

LUCAN ETNS

December 22nd 2023



Welcome

Our first term of the school year is complete and I would like to acknowledge the incredible efforts of all the children. The children have come to school in sun, rain and even more rain with great enthusiasm and energy. They should be very proud of their great start to the year and be very confident in the knowledge that they are more than ready for 2024. I would like to pay an enormous tribute to our staff who have had huge demands placed upon them while we continue to experience significant challenges in filling vacancies. I thank you all for your professionalism, determination, positivity and your commitment to our school's vision.

The PTA have once again contributed massively to our children's learning experiences during Term 1 and continued to foster our sense of community. Halloween discos, cake sales and festive evenings all help to enrich our children's school experience. Thank you sincerely. I would like to thank both the outgoing and the incoming Board of Management for their support and for helping to navigate our school. Board Members contribute a great deal to our school and the majority of their work goes unseen. Thank you for everything.

Our festive assemblies were a wonderful way to mark the end of the first Term. 2024 is set to be an exciting year for Lucan ETNS. I would like to wish everyone the very best for the holidays and I hope you have time to rest and spend time with the people you love. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year, take care.



Lucan ETNS Soccer Teams 2024



Soccer training will commence on the 8th of January for both the girls & boys soccer teams. Initially training will be open to all students from 4th to 6th Class, however, we will have to limit numbers in advance of our first match as we can only register a set number. The very best of luck to all who take part. SHINPADS ESSENTIAL!

Dates for Your Diary



- Term 2 Starts - 8th January 2024
- Girls & Boys Soccer Training (during school) - 8th January 2024
- Swimming Starts for Second Class - 18th January 2024
- Amanda's 4th Class & Aisling's SI Assemblies - 22nd January 2024
- School Photos - week beginning 22nd January 2024
- School Closed Bank Holiday - 5th February 2024

New Beginnings

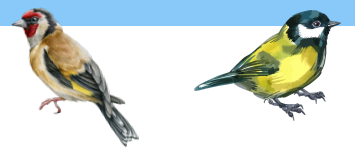
Everyone at Lucan ETNS would like to congratulate Anne Marie on the recent birth of her son Féilim.

We would also like to bid a fond farewell to Siobhan and thank her for everything she has contributed to the school during her time in Lucan ETNS, she will be greatly missed.





Fifth Class - Bird Feeders



Fifth Class have been busy creating their very own bird feeders to hang outside their home. The children have also been keeping a tally of the common Irish garden birds they see.



Sixth Class - Cycle Safety

Sixth Class have been taking part in a cycle safety course over the last number of weeks. The children received road safety advice and even got to take their bikes out onto the roads. We hope the children found the course enjoyable.

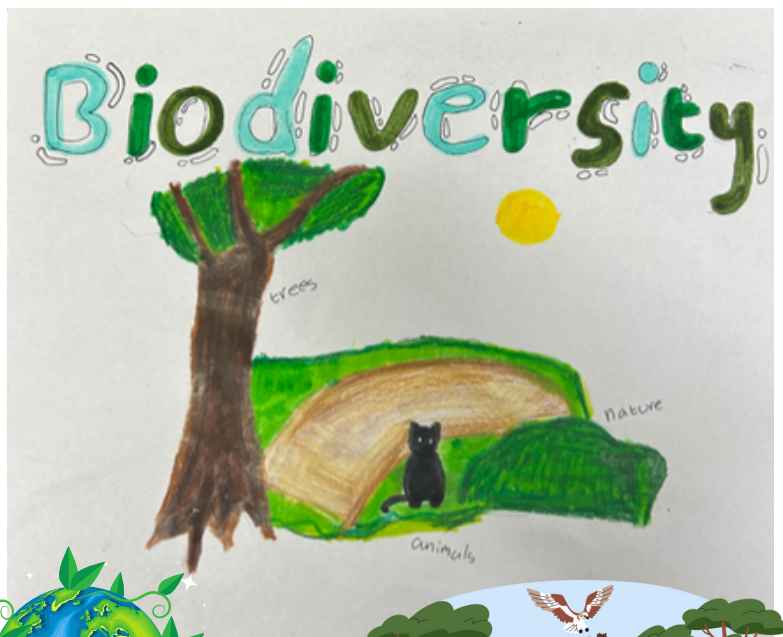


A message from the Green Team

This year the green team has started a new theme which we will have for the next 2 years, biodiversity. Biodiversity means 2 words: bio is a shorter version of biology (living things) and diversity. Biodiversity is all life on earth. It includes all species and habitats which includes humans. It is very important because, for example, we breathe the air from trees and feed from animals. We are also working on a biodiversity map of the whole school, and we did surveys with the whole school. Thank you for reading this and have a great day!

Menha - 6th class Green Team Rep.

If anyone has any ideas on how we could improve the level of Biodiversity in our school please share them with us at info@letns.org



Board of Management - Agreed Report

The Board of Management met in school on Tuesday the 12th of December 2023 for their first meeting. Below is their Agreed Report:

- The Declaration of Acceptance of Membership was completed by all Board Members in attendance.
- The Board are looking forward to working with the school community and leading the school across their term of office.
- The Board acknowledged parking difficulties experienced by parents and local residents and advise that all members of the school community adhere to the rules of the road and show consideration for all.
- The Board learned of the new parental complaints procedure which will be in effect from January 2024, a copy of this procedure has been made available on the school website.
- The Board discussed challenges surrounding the current staffing levels and the difficulties experienced in recruiting for various posts.
- The Board is pleased to learn that a working group has been established to review and develop the whole school Music Plan.
- The Board learned that Term 2 ECA activities have been released to parents.
- The Board discussed the response to Sherpa Kids surveys issued and is hopeful of a 'soft opening' this academic year upon completion of Tusla registration.
- The Board would like to thank teachers for facilitating PT meetings and parents for their attendance.
- The Board would like to thank the Daisy, Síomha, the PTA and the entire school community for making the Bake Sale a tremendous success for such a wonderful cause in Our Lady's Hospice.
- The Board is pleased to learn that outstanding plaster repair works are now complete.
- The Board learned that two members of staff have completed First Aid Responder Training and further training will be completed in the new year.
- The Board Agreed to the introduction of an Ethos Representative role on the Board of Management, to promote the school's Ethos.
- The Board would like to thank Linda Desmond for assuming the role of Treasurer on the Board.
- The Board would also like to thank Kirk Delaney for assuming responsibility of reporting to the Charities Regulator and to Joy Hearn for assuming aspects of the Secretary's role.
- The Board are looking forward to the Festive Assemblies, as well as, the Festive Movie Evening which is being organised by the PTA.
- The Board would like to thank the children and staff for all their hard work across the First Term and hope they enjoy a well-deserved rest over the winter break. The Board would like to wish everyone the very best over the holidays and a peaceful and happy new year.
- The Board of Management will meet again on the 23rd January 2024.