



Lucan Educate Together

Newsletter

March 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been a very eventful week in the school with so many lovely events happening . Our Book sale which ran until Tuesday afternoon was a fantastic success. The total for the Book Fair in sales amounted this year to €3513.72. This translates to €2108.23 worth of free books for our school. This is brilliant! Thanks to parents , Ilona Cullen, Sarah White, Marta Isopo, Kate Rabbitte, and Ruth Ludwig and to Sharon and all the staff in LETS who helped to run the Book Fair this year. Thanks also to all our Parents/Guardians and children who visited and purchased books .

World Book Day took place on Thursday 2nd March, take a look at our gallery on the following page. Congratulations to all the children who participated and to all who won the art competition in their class. They each received a €7 voucher to use at the Book Fair.

We hope the children enjoy many hours of relaxation reading all the lovely new books .

Workshops:

Jenny's 5th class travelled to the Irish Aid Centre for a workshop on Thursday, Ruth & Catriona's 5th class will be completing the same workshop on Thursday 23rd March. As part of Eco Week, organised by South Dublin County Council, our 2nd classes enjoyed a workshop on energy and sustainability facilitated by the Rediscovery Centre. Our 3rd and 4th classes attended a Love Where You Live Music Workshop on Friday 10th March.

AGM of the Executive.

The AGM of the Executive took place in the school on Wednesday . Thank you to all who attended on the evening. Your support is very much appreciated . It was a lively meeting and great to see some new members coming forward to fill vacancies arising on the committee . It was fantastic to hear of the many achievements of our Executive over the past 2 years and the very positive contribution they make to the life of the school . A huge thanks to all who have given their time/skills to the Executive . A special word of thanks to Liesel, Miriam , Laura who are stepping down and our best wishes to all who will carry the work of the Executive forward for this coming year.

PTA Bucket Collection:

Thank you for supporting our recent PTA bucket collection in support of Turkey/Syria. We raised over €750 which was fantastic , in addition to raising children's awareness of the importance of reaching out to help those in greater need. It was a lovely event in the school . We will be arranging for the children to hand over the cheque to Irish Emergency alliance before Easter.

Seachtain na Gaeilge will be celebrated in the school next week . Catriona, our Gaeilge co-ordinator has been working hard with our Staff to organise a lovely range of activities to celebrate Irish culture and to encourage spoken Gaeilge throughout the week . While there are a number of special events organised , the theme will run through most curricular areas including English , Art, P.E., Gaeilge , Dance etc. etc.

Special Events to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge will begin on Monday with seisiun ceoil . Ian/Eoin from the mobile school of music will bring along a range of musical instruments to play for classes . Marie Caren , our dancing teacher will be here on Wednesday to do Rince Gaelach with Jn.-2nd classes . Our Lá Glas will be on Thursday when we have an opportunity to wear aon rud glas ! It is a lovely week leading up to St. Patrick's day which will be celebrated on Friday March 17th . The school will be closed on that day . Bain taitneamh as an seachtain speisialta seo.

Safety Online:

Our Safety Online talk for Parents / Guardians is planned for **Tuesday 28th March** at 7 p.m. facilitated by Aoife Kelly of Cyber Safe Kids. Aoife recently facilitated a workshop in the school for our 5th and 6th classes and it was excellent. We are confident that this talk will be helpful for Parents in supporting your child with the changing landscape of I.T. We will provide more details closer to the time.

Easter Raffle:

Raffle tickets will be sent home next week and donation boxes will be in all classrooms and Reception. Thank you in advance for your support of this annual fundraiser.

Student Council News

At our Student Council meeting in February, we talked about the ethos of our school. We focused in on the Child-Centred and the Equality-Based Pillars. We read the following aspirational statements and discussed if they are really true in everyday life in our school.

Everyone is welcomed equally into our school.

Everyone's opinion is listened to.

Our school is fair to everyone.

We are free to be ourselves.

We all treat each other with respect.

We were all given a green sticker and a yellow sticker. We put the green sticker on the statement we thought we did best and the yellow sticker on the statement we would like to improve.



We felt that, as a school, we are best at welcoming people. We identified 'Respect' as an area we would like to develop further. At our next meeting we will be discussing how we can raise awareness around respect in our school.

As leaders in the school, we feel that we need to set a good example for holding up the school values and ethos so that we can make sure our school continues to be Equality-Based and Child-Centred. It is the responsibility of everyone in our school community; the children, the staff and the parents; to live these pillars day to day.

Early School Closure .

The school will close at 1.30 p.m. for all classes on Wednesday March 29th to facilitate Staff training in First Aid . All classes will finish at 1.30 p.m. We will send out details in arrangements for afterschool activities on the day in advance .

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and thanks for all your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mary .

World Book Day—2nd March 2023



Congratulations to sisters, Luka and Vesta, who were competing in the Irish Hip Hop Masters in Tralee last week. As you can see they were very successful, congratulations to them both! If anyone else would like to share their accomplishments, we would love to hear about it!

Congratulations also to Tomás, Morgan, Dev and Dylan from 6th class who won the Lucan Community Games Table Quiz on Tuesday evening. They will now represent Lucan in the next round of the competition. We wish them the best of luck!

