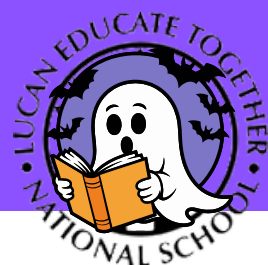




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October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025



## Welcome

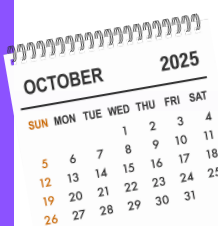
It's difficult to believe we're heading into the final week before the mid-term break. There is a great buzz around the school with the Halloween Disco around the corner which is always one of the highlights of the Term and of course the Presidential Election taking place next Friday! There is a lot happening next week so a break is well deserved and very much needed!

On Monday, Amanda's class will lead our school assembly with a focus on Kindness. We are also hosting a Halloween safety talk with An Garda Síochána on Monday afternoon for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class students. On Tuesday evening we are hosting a talk for parents with Connected Childhood @7pm. We would encourage a representative from every family to attend. The talk is aimed at families from Infants to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, however, all families are welcome to attend. There will be homework passes up for grabs on the night too! Please click on the Connected Childhood logo to learn more and we hope to see a big turnout on Tuesday.



## Dyslexia Awareness Day - Bake Sale

Last week we celebrated Dyslexia Awareness Month. The children learned about Dyslexia at assembly and in class. The children demonstrated their wonderful creativity with our art competition. The children participated in our 'inside out day' too. On Friday, with the help of many parents and students we held a Bake Sale in the school hall. The event was a tremendous success with €1,063 raised. It was hoped from the outset that the money raised could help the school to purchase a C-pen reader and following the success of the event we were able to buy two! The C-pen readers will now be available to students to use where needed. We are now putting together a list of resources we can purchase with the remaining money to further support children with Dyslexia. A massive thank you to Medb & Kamela for organising the week and for making such an incredible difference!



## Dates for your Diary

- 20<sup>th</sup> October - Rang Boann/Amanda's Class Assembly @9:15
- 21<sup>st</sup> October - Connected Childhood Talk for Parents @19:00 in the school hall
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Halloween Disco with Catch Dance Academy
- 24<sup>th</sup> October - Presidential Election - School Closed
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November - School Re-opens
- 10<sup>th</sup> November Rang Dagda/Katie's Class Assembly @9:15
- 18<sup>th</sup> November - CP Training for Staff - School Closed
- 24<sup>th</sup> November Rang Tara/Muireann's Class Assembly @9:15



## Halloween Disco

The Halloween Disco takes place this Wednesday in the school hall. The PTA have organised Catch Dance to lead the disco dancing soirée. I hope the children have lots of fun! Children are encouraged to wear their costumes to school on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found items will be placed outside the office next week. There is a huge amount of clothes which need to be claimed. Can I remind everyone of the importance of putting your child's name on their clothes as we are seeing a large amount of clothes unclaimed every term.





# Around the School

## Pumkin Patch by Maxim

First, we put 30 pumpkin seeds in the soil back in Second Class that was all the way back in April. Today five of us went down to the garden to see if they grew or not. And after seven months nine pumpkins were ready to be harvested! Just in time we made a lovely pumpkin display on our class window before Halloween!



## Sarah's 6<sup>th</sup> Class - Japan by Emilia



In 6<sup>th</sup> Class we have been learning about the beautiful country, in Asia, Japan. We have learnt about the unique culture and how they live their lives. We learned about their religion, their beliefs, even about school life and the rules, which are very different to Ireland's.

We have crafts of the iconic red Shinto gates, the erupted volcano of Mount Asos and the fabric doll of a Geisha (which was made by the writer).

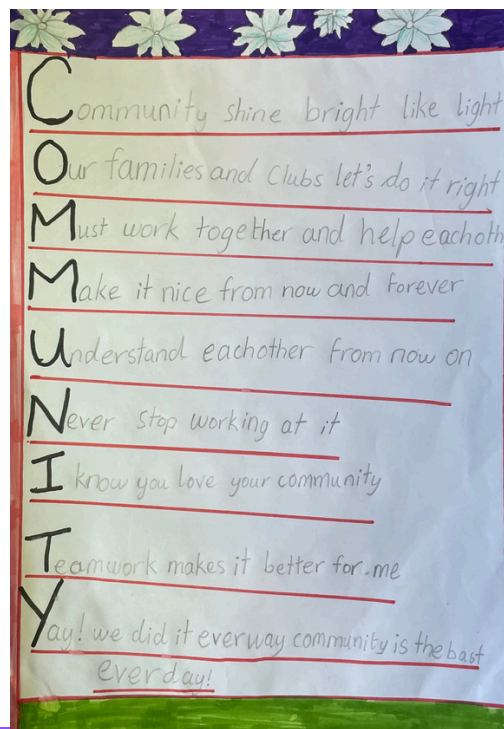


## Swimming - 3<sup>rd</sup> Class by Eva

Swimming is a great opportunity. We learn new skills like this one I learned called 'Frog Kicks'. Also we get play time and an amazing swimming teacher and also our cool bus driver and fabulous partners to chat with on the way! We are very thankful for our swimming lessons.



