

# LUCAN ETNS



## Welcome

Tá suil againn go mbeidh sibh reidh don sós a thogáil don laethanta saoire an t-earrach! We hope everyone is well and ready for the Spring Break which the children will begin today Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>. It has been an extremely busy Term 2 and it is great to see the weather improving after such a wet January and February.

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 taking place within the school from Soccer Games, School Trips, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Well Being Day and Gymnastics taking place.

We would also like to wish all the families a well deserved break and we hope anyone celebrating Easter has a pleasant Easter. Also we would like to wish anyone who is celebrating the festival of Vaisakhi a joyous celebration.

## Dates for your Diary

- Rang Oghma Class Assembly (Colum's Class) - 9am April 20th
- World Art Exhibition April 23rd.
- Rang Anú Class Assembly (Aishling's Class) - 9am April 27th
- School Closure June 11<sup>th</sup> for Staff Primary Curriculum Training
- 6thClassGraduationDate June23rd

## Focus Weeks

- Active Week June 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>
- Food Dudes Week April 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>

## Seachtain na Gaeilge



Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge den scoth againn i mí Márta. Bhí go leor imeachtaí ar siúl sa scoil i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge ar nós - ceol tradiusunta, rince, comortos ealainie agus lá glas ina theanta.. In the recent weeks all classes enjoyed a terrific Seachtain na Gaeilge with the use of the Irish language throughout the school great to be seen and heard by one & all. The children especially enjoyed the art competition that took place and the winners especially enjoyed their prizes! The children also got to experience some traditional Irish music from visiting musicians. Lá Glas was a super success also!! Big thank you to Catriona for organising all of the great activities!



# Lá Glas - 13ú Márta



Sarah's class started the tin whistle by learning the scale of D. Next we learned "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" and "Mary Had a Little Lamb". Then we learned "Fáinne Geal and Lae" which was a little challenging. We also had a choice to learn "Britches Full of Stitches" for funsies. From then on Sarah told us to practice a hundred times! (I know, a lot!) We had circle imprints on our fingers and we performed at assembly!

## Tin Whistle Sarah's 6th Class



We enjoyed going to Tallaght Library learning about engineering and different types of bridges and we got to use K'Nex. We put a book on top of the bridge to test if it was strong enough to hold the weight.

(by Xavier & Joseph)

D'itheamar smailc. Nuair a bhíomar críochnaithe ag ithe, chuamar isteach i Halla an Chontae. Bhuaileamar le Helen Farrell.

Thug sí muid isteach i seomra mór agus shuíomar síos i gciorcal. Nuair a bhíomar inár suíocháin, roghnaigh múinteoir Sarah duine againn chun ceist a chur ar Cllr Helen Farrell.

Ar an iomlán, bhí la iontach againn.

## 6th Class Trip to Tallaght County Hall Tallaght



During engineer's week recently Andrea's Class had a terrific time constructing some marble runs. No doubt some engineers in the making.



## Engineers Week's



## Eid Mubarak 2026!

The school would like to wish all of our school community who celebrated Eid al Fitr on March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> much joy and we hope you all had a wonderful time with your loved ones. Eid Mubarak to one and all.

## Happy Easter 2026!

The school would like to wish all our families celebrating Easter a wonderful joyous occasion on Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully you can all get a chance to unwind and share the special time together.



## Vaisakhi 2026!

The school would like also to extend warm wishes to all our families from the Sikh community celebrating Vaisakhi on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The school would like to wish you all a blessed Vaisakhi for 2026.

# How to Make Nettle Tea by 6<sup>th</sup> Class

What you need

Gloves, a bag, a local place to find your nettles, a cup, a teapot, a sieve, hot water, friends or family to share it with.

Method

Step 1 Head over to your local park "don't forget to bring your gloves you don't want to get stung".

Step 2 When you find some nettles go ahead and pull out the nettles from the ground. When you have them place them in your bag and pick up some more until you feel like it is enough.

Step 3 When you have all of your nettles bring them home.

Step 4 Place your nettles on the table and get rid of any ones that look dodgy.

Step 5 Take the nettles off the stem if you have any on a stem.

Step 6 Then place them into your teapot and add hot water.

Step 7 Get your sieve and put it over your cup and pour the water in.

Step 8 Enjoy your tea.

By Amy Walsh



## School Soccer Teams

The boys soccer team played a very well contested league game versus Scoil Mhuire of Lucan last week putting up a good fight and suffering a loss. Under Tom and Colum's management the signs of progress are there and the boys are looking forward to their next league now.

The girls soccer team are doing well in the cup and league. Celine and Katie continue to put the girls through their paces.





# School Car Park

School Car Park - For Staff Use Only



Dear Parents,

We hope you are well and your families and as we approach the break on Friday the school hopes everyone has a pleasant break with their families.

We wish to remind parents that the school car park is for staff cars only.

Of late there has been a lot of concern expressed by staff members, parents and users of the school around the safety of the school car park.

There has also been a number of incidents within the car park to cause safety concerns for the school and the board of management of the school.

With this in mind from Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> the school car park at all times will be for staff use only, as has been the case historically at our school.

Parents who are dropping and collecting children to/from Sherpa Kids will be able to access the school via the pedestrian gate nearest to the Astroturf pitch.

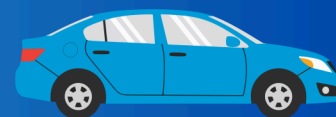
Parents and groups who attend the school after school hours for clubs and activities again can access the school through the pedestrian gate nearest to the Astroturf pitch.

We would like to remind parents that children should not be on the school grounds prior to 8.30am. School staff are present to supervise the children from 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class at the front of the school from 8.30am until 8.50am then the children go to their class.

Junior & Senior Infants should be accompanied by an adult as per normal to the junior yard at the rear of the school.

Thank you for your understanding in relation to the school car park, the measures we are taking are being made with safety in mind, particularly for the children within our school community.

Kindest regards - Séamus Lynam on behalf of the school board of management.



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

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

- The Board are going to write to our parent body to garner interest to fill the community nominee position on the Board.
  - The Board are continuing to work on our new child safeguarding statement and procedures.
- The Board has decided following a number of incidents in the school car park to restrict the use of the car park to staff members only at all 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 again 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 also noted the menu options continue to grow.
  - The Board noted all of the hard work carried out by the PTA in organising the Easter Egg Raffle and the board is most grateful for all the support parents/grandparents gave the school to volunteer at the school bookfair.
    - The Board noted that the places for Cosáin Admissions for 2026/2027 have been filled and unfortunately the number of applicants was well in excess of the number of places.
- 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 the process to fill the position is underway.
  - The Board also noted the school Droichead team of Muireann, Catriona, Sharon & Karen have given huge support to our younger teachers this year to date.
  - The Board also congratulated staff members Sarah Q, Aishling and Fiona on their recent celebrations.
    - The next Board meeting has been scheduled for Monday April 27<sup>th</sup>.

