



LUCAN ETNS

December 1st 2023



Welcome

We have already reached December in a year that seems to have flown past. I hope everyone found the parent teacher meetings beneficial and you enjoyed the opportunity to see where your child learns each and every day. I would like to thank our outgoing Board of Management who navigated the school through unprecedented times, your support and contribution over the last four years is greatly appreciated. I would also like to reach out to anyone in our parent community with an IT background who could help us evaluate our current systems, furthermore, if anyone has experience with WordPress your support and knowledge would be greatly welcomed.

Before & After School Childcare

We have received many enquiries regarding before and after-school childcare provision in the school and we recognise that there is a need for such a service. We are hoping to introduce Sherpa Kids on a phased basis later this academic year, however, first we must determine the level of need. Could I ask any parents who have not already expressed an interest in availing of before or after-school childcare to click on the Sherpa icon to complete a short survey. Many thanks.



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Board of Management 2023 - 2027

The formation of our new Board of Management is now complete and our Patron has confirmed all positions, as well as, approving the appointment of Derry McVeigh to the role of Chairperson. I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members and wish them the very best as they come together to guide our school across their term.

Chairperson: Derry McVeigh

Principal & Secretary: Ultan Casey

Teacher Nominee: Catriona Stokes

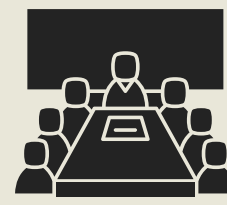
Parent Nominee: Joy Hearn

Parent Nominee: Kirk Delaney

Patron Nominee: Ian Scott

Patron Nominee: Linda Desmond

Community Member: Lesado Nathan



Dates for your Diary

4th December

- 1st Class Assembly Martina @09:15
- 5th Class Assembly Muireann @10:45
- MU Barnhall Rugby Blitz - 6th Class -

6th December

- Bake Sale & Coffee Morning - 8th

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- Festive Assemblies Group 1 - 18th

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- Festive Assemblies Group 2 - 19th

December

- Winter Holidays 22nd December 1/2 day

New Arrivals

Everyone at Lucan ETNS would like to extend their congratulations to Caoimhe on the birth of her son Taigh, as well as to Séamus on the birth of his son Iarlaith.





Hand Towels

The school is committed to maintaining our Green School status and reducing waste and employing practices which are better for the environment. To that end we would like every child to take a hand towel/face cloth with them to school so we can reduce our reliance on paper hand towels.

We would really appreciate your support with this, many thanks.



Mobile Phone & Electronic Devices Policy

Our updated Mobile Phone & Electronic Device policy was ratified at our Board of Management meeting on the 21st November 2023. The updated policy makes reference to smart watches and also outlines the procedure for permitting your child to take a phone to and from school. The policy will come into effect from January and new permission slips must be completed and submitted to the class teacher prior to this. I would encourage all parents to take this opportunity to reflect on the genuine need for your child to have such devices on the journey to and from school.



EY Entrepreneur Awards

Sarah's Second Class students took part in a short video to talk about the importance of sustainability and biodiversity. The video was played at the Entrepreneur of the Year awards last week in Powerscourt Hotel and was aired on RTÉ last Thursday night. If you missed it you can view the video by clicking on the camcorder icon. A big well done to all involved, it's a lovely memory to have.

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Coffee Morning & Bake Sale Friday 8th December

We will hold a coffee morning and bake sale on Friday the 8th of December in the school hall in aid of Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services. Please do join us for a cup of tea/coffee in the morning. If you would like to contribute some baked treats please remember that we are a nut free school.

I would like to thank Siomha and Daisy for coming up with this event to acknowledge the kindness and care shown to them and to all by the staff in Our Lady's Hospice during a difficult time. I am certain that your father is very proud of you both as you support others.



Considerate Parking

It is important to remember that we are part of a wider community and we should be kind, respectful and considerate of local residents. We want to be good neighbours and we need to look out for each other. Unfortunately, a very small number of people are parking without regard for local residents, leaving them unable to exit their property or use the footpath. Can I ask everyone to be considerate of local residents when parking so we are not 'mending walls'. I know this message does not apply to the vast majority of you, however, it still needs to be said for the few.



BOM Agreed Report



At our last meeting as the current Board of Management on the 21st November 2023, we would like to share the following items discussed:

- -Admissions for Junior Infants for 2023/2024
- -The possibility of introducing maximum class sizes in future years
- -The Board would like to thank the School Management Team for all their support and help throughout the term of this Board of Management.
- -We are pleased to announce that swimming classes have begun for the remaining 3rd and 4th classes and cycling classes started for 6th Class on the 6th of November.
- -The Junior Infant Curriculum meetings took place on the 15th of November and went very well. Parent Teacher meetings for remaining classes will take place week beginning 27th November.
- -A huge thank you to the PTA for organising another successful Halloween Disco - it was a great event and enjoyed by all.
- -Our thanks also go to everyone who attended the PTA AGM. We would like to offer our congratulations to Joy Hearn and Kirk Delaney who have been elected Parent Representatives for the new Board of Management.
- -The Board is happy to advise of the installation of new fences at the sides of the school and also that the damaged plaster at the back of the school was repaired and all gutters cleaned out.

Staff News:

- -Congratulations to Caitriona Stokes on being nominated Teacher Representative to the new Board of Management.
- -Also, warm congratulations to Caoimhe on the birth of her second baby from all on the Board
- -Three staff members will undertake a 3 day First Aid Response training in December.
- -The Board of Management would like to thank the parents and guardians for their understanding of the delayed opening on 13th November, due to Storm Debi.
- -The Board updated and approved the Mobile Phone Policy which will be available on the school website in the coming days.

As this is the last report from the current Board of Management, we would like to extend our sincere thank you to the entire LETNS school community - parents, guardians, staff, students, friends and relatives. You have all shown great support and understanding and a sense of community over our four years on the Board. We wish the best to the new Board of Management starting in December and we know that they are in good hands with you all.

LETNS Board of Management