



LUCAN ETNS

May 16th 2025



Welcome

Welcome back after the Easter Break and I hope everyone is enjoying the fabulous weather. It is difficult to believe that we only have six weeks until the Summer holidays! The last Term is always packed with activities and that's no different this year. Next week we will celebrate 'Friendship Week' and it will be an opportunity to communicate our new Bí Cineálta (anti-bullying) procedures. We also have a very strong team of thirty-three children representing the school in a variety of track & field events in Santry next week. Best of luck to all involved and a massive thanks to Sarah Quinn, Therese & Nicola for overseeing the training. The school camogie team finished their season this week playing a very strong Naomh Pádraig side, it's been wonderful to see the level of interest in camogie and a big thanks to Séamus & Emma for leading the ladies out. A reminder that the school is closed on Wednesday the 21st of May to facilitate staff training on the new Primary Maths Curriculum.



PTA News



A massive thank you to our PTA for conducting a parental survey in recent weeks to identify potential focus areas moving forward. We can look forward to discussing the results of this survey together in the coming weeks. I also want to thank the PTA for the second annual Quiz Night in the Foxhunter held last Friday. It's always a great event with the perfect balance of fun and friendly competition! Thanks to everyone who attended on the night and a very special thanks to Michael Lantry and Saoirse Reynolds for bringing it all together so seamlessly. The quiz raised €1,641 which will help towards our planned library upgrade. Well done to everyone involved for a great night!

Dates for your Diary

- Bí Cineálta Friendship Week
19th May - 23rd May
- Primary Maths Curriculum training - school closure - 21st May
- Mid-term break 29th & 30th May - school closed
- Junior Infants ½ day - 25/26 intake
welcome day - 11th June
- Junior Infants Intake Parents Evening
@6pm - 12th June
- Sports Week - 16th June - 20th June
- Walk in the Park - 20th June
- 6th Class Graduation @7pm - 25th June

Junior Infants Intake 25/26

We will welcome our Junior Infant intake on the 11th June. To facilitate this our current Junior Infants will have a half day, finishing at 11:50. This will be a great opportunity for the children to see their classroom, meet some of their new classmates and their teachers.

A parent information session for the incoming JI parents will be held on Thursday 12th June @18:00.

School Leavers

Can we ask that if you plan on relocating or moving schools it is essential that you let us know as soon as possible. This will allow us to offer places to children on our waiting lists. Just let the office know by emailing info@letns.org. Many thanks

Free School Meals Update



You may have learned recently that we have officially been sanctioned to proceed with the free hot school meals programme for the coming school year. We hope to have this programme in place for when we return in 2025/26. It is important that we get the right provider for the school and our children. Following an information/taster morning earlier in the year we are looking forward to our parents selecting their preferred provider. A reminder that your child does not have to opt-in to this programme if you would prefer that they continue to enjoy a lunch made from home that is your choice.

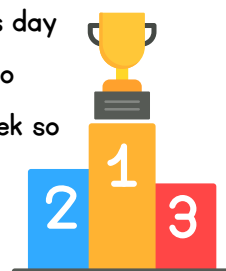
Smart Phones/Group Chats

In recent weeks there has been an increase in the number of incidents involving the use of smartphones and conduct in group chats which has impacted on teaching and learning. A lot of time has been taken up resolving issues which have occurred outside of school. Children are by their very nature naive and they do lack the necessary life experience to make informed decisions. We cannot expect children to exercise good judgement at all times and we need to communicate the dangers of writing/posting information online as it can escalate beyond our control and it can be almost impossible to remove. The school does not support the use of children 'class group chats' and the Board of Management would like to encourage parents to remove your child/ren from such groups as they are unnecessary and can become overwhelming for children. Please click on the link to listen to a 'parenting in a digital world' podcast from the HSE. Thank you for your understanding and support.



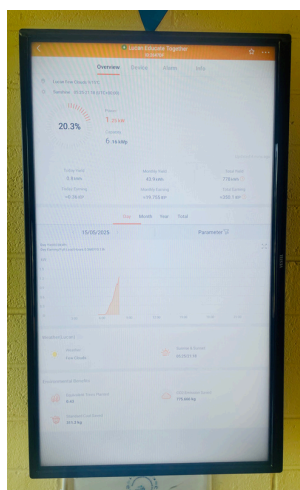
Sports Week Overview

Sports Week will take place the week beginning the 16th of June. We have already arranged for 2nd - 6th class to take part in track and field events in Lucan Harriers on the 16th. We have Gymnastics in school for 1st, 3rd, 5th & 6th Class on the 17th. On Thursday the 19th 3rd - 6th class will compete in the Derek Mannion Memorial Cup in Lucan Sarsfields, the teams have already been drawn for this tournament. On Friday 20th we will have our whole school 'Walk in the Park, led by our PTA. Finally, we will hold our Junior Sports day in school for JI, SI & 1st Class on the 16th weather permitting, otherwise, this will be pushed back to Thursday the 19th and will also include 2nd Class. We hope that the weather is kind to us during the week so the children can engage in lots of sports and have a great experience. More details to follow!



Solar Panels

Our Government funded Solar Panels were installed over the Easter Break and we can now see how much renewable energy we are creating every day! You can now see our output at Reception.



Lost & Found

We have a large number of items in our Lost & Found once more. Can I ask all parents to make sure that names are on items of clothing so we can help reunite these items with their owners in the future. Many thanks.

BOM Agreed Report



The Board of Management met in person on Thursday, 1st May 2025. Below is their agreed report:

- The Board learned that the school has been approved to proceed with 'Free School Meals' and hope to have the scheme in place for the beginning of the 2025/26 school year.
- The Board would like to thank the PTA and the wider parent body for their support in selecting a school meal provider.
- The Board discussed Voluntary Contributions for the year to date and noted that these contributions are significantly down on previous years. The Board agreed that we need to communicate how Voluntary Contributions are utilised across the school to enhance children's school/learning experiences.
- The Board discussed staff recruitment required for 2025/26 school year.
- The Board are pleased to learn that ten members of the teaching staff have begun Restorative Practice training ahead of its introduction in 2025/26.
- The Board approved the continuation of violin lessons in 2025/26 for 3rd & 4th Classes.
- The Board also approved the return of Sports in Schools Gymnastics for 2025/26.
- The Board would like to thank all staff who are facilitating the School's Summer Programme in Cosáin this July.
- The Board would like to thank the PTA for the fantastic Easter Raffle held recently and for all their hard work throughout the year, the members make an incredible contribution and create a wonderful sense of community.
- The Board hope to see a positive impact following the installation of the government funded solar panels over the Easter Break.
- The Board learned that the HSA conducted an incidental safety inspection recently and provided the school with a number of actions to complete in the coming weeks/months.
- The Board discussed the increase in online related incidents in recent weeks and would encourage all parents to remove their child/ren from 'group chats'. The negative impact of these incidents on teaching and learning was noted. The Board would be fully supportive of a smartphone free school and would support any parent led initiative on this matter.
- The Board ratified the School's Admission Notice for 2026/27.
- The next BOM meeting will take place on the 12th of June 2025.