



# LUCAN ETNS

February 23rd 2024

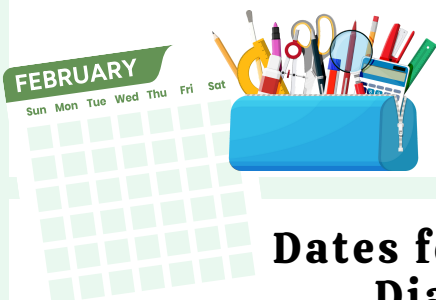


## Welcome

A very warm welcome back and I hope you all had an enjoyable mid-term break. We have a very busy few weeks ahead with World Book Day on the horizon and the visiting Book Fair, we also have gymnastics starting next week and lots of activities already planned for Seachtain na Gaeilge too. We are very fortunate to have so many teachers who put in an incredible effort into developing and organising these focus weeks which create so many wonderful school memories for our children. I would also like to thank our PTA who organised the very successful Valentine's Bake Sale before the mid-term and which raised €737 which will go towards developing our sensory corridors. A start date for Sherpa Kids has also been confirmed and you will find further details below.

## Pencil Cases

At this time of year pencil cases may have become depleted. Can we ask everyone to make sure that your child/ren have all the supplies they need to fully take part in all lessons, many thanks.



## Dates for your Diary

- Lucan ETNS Girls v St Andrews NS - 26th February @11:00
- Gymnastics Sports in School starts - 27th February
- Scholastic Book Fair - 6th - 12th March
- World Book Day - Dress as your favourite book character
- School Closure/Referendum - 8th March
- Seachtain na Gaeilge Ilú Márta - 15ú Márta
- St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday - 18th March
- Sherpa Kids childcare commence - 8th April



## School Gates

Internal school gates will be closed at 9:00 every morning to ensure the safety of all children. Any parents/children arriving after this time must report to reception. The gates will remain closed throughout the day and will be opened before Infant collection. If the gates are not open upon arrival for infant collection, please wait for a member of staff to open them. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## Healthy Lunches

The school has a healthy eating policy which encourages everyone to make healthy choices and embraces moderation to develop a positive relationship with food. On Friday's the children are allowed to take a small treat to school. It is important that this remains a small treat as recognition for making healthy choices. This small treat, as with lunches, is not permitted to be shared. In addition to this the sharing of birthday treats/snacks and cakes in school is strongly discouraged.

## 2024/25 School Calendar

The school calendar for 2024/25 was confirmed recently and is now available to view on the school website. Click on the link below to view:



We hope that by providing the calendar well in advance of the school year it will have a positive impact on attendance levels.

The school does not provide home-learning for elected absences and holidays during term time are not approved.



# WOLF Academy

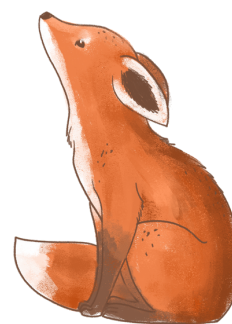
by Emily & Freya (Sixth Class)

On Tuesday when Neil and Cormac came into our classroom, they introduced themselves to us and then they did an exercise to help wake up our bodies and it worked. It also helped us focus. Then we went through all the different emotions and what they mean, also what you can do to express them. Then we went outside to do exercises and let all our anger out.

Then, we recreated some scenarios on how our words affect others. After, we came back inside, and they put us into groups so we could share our stories with each other. Soon after that, we picked an emotion and wrote about a time we felt that emotion. Then the session came to an end. In our opinion it was a very enjoyable and helpful 90 minutes and we would love to do it again. :)

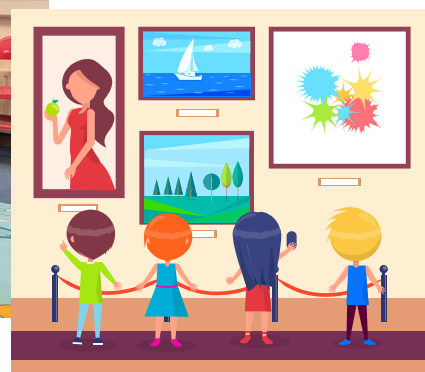
## First Class

In First Class the children have been learning about the features of non-fiction texts. The boys and girls gathered information on foxes and badgers and created their very own factfiles. The children also produced some wonderful artwork based on the theme.



