

RESPECT

LUCAN ETNS

October 13th 2023



Welcome

As always we have had a very busy fortnight. We started with our Friendship & Anti-Bullying Week which was very informative and promoted really great discussions on how to be a good friend and create a supportive community. A huge thank you to Andrea, Sharon, Amanda & Catriona for contributing to wonderful assemblies at the start of the week and to all classes for promoting friendship and creating wonderful artwork across the school. We also had a visit from CyberSafe Kids who delivered a cyber safety talk to the children from 3rd to 6th Class. The children learned ways to stay safe online and how to deal with cyberbullying and how to create a positive digital footprint.

Our value for this month is 'Respect'. We discussed at assembly that we must first value ourselves in order to demonstrate respect towards others. We discussed how respect is about acknowledging the value of other people, all living things and non-living things. We spoke about how respect is about valuing difference and how it is central to our school ethos. We hope to continue to see all the children demonstrate our value throughout this month and beyond.

Voluntary Contributions

The Dept. of Education provides funding to Primary Schools through a variety of Grants, most notably the Capitation Grant. This Grant is intended to cover day-to-day running costs such as heating and electricity. Primary School funding is significantly below that of our counterparts at Secondary level. Following Budget 2024 Primary Schools are expected to get by on much less in direct grant assistance than in 2023, while our costs continue to remain high.

What this means in real terms is that we are often not in a position to provide additional resources or enrich children's learning experiences as we would like without additional funding. Thankfully, we are incredibly lucky to have such an active PTA who contribute so much to create wonderful experiences for our children. Voluntary Contributions make a huge difference to our children's school experience and help to enrich the curriculum. We would much prefer if our Primary Schools were sufficiently funded rather than make such requests, many thanks for your understanding and continued support.

Parent Readers/Volunteers

We would love to welcome parent/grandparents into our school to provide more opportunities for children to read with an adult. If you would like to volunteer and read with children at a time that works for you please contact the school office and complete a Garda Vetting form. Your time would be greatly appreciated and warmly welcomed.



Dates for your Diary

- 2nd Class Assembly - Sharon: 16th October @9:15
- 6th Class Assembly - Siobhán: 16th October @10:45
- 4th & 6th Class Helix Trip: 18th October
- 5th & 6th Halloween Safety Talk w/An Garda Síochána: 19th October
- Halloween Disco: 26th October @18:00 (Junior Disco) @19:30 (Senior Disco)
- Mid-Term Break: 30th October - 3rd November

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Leinster House - Student Council

Members of our Student Council visited Leinster House on Friday the 29th of September to see the Dáil & Seanad. The children were wonderful ambassadors for our school. We would like to thank all the children and staff for making it a great day out.



Friendship Week

Friendship Chains were made all across the school during friendship week. Fifth Class students even visited Junior Infants to help them to create their friendship chains.



Leinster Rugby

Tag rugby lessons have started in 5th & 6th Class with Leinster Rugby. The children demonstrated great skill and had lots of fun. We hope to take part in a local rugby blitz later in the year.



Items to Note

Barefoot Yoga - ECA

Barefoot Yoga will be coming to the school to deliver afterschool yoga lessons for children in infants, initially scheduled for 5 weeks starting on Friday the 10th of November. Contact the office if you'd like your child to attend.



Lost & Found

We are only back to school a few weeks and we have a significant amount of items in our lost and found. Can you please make sure clothes are labelled and check the lost and found regularly for missing items.

Thank you.

GOAL Jersey Day



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BOM Agreed Report - October



The Board of Management met in the school on Tuesday, 3rd October for their monthly meeting. Below is their agreed report:

- The Board completed the Child Protection and Anti-Bullying checklists for the year. We would like to remind our school community that both of these policies are available on our website www.letns.org and also in the school.
- The Board also updated and ratified a number of other policies:
 - Hire and Use of School Premises & School Rental Contract
 - Safeguarding Statement/Risk Assessment
 - Critical Incident Policy
 - Fire Evacuation Policy & Evacuation Plan
- The Board of Management offers their sincere condolences to teacher, Donal Brennan, on the sad loss of his father. We are keeping Donal and his family in our thoughts.
- Admissions for Junior Infants for September 2024 opened last week. Admission forms and the Admissions Notice can be found on our website www.letns.org
- We have a number of exciting initiatives taking place in the school at the moment.
 - 5th and 6th classes are learning Spanish for the next 8 weeks
 - A 6 week Gymnastics course will be taking place in Term 2 for Junior Infants/Senior Infants/2nd Class/4th Class/Outreach
 - 6th class will be taking cycling classes in November
 - Leinster Rugby will be coming to the school to offer a rugby course to 5th and 6th class in the coming weeks.
 - Swimming classes are already underway for 3rd and 4th classes.
 - On the 18th October 4th and 6th classes will have the opportunity to go to the Helix to see a Mathemagician
- The Board would like to wish all staff and students a very enjoyable time with the new activities.
- Cybersafety talks will take place for 3rd to 6th classes before the mid-term break
- The Board of Management are looking forward to the PTA AGM on the 18th October. Remember, if you would like to join the PTA or are considering joining the Board of Management as a Parent Nominee we would be delighted to see you at the AGM. Even if you are not in a position to join either committee, your attendance and support at the AGM for the current members of the PTA would be very welcome.
- Arrangements have been made to have the gutters on the school building cleared of all debris this coming weekend.
- We have two fun events to look forward to this month:
 - Jersey Day: Wear any jersey - GAA, soccer, rugby, any one at all, in support of GOAL on 13th October
 - Halloween Disco: It's that time of year to dress up in your favourite costume and dance and have fun with your friends. We look forward to seeing you all on the 26th of October
- We wish everyone a very enjoyable few weeks as we count down to our mid-term break.