



LUCAN ETNS

March 21st 2025



Welcome

We have had a very busy few weeks as always in Lucan ETNS which included the arrival of the book fair, celebrating World Book Day and celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge. We would like to sincerely thank all staff and parent volunteers who supported these events taking place across the school. Events such as these add so much to the children's school experience. There has been great excitement all around the school this week and last week as the children embraced Seachtain na Gaeilge. Tá sár-iarracht déanta ag na páistí go léir Gaeilge a labhairt I ngach rang. Maith sibh go léir! Highlights of the fortnight included; Lá Glas, Ceol Traidisiúnta, Comórtas na hEalaíne, Rince Gaelach sa halla agus ranganna dramaíochta.

Admissions for Senior Infants to 6th Class for 2025/26 open on the 7th of April and will close on the 28th of April. We have Kathak dance sessions arranged for 1st & 3rd Class. Kathak dancing is a form of Indian classical dancing and adult lessons take place here in the school hall every Thursday from 7pm if you are interested in joining.

The boys & girls soccer seasons continue apace, with both teams representing the school with distinction. Camogie training started back today, while athletics and cricket will be taking place across the coming weeks. Second Class will start their 6 weeks of swimming on the 10th of April. It's great to see the high level of interest in sport across the school. An enormous thank you to our staff and parent helpers who promote getting active and staying active!

Dates for your Diary

- Rang Fódla/Caoimhe's Class Assembly - 24th March @9:15
- Kathak Dance Lessons - 1st & 3rd Class - 26th March
- Senior Infants - 6th Class 2025/26 Admissions open - 7th April
- Rang Oghma/Colum's Class Assembly - 7th April @9:15
- Swimming Starts 2nd Class - 10th April
- Easter Raffle - 10th April
- Easter Holidays - 11th April - Half-day: Infants and Outreach finish at 11:50/ all other classes finish at 12:00

School Calendar 2025/26

Our school calendar for 2025/26 has been confirmed and is 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 support high attendance.

AP 11 Posts

Congratulations to Sarah Quinn and Karen Hayes on their recent appointments to the in school management team (ISM). It is wonderful to be in a position to expand our leadership team and it is great news for our school. I would like to wish both ladies the very best in their new roles.

School Quiz Team by Aoife Wang, 6th Class

I went with seven other outstanding pupils to Lucan Library for the annual quiz competition. Here's what happened!

On Wednesday morning at 9:15, we set off for the library. Although the skies were bright and sunny. I certainly did not feel the same, not when my nerves were eating away at me. We were split into two groups of four and each group was assigned a table. There would be eight rounds of eight questions. The man read out the questions for the first round, my heart was pounding, my hands were shaking and we were all nervous but even so we all tried our best. Out of the fifteen groups we secured 5th place. As we returned to the school, there was no bitter feelings, the quiz was incredibly difficult and I congratulate the three winning teams for their amazing scores. I am grateful for being chosen to represent our school and will cherish this experience and the memories I made.



School Soccer Teams 2024/25



It's great to see the enthusiasm of both the boys & girls soccer teams this year. They should be very proud of their performances to date and continue to enjoy the experience. The respect and determination they have shown when representing our school is something we can be incredibly proud of and I would like to thank them all for being fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Na Fianna Vikings



The boys in Na Fianna were learning all about Vikings and created magnificent Viking masks!



World Book Day Fair

There was great excitement throughout the school with the arrival of the Book Fair. 'Golden Tickets' were awarded to students who created wonderful artwork in the form of book covers and bookmarks. The standard was incredibly high which made making the decisions very difficult! I would like to thank Sharon for not only organising the book fair but for all the support she offered everyone throughout the week and a thank you to all our volunteers who helped out, it was a great success.



BOM Agreed Report



The Board of Management met in person on Thursday, 27th February 2025. Below is their agreed report:

- The Board would like to thank all staff for their continuous dedication and care.
- The Board were pleased to learn that the Department funded solar panels will be installed during the Easter Break and will continue to research the possibility of extending this project.
- The Board would like to congratulate Karen Hayes & Sarah Quinn on their recent appointments to the in-school management team and wish them the very best in their roles.
- The Board considered all non-statutory leave requests for 2025/26.
- The Board discussed admissions for Cosáin and Junior Infants in 2025/26 and learned that all available spaces have been accepted and waiting lists are now in place.
- The Board learned that attendance levels are continuing to improve and would like to thank everyone for their support.
- The Board learned that our SET allocation for 2025/26 remains unchanged from 2024/25. A cluster arrangement with another school is still to be confirmed.
- The Board discussed the introduction of Restorative Practice (RP) and welcomed recent whole staff training on the subject. The Board agreed to support the investment in staff training to support the delivery of RP across the school.
- The Board were disappointed to learn that the NCSE led ANA review has been delayed once more and hope it is rescheduled as soon as possible.
- The Board would like to thank all parents who have come forward to provide talks to children and support for school projects in recent weeks, your support is greatly welcomed.
- The Board would like to thank the PTA for the recent Bake Sale which raised €816 that will go towards out library upgrade. Particular thanks to Claire Mordue for leading the event and all those who volunteered. The Board are looking forward to the Easter Raffle & PTA Quiz later in the year.
- The Board learned that the floors are to be replaced in three classrooms this year and works will take place in October at the earliest.
- The Board approved the use of an additional room for Sherpa Kids to support before and after school childcare provision.
- The Board are looking forward to Sports Week 2025 and the first Derek Mannion Shield GAA Blitz for 3rd - 6th Class in Lucan Sarsfields.
- The Board would like to thank Ruth Ludwig & Angela O'Raw for their support with drafting the Bí Cineálta Policy.
- Lastly, the Board would like to sincerely thank Laura Bergin for the contribution she has made to Lucan ETNS across her six years with us and wish her all the best in her next adventure. Laura will be greatly missed by staff, students and parents alike.
- The next Board meeting will take place on the 3rd April 2025.

Seachtain Na Gaeilge Comortas hEalaine

Comhghairdeas le gach duine a bhain páirt as an gcomórtas na hEalaine ar an téama 'Scéalta Gaeilge'.
Congratulations to everyone who took part in our favourite Irish Stories art competition, there were so many wonderful entries, maith sibh go léir!