## Community Poem by Umama



Umama created a wonderful poem for our Newsletter about the importance of community. Maith thú Umama!





# School Basketball Teams by Isabelle & Kirsty



This Thursday the boys played their first basketball match against Scoil Áine. They won 10-8 and were very consistent and played great. Were very proud and a big well done to them.

After the boys match, the girls played against the girls Scoil Áine team. The first score was made by Kirsty. The score was close throughout the match but ultimately, the girls from Scoil Áine won by a single basket. We are very proud of our girls team as they played really well.

## Dyslexia Awareness Artwork



Our new school C-pens have already arrived! Thanks to everyone





# PTA Newsletter

Lucan Educate Together National School

## Reminders

October 21st: Connected Childhood Talk All Parents Welcome

October 22nd: Halloween Party (please volunteer if you can)

## Webwise Talk - Empowering Parents to Support Children Online

Here are some key messages from the web wise talk last week:

- Create a Family agreement for technology use that applies to everyone
- Parents and family members should lead by example
- Digital safety is like learning rules of the road - you wouldn't expect someone to get into a car and drive safely without lessons.
- One of the best tools for child safety online is having a grown up they can trust and speak to without fear of punishment. If you would like to hear how to help your relationship with your kids come to the Connected Childhood talk in the school next week!

Check out <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/> if you want more information and you can request their free guide for parents.

If you have any questions on the talk or would like more info contact [pta@letns.org](mailto:pta@letns.org)

## PLANS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

The PTA will meet on Wednesday 5th November in the school library to discuss the plans for the year ahead. If you have an idea for an event or if you would like to know more about the PTA, please join us!

## BAKE SALE THANK YOU

Thank you so much to all of the wonderful parents who took the time to volunteer at the bake sale last week. These events would not happen without your support so your contribution is really appreciated.

Thanks to all our brilliant families and staff for their support of the PTA.

Speak to you soon!

Your PTA Committee

## GET IN TOUCH



If you have any feedback, thoughts or suggestions please contact [\*\*pta@letns.org\*\*](mailto:pta@letns.org)

## SAVE THE DATE



PTA Meeting  
Wednesday 5th  
November at 7pm  
in the School  
Library

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Have you listened to a great podcast? Read a good book? Let other parents know about it by contacting [\*\*pta@letns.org\*\*](mailto:pta@letns.org) and we will add it to this newsletter

# About LETNS Parent Teacher Association

All parents and guardians of children attending Lucan Educate Together National School automatically become members of the PTA when their children join the school. The PTA is run entirely by volunteers, ensuring that everyone has an opportunity to get involved in ways that suit their interests and availability.

**Mission Statement:** to support our teachers, and families to enhance the education of all the children in Lucan Educate Together National School.

## PTA Volunteers

The PTA Volunteers group forms the backbone of our association. Without our dedicated volunteers, all of our fun events like the Halloween party, Walk in the Park, and bake sales would not be possible. Joining the Volunteers group does not mean you have to help at every event—just as much as you can.

We encourage all parents to sign up for the Volunteers group for at least one year during their child's time at LETNS, and we ask each volunteer to assist with at least one event per year.

Time required: Flexible and based on your availability.

## PTA Class Rep

Our class reps are an essential part of the PTA as they make sure all of the classes are aware of any updates from the PTA Committee and equally they make the committee aware of any issues in the classrooms. Without the connection to each class, the PTA committee would be able to work effectively.

Time required: 10-15 mins a week

We ask that class reps attend the PTA meetings if possible to bring up any issues from their class and to have a good awareness of the work underway in the PTA.

## PTA Committee

The PTA committee is a small group of parents who come together to organize and oversee the work of the PTA. The committee members are all normal parents like you who balance their PTA roles with other responsibilities and jobs outside of the association.

Time required: It varies from less than 30 mins a week to a few hours when there is an event.

The PTA Committee is elected every year.

## Friend of the PTA

If you don't have time to be a class rep and you are worried about committing to be a volunteer – could you be a friend of the PTA?

As a Friend of the PTA, there are many small, meaningful ways to contribute. You could volunteer to read with students in various classes (not just your child's), visit a classroom to share something interesting about yourself, or offer your unique skills or experiences to support PTA activities. Even simple acts, like tidying up the lost and found area when it's messy, or picking up litter around the school grounds during drop-off or pick-up, make a big difference.

**There are countless ways to get involved that fit your schedule and comfort level—every little bit helps to improve our school. If you'd like to get involved, please contact [pta@letns.org](mailto:pta@letns.org)**

**A note on diversity:** The PTA is proud to represent the diverse and inclusive community in LETNS. If there is something we could do better or if we could be more inclusive, please let us know. Like our children we are always learning and always hoping to improve!