

LUCAN ETNS

January 31st 2025



Welcome

Beidh Lá Fhéile Bríde linn go luath agus tús an earraigh leis! It is great to see the signs of Spring already making an appearance with snowdrops and daffodils beginning to emerge. Hopefully, Storm Éowyn will mark the end of our Winter and allow us an opportunity to look towards the growing season and the second half of the school year with hope and optimism.

We continue to focus on the value of 'courage' this month. At assembly we spoke about the courage it takes to stand up for what is right and the importance of being an upstander. We are lucky to have so many upstanders in our school who support others and ensure that everyone is treated with kindness and respect.

We finalised dates for our focus weeks for the remainder of the year. The Book Fair will take place from the 3rd to the 6th March with the 6th being World Book Day! A huge thanks to Sharon for overseeing this event. Seachtain na Gaeilge will take place from the 18th March to the 21st. Thanks to Catríona for arranging music workshops, as well as, dramaíocht Gaeilge lessons for all classes. Sports Week will take place the week beginning the 16th of June, we have already arranged for a 3rd - 6th Class GAA Blitz which will take place in Lucan Sarsfields on the 19th of June. We would love to have parent support and assistance during these events so please make contact with the school office if you can volunteer in any capacity. Míle buíochas.

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Dates for your Diary

- Cosáin Admissions Close - 10th February
- St Brigid's Day - 3rd February
- Rang Pádraig/Sarah's Class Assembly - 4th February @9:15
- Rang Brigid/Karen's Class Assembly - 10th February @9:15
- Mid-term break - 17th - 21st February

Focus Weeks

- Book Fair 3rd - 6th March
- Seachtain na Gaeilge 18th - 21st March
- Bí Cineálta/Friendship Week 19th May - 23rd
- Sports Week 16th - 20th June

Last week we were delighted to present our 6th Class students with their leavers hoodies from the Board of Management. We hope the children wear them with pride and keep them as a reminder of their primary days and school friends.

Cosáin Admissions

The school's Admissions Notice is available to view on the school website. A reminder that admissions for our Cosáin Classes opened on the 20th of January and will close on the 10th 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.



Free School Meals

We expect to hear an announcement in the coming weeks of the expansion of the Free School Meals programme that will include our school in the scheme. In advance of this announcement we would like to have as much input as possible from all stakeholders as this will be a significant shift in our current practices. The objective of the School Meals Programme is to provide regular, nutritious food to children to support them in taking full advantage of the education provided to them. As many of you will be aware the programme has been the focus of much scrutiny in the media with many valid concerns raised. It may not be the perfect scheme, however, it is important that we select the best possible choice for our children. We have arranged for school meal providers to visit the school on Friday the 7th of February, to provide samples and present how they operate. The student council and Board will be present, but it would be great to have as many parents as possible to ask questions and contribute to our shared decision. We have providers confirmed for 10am & 11am and we hope to confirm the third provider for 9am. If you can attend on Friday please notify the office so we can arrange for enough samples to be available for everyone, many thanks for your interest and support with this decision.



Texaco Art Competition

We have so many talented artists in our school and we are encouraging them all to consider entering the Texaco Art competition this year. The children can create their own works of art at home and then drop them into the school office so we can submit them all before the 28th February deadline.

School Biodiversity Plan

Many thanks to everyone who got in touch regarding supporting the Green Team with the school's biodiversity plan. It will be great to see the progress this year and beyond. You can view the plan by clicking on the image below. Many thanks.



Arrival & Collection

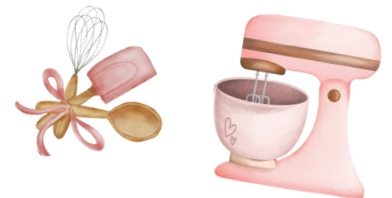
A reminder for parents dropping and collecting their children that the school gateways are not safe areas for completing a u-turn. Can I ask that all drive to the end of the lane and turn at the roundabout as this is much safer for everyone.

Thank you.



Valentines Bakes Sale

Our wonderful PTA are running a Bake Sale on the 14th of February to help raise funds for our library upgrade. If you can support the PTA with this project please get in touch at pta@letns.org. Lots more info can be found on the PTA newsletter. Happy baking!



Bí Cineálta - We Need YOU!

We really need your support in helping the school to draft and communicate our new Bí Cineálta Policy which will replace our current anti-bullying policy from September 2025. If you would like to contribute/support the school in the putting our new policy together please contact Ultan and we will arrange dates for our working group to meet this Term. You can view the guidelines by clicking on the image to the side.

