

LUCAN ETNS

November 14th 2025

Welcome

I hope everyone had a restful mid-term break. The shift in the weather is very apparent this week so it is important that your child wears layers to keep them comfortable going to and from school and in class. On Monday of next week Sarah & Aishling will deliver our Junior Infant curriculum support session for parents starting at 1pm in school.

A reminder that the school is closed on Tuesday the 18th for whole staff training on the updated Child Protection procedures that we must have in place next year. Parent/teacher meetings will take place the week beginning the 24th of November and I hope you all find them beneficial and you enjoy the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher, as well as, see where your child learns each and every day.

Before the mid-term break we had Anna & Susanne from Connected Childhood visit our school and deliver a really insightful talk to parents on how we can support our children's emotional development. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and I would like to thank everyone who attended. Hopefully we can arrange more talks of this nature in the future.

I would like to provide an update on our Free School Meals application, the tendering process is now complete and Bradburys have been selected as our school meal provider. We are awaiting confirmation of funding from the Dept. Social Protection and once in place we hope to commence school meals as soon as possible. Information regarding menus and the ordering application will be shared in the coming weeks.

I would like to say a special thanks to our PTA who have provided so much support this Term already, assisting with bakes sales, lost & found and for overseeing a really great Halloween Disco which the children thoroughly enjoyed. I would also like to thank all our parents volunteers who help with reading in school and school trips, it is greatly appreciated.



Dates for your Diary

- 17th November - Junior Infants Curriculum information session
- 18th November - School Closure for CP training
- 24th November - Rang Tara/Muireann's class assembly @9:15
- 26th November - School Finishes @14:00
- 1st December Rang Eostre/Ruth & Catriona's class assembly @9:15
- 19th December Winter Break (half-day)

6th Class Gardening by Adaya



We have been preparing the garden beds to plant some vegetables.

We decided to plant some pea seeds.

6th Class brought in some milk cartons to act like mini greenhouses since it's said to help them grow more because it traps the heat and keeps out the cold!

We are doing an experiment to see if the plants can survive in the milk cartons, or if they are better off without them.

4th Class Swimming by Mackenzie, Maya & Layan

Today we had swimming lessons at Tallaght Community Pool. Maya learned how to tumble turn and Layan & Mackenzie learned how to swim. Swimming is so fun we learned how to do different skills. We love to have the opportunity to go swimming in school!

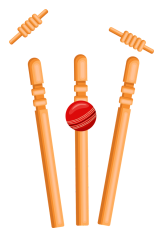


Violin by Yinuo & Ayesha

Hello everyone, we are here to tell you guys about our school violin lessons. Our class have violin lessons every Friday. This is so fun, we get to learn songs. We now know how to use our bows! Lizzy is so kind and we have so much fun together.

Cricket by Ekroop, Adam, Devang & Robert

We are so lucky to have cricket every Wednesday for 6 weeks. Cricket is very fun and it needs loads of energy. You need loads of practice to be good. I love cricket because it gives so much energy and makes you healthier and you can make more friends. I love cricket because people are always kind and I try my best at everything. I love everything about cricket.



Friendship Week



As part of Friendship Week, we reflected on Rainbow Moments everyday. A Rainbow Moment is a time to think of anything or anyone that brought us joy, made us smile, or simply felt positive. Children recorded their Rainbow Moments on coloured post-its and placed them on the display at reception for everyone to read. Junior And Senior classes also had opportunities to 'buddy up' and take part in a fun activity together.

BOM Agreed Report

The Board of Management met online on Wednesday the 5th of November 2025. Below is their agreed report:

- The Board are hoping to identify a community nominee to join the Board.
- The Board discussed Junior Infant Admissions for 2026/27. Admissions are now closed, the school is accepting Late Applications.
- The Board discussed levels of additional needs and how to best support students, staff and families.
- The Board noted concerns regarding road safety before and after school and kindly request that all families demonstrate care and drop-off and collection times.
- The progress of the school's Free School Meal application was discussed with Bradbury's being confirmed as the future school provider.
- The Board reviewed the school accounts for 2024/25.
- The continued rollout of Restorative Practices were highlighted with the Board.
- The Board welcomes Principal/Deputy Principal Child Protection training received to date, in addition to the school closure to facilitate whole staff Child Protection training this November.
- The Board confirmed ½ in, ½ out staff meeting on the 21st January 2026. School will close at 13:30 on this date to facilitate 2-hour staff training.
- The Board would like to thank all staff for their contribution to an ANA allocation review, particular thanks to Therese Hesse for overseeing the application.
- The Board would like to thank the PTA for all their support this Term. Supporting the Dyslexia Awareness Bake Sale, managing the Halloween Disco, assisting with Lost & Found organisation, for all the volunteers who assist with reading, school trips and swimming. The support is greatly appreciated and invaluable.
- The Board would also like to thank the PTA for organising a very well attended Parent Talk delivered by Connected Childhood. The feedback has been very positive and we would like to support future talks of this nature for our school community.
- The Board were pleased to learn that more staff will be trained as First Aid Responders in the coming weeks.
- The Board would like to offer their sincere condolences to Maria Commons, following the recent loss of her father.
- Finally, the Board would like to congratulate the Eimear McDonagh & Helen Mannion on the arrival of their baby boys, we wish them all the very best at this very special time.

PTA Newsletter

Lucan Educate Together National School

Thank you - Halloween Party!

Thank you to all our families for your support of the Halloween Party. Thanks to your support the event made a profit of just over €300 which will be used to fund future PTA events and support the library renovation project. A special thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers without whom we could not run these events!

Link to Pictures here: [Junior Party](#) & [Senior Party](#)

Update from PTA meeting on November 5th

Many thanks to all of the parents and guardians who joined us in the school library for our first all school PTA meeting of the year.

Key topics discussed included:

- Plans for the year ahead including the PTA quiz. The PTA would like to host an Iftar Feast in the school during Ramadan next year. If you could help the PTA with this, please contact: pta@letns.org
- Smart-Phone Free School - We had a great discussion about the importance of implementing a smart phone free policy. But there are also a number of challenges to introduce this. The PTA will host a virtual parent focus group to discuss this policy on 26th November at 8pm. Invitation will follow shortly.

The next all school PTA meeting will be held in the New Year.

CONNECTED CHILDHOOD TALK

Many thanks to Ultan for organising the recent talk from Anna and Susanne of Connected Childhood. If you would like the information shared at the talk please contact pta@letns.org

VOLUNTEER LEAVE

Does your employer offer Volunteer Leave? Would you be willing to volunteer to help out the school? Please contact the PTA or the office to see if there is a project you could help with.

CLASSROOM VISITS

Do you have an interesting job or story? Could you come and talk to your child's class about it? Make sure to mention it to your child's teacher at the parent teacher meetings.

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

Speak to you soon!
Your PTA Committee

Recommendations

We are watching
YGAMUK's reels on gaming safety on Instagram @ygam

Link to ygam Roblox Safety Guide

We are reading
Dr Martha Deiros Collado's book "The Smartphone Solution"

We are listening
To K-Pop Demon Hunters (on repeat) Send help!

Do you have a recommendation for other parents? Please let us know

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