



LUCAN ETNS

October 27th 2023



Welcome

The 31st of August seems like a very distant memory at this point in time. I would like to thank all our children, staff and parents for making it such wonderful start to the school year. We have packed a lot into the first half-term and the children have worked incredibly hard and are very deserving of a weeks rest.

At the beginning of the year we communicated that we were experiencing significant challenges in terms of recruitment and filling all available school posts, unfortunately, this remains the case. I want to acknowledge the enormous efforts of our entire staff for going above and beyond what is expected throughout this challenging period and minimising the impact on our children's learning. I would also like to encourage our parent body to highlight this issue with your local representatives.

I would like to thank those who got in contact with the school and completed Garda Vetting in order to visit and read with children across the school. The children really enjoy these opportunities to read aloud with an adult. I would also like to thank the entire school community for their generosity and contribution to 'Jersey Day'. Lucan ETNS managed to raise an incredible €506 for GOAL. Thank you.

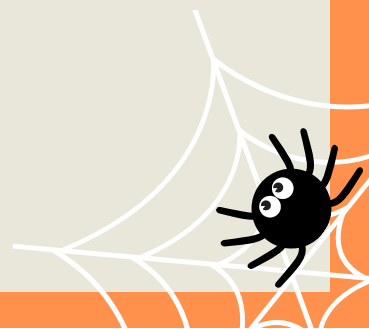
Parent Teacher meetings take place across the week beginning the 27th of November. Parent/Teacher meeting slots will be issued on a staggered basis with families of 3 siblings or more being released through Aladdin on the 10th November. Families with 2 siblings will be released on the 13th November and meeting slots for all will be released on the 14th November.

The second half of Term 1 will be just as busy in school, with cycling safety and multi-sports starting and the continuation of rugby, swimming and Spanish lessons. We will also have a number of class performances at assembly to look forward to and we will be introducing our final value of the term 'Gratitude'. I hope you all have a lovely week and we look forward to seeing you all back to school safe and sound on the 6th of November. Take care.



Dates for your Diary

- Cycle-safety lessons commence - 6th Class: 6th November
- Swimming lessons commence - Deirdre/Eimear 3rd Class/Amanda 4th Class: 9th November
- Assembly - Sarah 1st Class @9:15 / Ruth/Catriona 5th Class @10:45: 13th November
- 1/2 day school closure to facilitate PLC training: 24th November
- Parent Teacher Meetings Week: 27th November - 1st December



Morning Arrival

We have received a number of concerns regarding morning arrivals and the limited space available on the external footpaths. After mid-term break we are going to trial lining up on the school grounds. In order for this to work effectively we require your support. Below you will see a diagram which outlines where classes are to line up after mid-term, this is an assembly time and the children should not be running or playing on the grounds before school. The school gates will open at 8:40 and children should line up as indicated, there will be signs for the first week to facilitate this introduction. The bell will be rung at 8:50 and children will walk to their classrooms with support from staff and 6th Class students. We appreciate your support in implementing this change and we will review it's effectiveness at the end of November.



First Class - Sarah

First Class love taking their learning outdoors and really enjoyed going on a 2D shape hunt recently as part of Maths Week.



Fifth Class - Fighting Words

Fifth class went on trips to a 'fighting-words workshop'. Rinne siad scéalta le chéile as gaeilge. They worked on collaborative, creative stories and illustrated them also. The children also visited the Phoenix park for a picnic and appreciated the 'dathanna álainn an Fhómhair timpeall orainn'.



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