



LUCAN ETNS

April 19th 2024



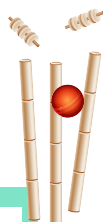
Welcome

A very warm welcome back to all after the Spring break. We've had an action packed return in the last fortnight with lots taking place across the school. Last week everyone took part in the Food Dudes healthy eating programme. The children got to sample a wide variety of fruit and vegetables each day and we hope it encourages them to continue to make healthy choices.

Our value for this month is inclusiveness. We learned at assembly that to demonstrate this value we need to value and celebrate everyone's uniqueness, we need to welcome, encourage and include everyone and we need to show kindness and respect to all. It is vitally important that everyone who comes to our school feels accepted and belong. This week we are celebrating neurodiversity and learning how we all learn and interpret the world in different ways.



A huge well done to all the children who have represented the school so well in soccer, hurling and in attending a recent table top cricket blitz this week. Best of luck to all the teams going forward. We are incredibly proud of how well you represent the school.



Fundraising Quiz

The PTA have been working very hard behind the scenes to organise our Lucan ETNS fundraising quiz which takes place on the 26th April in the Foxhunter. The quiz will start at 8pm sharp. To enter a team please contact the office with a team name and team member details. The PTA have always organised a raffle to take place on the night with lots of wonderful prizes. We look forward to seeing everyone there for a fun night and best of luck to all!

Foxhunter 26th April @ 8pm



Dates for your Diary



- Rang Eirú/Andrea & Rang Oghma/Orla Class Assemblies @9:15 Junior & @10:45 Senior - 22nd April
- Hurling vrs St. Andrews - 25th April
- Cosáin Tour - 25th April
- Lucan ETNS Fundraising Quiz @20:00 in the Foxhunter - 26th April
- Girls Soccer vrs St John's Airlie Park @12:00 - 26th April
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- Mid-term Break 6th - 10th inclusive - school closed
- Lucan ETNS Art Exhibition - 22nd May
- 6th Class Graduation 2024 - 25th June



ANAs Required - Summer Provision

We would like to be in a position to offer Summer Provision for our students in Cosáin. In order to do so we need to secure staff to help deliver the programme. The summer programme would run from 1st July - 12th July from 10am-2pm. We require 5 ANA's to be able to deliver this programme so if you or anyone you know would be able to help in any capacity that would be greatly appreciated. We can accommodate job sharing if people cannot commit to the two weeks. Please do get in contact with the school office, many thanks.

Attendance

The Student Council have been researching ways to promote higher levels of attendance across the school and they have identified a number of initiatives for the school to consider moving forward. Attendance is so important for social and academic progress. The school has received a significant number of requests to approve absences for holidays. The school does not approve leave for holidays and these should be avoided during term.

Aladdin

We would like to gradually move towards communicating absences through the Aladdin App. When you open the app you will see the attendance notes section. You can inform the school of an absence in advance along with a reason through the app. I would encourage everyone to try out the app for the remainder of the school year. Many thanks for your support.

School Leavers

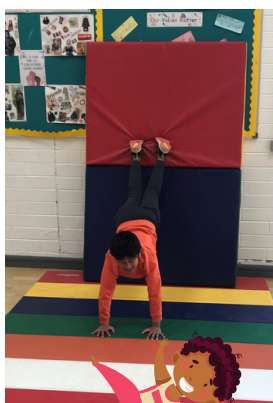
We are still accepting late applications for 2024-25 and we have a number of children on our waiting lists for next year. If you are intending to relocate or move school in advance of 2024-25 could you please notify the school office.

Lost & Found

Our lost & found property is currently overflowing, next week these items will be placed in front of reception to hopefully be reunited with owners. Have a look through at drop-off or collection time.

Sports in Schools

Over the last 6 weeks Infants, Second Class & Fourth Class have taken part in the Sports in Schools gymnastics programme. The children absolutely loved the opportunity to develop their gymnastic skills in a fun and engaging way!



"I love doing the bars in gymnastics. I will miss doing gymnastics." Leah

"I felt like I was in the circus and I loved the tunnel." Arthur

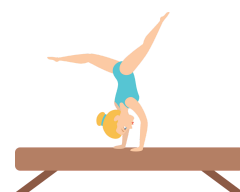
"Overall I would do it again, it was fun and relaxing." James



"I love doing the handstand, it makes me smile and I love gymnastics" Rowa

"I learned how to do a tumble on rings. I liked it because it was fun and the instructors were really nice. I would love to do it again!" Dubheasa

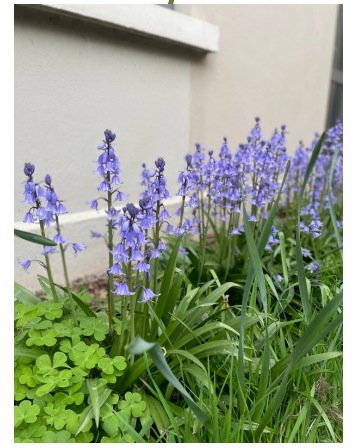
"I even had to do a front flip! I was scared but I tried and did it! My motto is: try and try until you succeed." Jaina



Ruth & Catriona's Fifth Class/Rang Eostre



Bhí na páistí an-ghnóthach ag foghlaim i Rang Eostre an choicís seo. An t-Earrach atá linn anois. Tá na bláthanna deasa ildaite ag fás timpeall na scoile. Féach orthu. Nach bhfuil siad go hálainn!



