



LUCAN ETNS

January 19th 2024



Welcome

A very warm welcome back and happy new year to you all. Next week will mark the halfway point of the school year. The children have achieved a lot already, however, there is lots more fun activities planned for the second half of the year.

Our Value for the month of January is 'Self Improvement', we will look at our actions and our attitudes and identify which serve us well and how we can make a positive difference. We also had our first 'badges' assembly this month. The teachers presented badges with our values to children who are role models for that particular value. We will continue to issue these badges throughout the year in addition to our Gaeilge badge for children who make a big effort to use their cúpla focail gach lá.



It's great to see ECA back up and running for Term 2 with a wide variety of activities for children. Swimming lessons have commenced in Second Class and Leinster Cricket will be delivering Cricket taster sessions across the school in the coming weeks. Soccer training has started for both the boys and girls teams and we hope to receive our fixture list soon. Lastly, we also have gymnastic lessons to look forward to later in the Term.

Dates for your Diary

- Assemblies - Aishling SI & Amanda 4th Class
22nd January @9:15 & 10:45
- Class Photos - 22nd/23rd/24th January
- Class Photos Catch-up - 29th & 30th
January
- Outreach Admissions Open - 29th January
- St Brigid's Day/school closed - 5th
February
- Mid-term break - 16th & 16th February
- School re-opens - 19th February

Improving levels of attendance will be a big focus for us as a school in the coming year. Our student council will survey children on what factors motivate good attendance and we as a staff will examine how we can promote greater levels of attendance across the school.

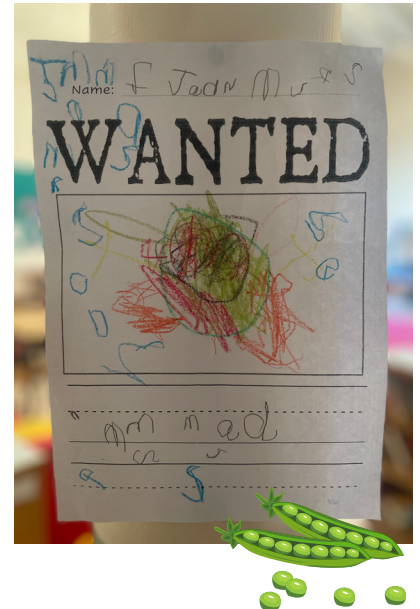
Outreach Admissions

The school's Admissions Notice is available to view on the school website. A reminder that admissions for our Outreach Classes will open on the 29th of January and close on the 19th February. There must be a recommendation within a psychological assessment or a report from a member of a multi-disciplinary team that a special class placement in a mainstream school is both necessary and suitable for the child.



Wanted - Evil Pea

Evil Pea has been up to no good and causing havoc in Junior Infants since we returned to school but rest assured the children are on the case and have put up wanted posters around the school. Lets hope they catch him soon before he causes any more destruction!



Healthy Lunches

Lucan ETNS has a Healthy Eating Policy which aims to encourage healthy choices in relation to nourishment. We would like to ask that you send your child/ren to school with a healthy lunch. On Fridays the children are allowed to take a 'small treat' in their lunch as a reward for healthy eating throughout the week. Small treats as with lunches are not permitted to be shared. Thank you for your support and understanding.

School Photos

A massive thank you to Alina and Marta for organising and facilitating student photos this year. Student photos will take place next week across three days. A catch up session will also be carried out should any students be absent next week.

22nd January - Junior Infants, Second Class, Fifth Class

23rd January - Senior Infants, Third Class, Sixth Class

24th January - First Class & Fourth Class

29th & 30th Outreach, siblings & absent students catch-up



Wellbeing Week

We would like to thank everyone for your response to our Wellbeing Survey, the wellbeing committee have analysed the results from all stakeholders and an action plan will be published later in the year. Wellbeing week will take place from January 29th - Feb 2nd. Wellbeing week will have a similar format to previous years with a different focus for each day. We have already been promoting 'Mindful Monday' with opportunities for reflection and 'Feelgood Friday' with music on the playground. A massive thank you to the Wellbeing Committee for organising all the activities including Hip Hop and Zumba classes for the children to take place during the week.

It has been decided that 'Buddy Day' our Pieta house fundraiser will take place on Friday Feb 2nd. The Student Council will identify a number of activities which will be shared with all classes to take part in.

