



LUCAN ETNS

April 11th 2025



Welcome

Our Value for the month is Honesty. We learned about the importance of being honest in order to build trust and healthy relationships with others. We also highlighted the need to be honest with ourselves. In school we believe that trying your best is more than enough. I would like to thank all the children for trying their best and I hope they are excited for the fun final Term! Our boys and girls soccer teams season ended this Term and all the children involved represented the school brilliantly. The final game of the season was a spectacular 7-7 draw! Camogie started this week with the girls producing a great display and getting their season off to a great start. Athletics training has also begun and the children are looking forward to Santry!

I would like to wish all our children, staff and families a wonderful Easter break. The school will re-open on Monday April 28th for the final term which is always busy but lots of fun too! Have a wonderful break!

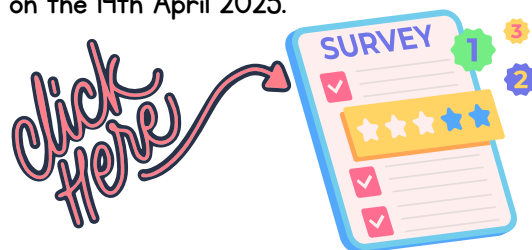
PTA Survey

A reminder that our PTA would like to hear your views on topics which matter most to you and your child/ren. Thank you to everyone who has already completed this survey. Your feedback is really important so if you have not yet completed the survey please help us out and click on the image below to share your thoughts on PTA focus areas, homework & smartphones. Everyone's voice is important, so we really appreciate the time you take to provide us with feedback. The survey will finish accepting responses on the 14th April 2025.



Dates for your Diary

- School reopens 28th April
- May Bank Holiday 5th May - school closed
- Rang Anú/Aishling's Class Assembly - 6th May @9:15
- Bí Cineálta Training ½ day school closure - 9th May @11:50 & 12:00
- Rang Eirú/Sarah's Class Assembly - 12th May @9:15
- Bí Cineálta Friendship Week 19th May - 23rd May
- Primary Maths Curriculum training - school closure - 21st May



Easter Raffle

There was great excitement around the school on Thursday morning as the Easter Raffle took place. Congratulations to all the lucky winners! Thanks to everyone for their donations and a massive thank you as always to our PTA, particularly Marta, for running the event again this year. An incredible €2,148 was raised!



School Updates

Installation of the Dept. funded solar panels will take place during the first week of the Easter break. 14 panels will be installed at this time and it will be interesting to see the impact this will have on our energy usage/costs going forward.



We are still awaiting confirmation from the Dept. that we can proceed with selecting our Free School Meals provider, once this is confirmed it will be communicated to the school community.

Bí Cineálta Policy Update

Throughout the year we have been putting together our new Bí Cineálta Policy to prevent and address bullying behaviour. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to date, through survey responses, reviewing and providing feedback on drafts and for your time. I would like to particularly thank Ruth Ludwig, Angela O'Raw & Ruth Deane for their support and advice. Currently staff are reviewing the latest draft and providing their input ahead of our ½ day school closure on the 9th of May to facilitate training on the finalised policy. The student working group will continue to work on the creation of the child friendly policy in Term 3. Thank you to all.



Rang Eirú - Junior Infants

Sarah's class made the best of the great weather by visiting Willsbrook Park recently. The boys and girls also thoroughly enjoyed their recent block of gymnastics and made great progress over the 6 weeks while having lots of fun too!





Safe Morning Arrival

The lovely weather has meant that a lot more children have been walking, cycling & scooting to school which is wonderful to see. We all have a role to play in making sure morning drop-off is as safe as possible for our children and I would like to thank all those who contribute to creating a safe space. This year the school gates have been opening at 8:30 to help alleviate traffic congestion and allow parents to drop children to school earlier. I would like to draw everyone's attention to the image below. The footpath on the school side of the road should always be a safe space, to help ensure this, turning is not permitted in the school gateways. It has been noted that a number of cars are stopping in the area marked red on the road, this impacts on traffic flow and should not occur. All cars should continue down Mt. Bellew Way, turning at the roundabout and dropping off at the green zones. This reduces the number of children crossing the road and improves traffic flow. We have been liaising with Community Gardai to improve safety and we are thankful to see their increased presence in the mornings. I understand that mornings can be a very busy and an often rushed time but I would urge everyone to always think of children's safety first and foremost. Thank you for your cooperation.



Restorative Practice - Creating an RP Community

Restorative Practice (RP) facilitates, nurtures and empowers those seeking to grow relationships through empathy and connection. Starting next term we will begin our journey towards becoming a restorative school. Through enhanced relationships, communication and focus on one another's wellbeing we hope to establish a school culture where our values and actions align and create an environment where everyone feels safe, secure and can flourish. We hope that through a focus on RP we can promote our inclusive school culture which is reflective of our ethos. Through the adoption of this restorative philosophy we are emphasising our interconnectedness and focussing on the inherent good in all of us. To support our journey towards becoming an RP school we will be working with Michelle Stowe, founder of ConnectRP. Engaging with ConnectRP will provide us all with a consistent framework for having those sometimes difficult conversations with one another in a supportive and reflective environment where everyone is heard. RP may begin in our classrooms but we hope it spreads beyond and throughout our school community. Please click on the links below to learn more about RP and how it can be applied at Home too!