## Fifth Class

Both Fifth Classes had a really enjoyable trip to the Irish Aid centre and the National Gallery recently.





# Scholastic Book Fair & World Book Day



The Scholastic Book Fair will take place from Wednesday 6th March until Tuesday 12th March. All children will have an opportunity to browse the large collection of books and discover books which appeal to them before making a decision to make a purchase on a subsequent day. The book fair will be open to parents every day from 13:45 - 14:30. Children in Junior and Senior Infants can join their child/children in browsing and selecting a book at this time. Please see the Book Fair timetable below and to view all book titles please click on the stack of books here!

Day/Time	Monday 6th	Thursday 7th	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th
8:50 - 9:15	Outreach	Outreach	Outreach	Outreach
9:15 - 9:40	Sharon's 2nd	Sarah's 2nd	Sarah's 2nd	Sarah's 1st
9:45 - 10:15	Séamus' 6th	Muireann's 5th	Laura's 3rd	Muireann's 5th
11:00 - 11:30	Karen's 4th	Eimear/Deirdre's 3rd	Sharon's 2nd	Ruth/Catriona's 5th
11:30 - 12:00	Kevin's 6th	Amanda's 4th	Martina's 1st	Amanda's 4th
12:45 - 13:15	Ruth/Catriona's 5th	Laura's 3rd	Séamus' 6th	Eimear/Deirdre's 3rd
13:15 - 13:45	Martina's 1st	Sarah's 1st	Kevin's 6th	Karen's 4th
13:45 - 14:30	Parents can accompany child/children to book fair			



## BOM Agreed Report

The Board of Management met online on Tuesday the 13th February 2024. Below is their Agreed Report:

- The Board discussed Staffing Allocation for 2024/25 issued by the Dept. of Education. Reduction of 5 SET hours to 120 hours which has necessitated the need to form a cluster arrangement with a neighbouring school to retain a post.
- The Board considered non-statutory leave applications for 2024/25.
- The Board discussed seeking input from all stakeholders ahead of the formation of a multi-disciplinary team to lead the process related to the vacant land adjacent to the school.
- The Board discussed the opening of Sherpa Kids after the Easter Break.





April 8th  
2024

# Sherpa Kids Lucan Educate Together



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Get ready for an extraordinary before and after-school club experience at **Sherpa Kids** starting April 8th 2024! We are thrilled to introduce your very own fun packed **Sherpa Kids before & after school service**, designed to provide the utmost convenience for you and endless enjoyment for your child. Our before and after-school programmes deliver an innovative approach to school age childcare on site at your child's school. This means that your child is with their peers and in familiar surroundings, giving you the peace of mind that comes with having no pick-up or drop off to worry about during your working day. Your child is our Sherpa Kid and our care for them is guided by 3 main principles which are at the core of everything we do: their safety, their well-being & opportunities to have lots and lots of fun!

 Opening April 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

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Flexible Bookings



Certified Childcare



# Create unforgettable memories with SHERPA KIDS

Sherpa Kids

## Our Services

### Breakfast Club - 7:30am – Start of School

Start the day with a healthy and happy breakfast! Every morning, we'll fuel your child's adventure and safely deliver them to their teachers before school time!

### Junior Hour - 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Avoid multiple trips for school collections. We collect Junior & Senior Infants, keeping them entertained until older siblings are picked up.

### After School - 1:30pm – 6pm

Children can join the excitement at our After School. They will dive into a world of learning and fun as they come straight from classes to us.

### Holiday Care Clubs – 8:30 – 5:30pm

Experience fun-filled holidays with us! We offer Holiday Care clubs during schools' closures. Our themed play programme takes your child on an exciting adventure every holiday!



## Our Activity Categories



Home Work Supervision



Healthy Snacks



Arts & Crafts



Sports & Games



Cooking



Fun Activities

- ✓ From April 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 - bookings available NOW
- ✓ Extended days and flexible bookings
- ✓ Theme-based play week programme
- ✓ Passionate and experienced team
- ✓ Focused in providing learning and fun in a stimulating environment.



All families are now entitled to apply for the NCS and we are accepting the subsidy across Summer, Before & After School Care.