

LUCAN ETNS September 29th 2023



# Principal's Message

Tús maith, leath na hoibre! A wonderful start has been made to the school year and I would like to thank all the children and staff for bringing so much positivity and energy into our classrooms and corridors. It was great to see the Second & Sixth class assemblies this week. Well done to all the boys and girls who took part and a big thank you to your class teachers.

In September the value we focused on in school was 'Kindness'. At our assemblies we learned how to spread kindness and colour our world with kindness through our words and our deeds. We will continue to spread kindness throughout the year and make our school a wonderful place to be.

It's great to see so many additional activities take place across the school and enhance every child's school experience. We welcomed back swimming in 3rd & 4th Class this term, as well as, the return of after-school activities. 4th, 5th & 6th Class had Cricket taster sessions that were enjoyed by all. We have also seen the return of Spanish Lessons for 5th & 6th Class this week and I hope they enjoy the experience.

As we enter the end days of Autumn the change in the weather is very apparent. I would encourage the children to wear layers and clothing appropriate for the season so they are comfortable inside and outside of the classroom. It is highly likely that we will have many more wet mornings this year. In the event of a wet morning all children only should enter the Hall via the fire door entrance to the right of the main entrance. Staff will be present to direct children to their lines and teachers will collect from the Hall, when the majority of their class have arrived.

Continuing on the theme of weather, it is national 'walk to school week' from the 2nd to the 6th of October,

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

weather permitting!



A reminder that we will hold our Jersey Day for GOAL on the 13th of October!

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#### Dates for your Diary

- Friendship/Anti-bullying Week: October 2nd 6th
  - Junior Infants Vaccinations: October 5th
- Cyber Safety Talks 3rd-6th Class: October 5th & 6th
- GOAL Jersey Day: October 13th
- Assembly Siobhan & Sharon



# CyberSafe Kids



Cyber safety will be a big part of our anti-bullying/friendship week this year as increasingly it is negatively impacting on young children's lives. We have arranged for CyberSafeKids to come to our school and speak with children from 3rd - 6th Class on the 5th & 6th of October. The aim of this talk is to empower our children to navigate the online world in a stronger, smarter and safer way.

### **Gaelic Football**



The boys & girls of Lucan ETNS have been excellent ambassadors for our school in recent weeks. They have taken part in highly entertaining Gaelic Football matches and performed wonderfully in all games to date. Well done to all involved and a special thanks to Séamus for overseeing training and matches.

Hockey

We were very fortunate to have a Cricket Taster Session last week with Cricket Leinster. We hope to secure multi-week sessions in the new year when they become available.



# Second Class Art

Sharon's 2nd Class were speaking about "Myself" "Mé Féin" in Irish. We learned about the artist Picasso and studied his portraits. Then we created our own "Self Portraits" using his style of painting. Here we are in our photos showing



### Senior Infants - Aishling

In Aishling's Senior Infants we have been learning all about Fairytales. We read 'Little Red Riding Hood' and sequenced the story. We have also read Hansel and Gretel and will be making Hansel and Gretel Houses.

We revised our set one sounds and used these sounds to write words and sentences. We also learned to write capital letters A-J.

We made funky self-portraits and painted Autumn Trees using our hands as tree trunks and fingerprints as the leaves.

In numeracy we revised some of our Junior Infant topics and looked at numbers that come before, after and inbetween. We are now learning about length.



#### Senior Infants - Laura

This month in Senior Infants we have been learning all about Fairytales. We chose Little Red Riding Hood & Handel and Gretel for our Aistear stations. We have been role playing, sequencing and making puzzles. We made Hansel & Gretel houses and funky self-portraits.

