

# LUCAN ETNS

March 6th 2026

Welcome



Tá suil againn go mbeidh sibh go maith agus ag baint suilt as na laethanta fada san earrach anois! We hope everyone is well and you all are enjoying the longer evenings as the country starts to brighten up. It is most welcome to see more daylight in the mornings and evenings which hopefully will mean we can all get out more to enjoy the fresh air.

The last couple of weeks have been a very busy number of weeks for all the staff and pupils at Lucan ETNS. There has been a variety of activities taken place within the school from the School Book Fair, Swimming for Cosáin, Soccer Games, School Trips and a visit from the Mobile Library to our school.

We would also like to wish all the families in our community who are celebrating Chinese New Year, Ramadan and Lent at the moment, joyous and peaceful times with their families. These are special times for each community and should be enjoyed by one and all.

## Dates for your Diary

- Rang Fódla/Carla's Class Assembly - 23<sup>rd</sup> March @9am
- Lá Glas March 13th
- Well Being Day March 18th
- World Art Exhibition April 23rd.
- School Closure June 11<sup>th</sup> for Staff Primary Curriculum Training
- 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation Date June 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Focus Weeks

- Book Fair 3rd - 6th March
- Seachtain na Gaeilge 9th - 13th March

## Save our SNAs



As many of you will know there has been much media coverage of the potential cuts to SNAs in schools throughout Ireland. On Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> many of our staff members attended the protest outside Leinster House to show our school's deep concern on this vitally important matter. Decked out in bright yellow shirts and carrying banners our school brightly flew the flag in the battle to save SNAs who work so hard in all of our schools to provide inclusive education for all. Our SNAs go above and beyond the call of duty and deserve to be treated fairly and with respect by the powers that be. Please email our local representatives in support of our SNAs.



# Fourth Class Trip to the Dead Zoo

The Dead Zoo - Sarah's 4<sup>th</sup> Class

On the 26.02.26 we had a trip to The Dead Zoo, First we left at 9.25 am to catch the bus, we were pretty early... And when we got on the bus there were like no seats available. Sooo... We were all bus surfing. It was like a half an hour long. When we arrived we had to cross the road, and then we got to The Dead Zoo! We met the instructor which was Andreia the scientist/palaeontologist, we got into groups, (I was yellow) and I got to smell/touch a badger called Tom.

In the other groups there were skulls and fossils?! Somehow we were allowed to touch a fossil and skulls but not anything else, (that made no sense). So anyway back to what I saw. So in the entrance there was the famous big Irish deer, after a few minutes of exploring we had some type of sheet were you have to write your favourite animal from there. There were some questions about the animals too. There were extinct animals in fossil form and the same but with fur, eyes, legs, ears and claws.

It was the best school tour ever! The animals were kept in glass boxes. For some reason they kept different animals in the same boxes. There were sea creatures, birds, mammals, and extinct animals.

After, we got to eat lunch in the lunch room! The lunch room had lots and lots of pictures!

- Last but not least, we had to go back to the bus station, we could see a bus coming, it was the one before the one we were going to get so we decided to RUN! Luckily, we caught the bus so we got on and the bus had lots of seats so everyone got to sit. After that we finally arrived to school to have our hot lunches! We had a great time!

Written by Eddy and Sofia.



## School Soccer Teams



Congratulations to the girls soccer team who has won the first two rounds of the cup, one quite dramatically on penalties! The boys were unlucky to lose their first cup game and face Lucan East ETNS in the league today! Big thanks to Tom, Colum, Katie & Celine for all their coaching!

# History Workshops 3<sup>rd</sup> Class

This week, Frankie came to our class to show us all a little bit of history. She showed us a fossilised nautilus from 120 million years old! She told us facts about children during the Viking Age. We even got to hold some historical items. The reason we got to learn this is because she is an archaeologist.

Frankie told us that the youngest item she showed us was 500 years old and the oldest item was over 150 million years old - a T-Rex fossil. Frankie also showed us chainmail armour, which was very heavy!