Rang a cúig ag imirti cluichí le focail nua a bhaineann le seomraí éagsúla 'Sa bhaile'

Fifth class began a climate workshop this week and learned about different protein food sources including mealworms and crickets which we got to look at and some of us tasted!!

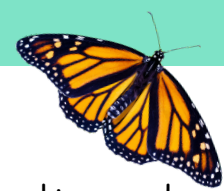


Fifth class learned about Giuseppe Arcimboldo, a renaissance artist and created some drawings and sculptures in a similar style using fruit and vegetables.



We are proud to be a Food Dudes school this year. Last week we sampled some delicious fruits and vegetables delivered fresh each day and heard about the importance of a balanced diet. We are making a special effort to eat healthily every day aiming for a rainbow of colours!!





Rang Fionn

We got tiny caterpillars. We watched them grow bigger and bigger until they all formed a chrysalis. Each chrysalis turned see through and then a butterfly came out of each one. We had four butterflies. We discovered that butterflies like sugar, so we fed them oranges. We taught our reading buddies about butterflies. Then we had to let them fly away. We were sad to let them go but we loved having butterflies.



Rang Boann

Rang Boann took the C2 bus to visit Lucan Library this week. We took part in a workshop on coding with Christine from Anyone4Science. We made Cipher Wheels. A cipher wheel is where you take the letters of the alphabet and change them to other letters to write words in a new way. This is called code.

We learned how to write words in code using our cipher wheels. We learned how to write Class Boann using our own secret code. CLASS BOANN in secret code is MVI B WJ VII. We're not going to explain how it works because it's a secret! On the way back we visited our school garden and took some photos of the tulips we planted in September.

They look amazing!

"The secret code we learned was very fun" Aimal



My favourite part was going on the bus and doing the cypher wheel!! Max

Wolf Academy

Last Thursday Catriona and Muireann's 5th class got a visit from Barry & Cormac who work in the Wolf Academy workshop. They taught us about emotions and self importance. We had a discussion about stepping into our emotions and that our emotions come and go and aren't your true self.

Barry & Cormac told us about their life stories and how you don't need to do things just to impress your friends. We dramatised emotions when we were outside. We learned strategies to control our anger such as deep breathing and stomping. We did fun warming up exercises like dancing to music and dancing in a circle.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO BE YOURSELF

by: Brooke & Apaar

BOM Agreed Report



The Board of Management met in school on Wednesday the 20th of March 2024. Below is their Agreed Report:

- The Board discussed the start of before and after school childcare commencing in the school on the 8th of April. The Board are hopeful that the introduction of Sherpa Kids will provide a welcome benefit to parents.
- The Board discussed admissions currently open for SI - 6th class for 2024-25 and the anticipated places available. The Board also discussed the confirmation of acceptance of places in Cosáin for 2024-25.
- The Board were informed of a required school closure to facilitate PMC training on the 4th June 2024 and that ANA training has been arranged from MyOT&Me on the same date.
- The Board are looking forward to the return of Wolf Academy who will lead a resilience training workshop in 5th Class in April.
- The Board welcomed the new classroom names which have been introduced across the school and which celebrate Irish mythology, as well as, reflecting our inclusive ethos.
- The Board learned that ECA has been set up for Term 3 and classes are available to reserve places.
- The Board would like to sincerely thank the PTA for all their fundraising efforts this year which will go towards creating wonderfully supportive spaces in our school. The Board would like to thank all involved in the Valentine's Bake Sale, Easter Raffle, the school photos and the upcoming Lucan ETNS quiz night.
- The Board are very much looking forward to entering a team at the PTA organised Quiz Night on the 26th of April in the Foxhunter.
- The Board learned that internal phonelines were installed across the school to support communication throughout the school.
- The Board also learned of current difficulties with the school IT system. The need to upgrade and resolve these issues is a priority for the Board.
- The Board learned that the school now has 4 First Aid Responders on site and that a new defibrillator has been installed in the school hall.
- The Board discussed what further supports could be put in place to support children staying safe online, as well as, how to raise awareness among the community regarding the risk of online harm.
- The Board approved the revised Protected Disclosure Policy, as well as, the Swimming Policy.
- The Board of Management will next meet on the 24th April 2024.