in November which we will share with you . We are very proud of our Staff and Children and thank them for their wonderful commitment and contribution to creating a fantastic school environment. We are also hugely appreciative of your support and input in supporting your child's education and the work of the school .Well done to all .

As you are aware , our value for October is Positivity and children have been reflecting and sharing on what brings them joy and makes them smile. This week we have been celebrating Well-Being week with the focus on helping children to focus on an aspect of wellbeing each day . The week began with Mindful Movement Monday , with a focus on the importance of keeping active and how exercise improves our sense of Well being . Classes from 1st to 6th took part in a very energetic Zumba session with Claire while our infant classes had a fantastic time doing Hip Hop with Emily today

Try It out Tuesday (trying something new.) was an opportunity to take on a new challenge .We will celebrate Wellness Wednesday, Thoughtful Thursday and Feel good Friday. Circle time , mindfulness , yoga and strategies to help children to relax were also an important part of this week's strategies to relax body and mind . Thank you to Catriona for her fantastic work in co-ordinating well-being week with our Staff . As always , everyone was so enthusiastic and we hope the children enjoyed and took a lot from it , that will stand to them in the years ahead.

Our maidsin Gaeilge is going very well . This week it was lovely to hear Therese's fourth class share their Gaeilge with us on the theme of Autumn (An Fómhar On fore) . Well done to them .

The school is also looking very festive with so much lovely artwork and decorations for Halloween . The children are super excited about the return of the Halloween disco this year and we are very grateful to the PTA and all who are working behind the scenes to make this a hugely enjoyable evening in the school . We look forward to meeting many of you in the school later on this evening.

We have included some festive artwork in our newsletter ,

Many families are celebrating Diwali this week and we wish you all a lovely family time of celebration . This important festival of light on the Hindu calendar celebrates the victory of light over darkness in our lives.

. Many thanks to Staff /Parents and children for your fantastic support to ensuring that our school year has got off to such a positive start. We will be in contact after midterm with information on Parent/ Teacher meetings which will be held in second half of term .

Enjoy your well-deserved break over the coming days .

Class Photographs:

By now you should have all received your link to your child's class photo. A big thanks to Alina, Marta and all the staff, for ensuring that all went smoothly on the day. Please pay for your photo order via Way2Pay, **payment must be received by Friday 28th October.**

2023 Junior Infants Enrolments:

Please note that Enrolments for Junior Infants 2023 close on Monday 24th October 2022. Applications after this date will be considered to be "late" applications. The Admissions Policy and Annual Admissions Notice are currently available on the school website and application forms will be available from Monday 3rd October 2022.

Please note that the sibling policy is only valid if an application is received between 3rd—24th October 2022.

Jersey Day in aid of GOAL:

We were delighted with the response to this charity fundraiser and the school raised €396 in aid of GOAL. Thanks for all your support.

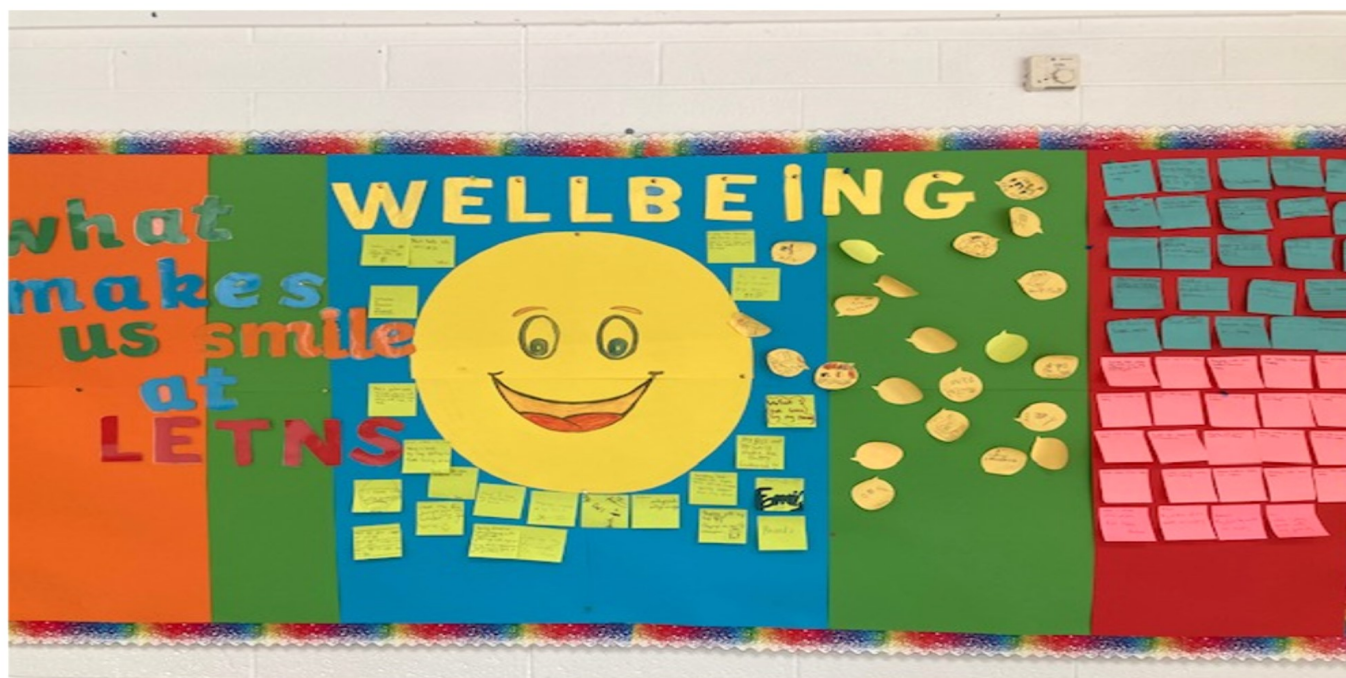
Staff changes at LETS .

We welcome Rachel Nolan and Abby Elliott who have both joined our cleaning Staff following recent interviews . We are delighted to have them both and wish them every happiness in the school .

Following midterm break , we will be welcoming Louise Smithers SNA who will be working with our mainstream classes.

Shauna Griffin will be leaving us tomorrow to begin her maternity leave . Shauna works on our Special Education team at the Junior end of the school and is also our Athletics coach in the school . We thank her and wish her the best of luck in the months ahead.

Ger Rath (SNA) has also been subbing with us since we returned to school . We wish her the best as she leaves us today and thank her for her kindness and care to Staff and children while she was here .



‘ Every day may not be a great day but there is something good in every day ‘

Spooky Halloween Art Gallery