By Naksh - Rang Oghma - 3<sup>rd</sup> Class



Last Tuesday, Carla's 3<sup>rd</sup> class had a very exciting visitor from Medieval Ireland. She was an archaeologist and she brought lots of artefacts that had been dug up from thousands of years ago.

She told us all about the Vikings and let us ask lots of questions. She also showed us some games that archaeologists discovered. These were games that the Vikings used to play a long time ago.

We were very lucky because we all got a chance to play the games and hold some of the artefacts. One of the most interesting objects we saw was a mace! She also shared some really interesting facts with us. One fact we learned was that when Viking girls turned eleven, they were given a house. The boys did not get a house and instead had to move into the girl's house.

We learned a lot and had great fun!

By Cassie and Liam - Carla's 3<sup>rd</sup> Class.



# School Bookfair 2026 & World Book Day March 8th

We had a wonderful World Book Day here on Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> in Lucan Educate Together NS. Congratulations to all the boys and girls who made a huge effort to enter the WBD Competition and who dressed up for WBD today. The imagination and the creativity were overwhelming! Well done to all!

Thanks to you, the parents for volunteering to help at the book fair and for the support you give encouraging your child to read. Reading for ten minutes a day with your child has an enormous benefit to reinforce your child's learning.

A special thanks to all the staff who were a huge support to make WBD happen and to make it such a happy event!

It was very difficult to choose the winning entries for the WBD competition. The standard was excellent and outstanding! Maith sibh go léir!

The winners of the WBD golden tickets are: Killian Fisher, Sofia O' Duffy Buggle, Maya Spochacz, Irina Sos-Irimies, Clara Trench, Jasper O'Connor, Fatima Nawaz, Kate Brinza, Amanni Shortt, Naksh Deepesh Prajapati, Amaiya Speight, Ashling Tesi, Charlie Pearse, Felicia Fluier, Freya Gong, Nawaal Hanif, Clodagh White and Seán Uzochukwu (Sommy)



## Mobile Library Visit

A few classes were lucky to visit The Mobile Library when it visited our school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February. This is a once off visit, but we are on the waiting list and hope that in the future they will visit our school on a regular basis.



# Fourth Class Trip to the Mosque

Sarah and Karen's Class went on a trip to the mosque on Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. I had a really terrific time. It was really interesting to learn about different cultures! The man that was teaching us about muslim traditions and beliefs was very nice. He gave us chocolates if we asked a question!

The energy in the room was so calm. We had to take off our shoes before we entered the mosque. There was no chairs and we sat on the floor. The floors were heated.

There were also perfumes because people want to be presentable to God. Something I thought was really nice is that they are told to take care of their neighbours. I had a great time at the mosque.

Eliza - Karen's 4<sup>th</sup> Class



## Board of Management Agreed Report February 23<sup>rd</sup>

The Board of Management met in person on Monday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2026. Below is their agreed report:

- The Board are hoping to identify a community nominee to join the Board.
- The Board approved the school CCTV Policy.
- The Board approved the School Placement & Work Experience Policy.
- The Board noted concerns regarding road safety before and after school and kindly request that all families demonstrate care at drop-off and collection times.
- The Board discussed the school's ANA Review and the school currently awaits an update on this, as there has been a national pause put on this by the Department of Education.
- The Board discussed the new free school meals and noted the children are happy with the food being provided and the service providers high level of diligence.
- The Board discussed the school table quiz which is being organised by the PTA on Friday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> and hope for a good attendance.
- The Board discussed Cosáin Admissions for 2026/2027 and noted the closing date for application was 13 Feb 2026 and any applications after this date would be considered late applications.
- The Board noted that the school staff will undertake further training on the Primary Curriculum Framework on June 11<sup>th</sup>, which will result in a school closure day.
- The Board discussed the vacant Deputy Principal Position at our school and are planning to start the recruitment process as soon as possible.
- The Board also noted there has been much work carried out in the school regarding the upkeep of the building with site visits from a Door Company, Alarm Company, Phone Contractor, Fibre Cable Open Eir, Tree Surgeons & Electrician.
- The next Board meeting has been scheduled for Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup>.