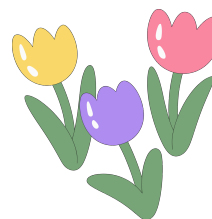


# LUCAN ETNS

May 1st 2026

Welcome



Tá suil againn go mbeidh sibh reidh go maith agus ag baint suilt as an solas na gréine! We hope everyone is well and already enjoying the improved weather and long evenings. It is a very exciting time of the year for the children and families as everyone looks forward towards the summer.

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, Hurling, Camogie Matches, School Trips, and Gymnastics.

This Friday brings us to our break for a week and I hope all families get to spend some time together and with any luck we will be blessed with some fine weather.

## Dates for your Diary

- School Closed May 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>
- Rang Eirú Class Assembly (Sarah's Junior Infant Class) - 9am May 11<sup>th</sup>
- School Basketball Finals May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- School Closure June 11<sup>th</sup> for Staff  
Primary Curriculum Training
- Incoming Junior Infants Parents information evening June 11<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation Date June 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Focus Weeks

- Active Week June 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

## Culture Night/Art Exhibition



Last Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup> the school enjoyed a landmark evening for all of our families and pupils. What a terrific job all of our PTA did in organising the Culture Night which was a huge success. The array of foods from all over the world that people got to taste in the hall on the night was simply remarkable. As was the art that the pupils and teachers worked so hard to create & to display for the night. There was a fantastic atmosphere on the night in the school with young & old mingling throughout the evening. A big thank you to the PTA, school staff and parents who baked, cooked and helped with a most successful evening for our school community.



# Culture Night/School Art Exhibition



In recent weeks we walked Griffeen Valley Park and 2 park rangers, Niall and Gareth, gave us a biodiversity tour. We learned that the Oak tree has 250 species that call the tree home. We also learned that caterpillars live in nettles and lay their eggs there. This matters because we need to learn how to take care of biodiversity. We should learn how to take care of nature when nature-related problems happen. We wonder are there any types of fish that live in the Griffeen river? We can't wait to revisit and see the wonderful biodiversity. We would also like to give a very special thank you to Niall and Gareth for their time and expertise.

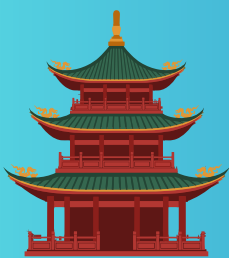
By John Rajesh

## Sarah's 6th Class Trip to Griffeen Valley Park



## Bebras Computational Challenge

Noah and Shahmir from Sarah B's 6th class represented the school at the national finals of the Bebras Computational Challenge in Maynooth University. The whole school is so proud of the boys who performed to a very high standard amongst the top scorers from all around Ireland. Maith sibh a bhuachailli.



## Vesak 2026!

The school would like also to extend warm wishes to all our families from the Buddhist community celebrating Vesak on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The school would like to wish you all a blessed Vesak for 2026.

# How to Make Dandelion Honey Syrup

How to make Dandelion Honey Syrup by Max



We learned the life cycle of a dandelion. Then we collected so many dandelions. After we collected all the dandelions, we made sure that the stems were off then we washed them with water and bread soda. Then we rinsed them again with plain water to remove the bread soda. We added 1 litre of clean water and simmered it for 1 hour. Then we sieve the dandelions out and squeezed all the flavour out to make dandelion tea.

At this point we added 1 kg of sugar and stirred. We carried the heavy pot of dandelion tea to the hob. We cooked it for 1 hour to make dandelion honey syrup. Then an adult poured it into sterilised jars. The next day it was still too watery. So we poured all the contents back into a clean pot and added special jam sugar. The jam sugar has a special ingredient called pectin. This makes sure that it is not runny. We enjoyed the honey with scones we made on Friday!

By Max - Rang Na Fianna



## School Soccer Teams

The boys soccer team played a very well contested league game versus St. John the Evangelist on Tuesday putting up a good fight and suffering a 5 - 3 defeat in a keenly fought contest.

The girls soccer team are doing well in the cup and are through to the cup quarter final versus Castleknock ETNS. This will be played in the next couple of weeks at an away venue. Best of luck girls!!



## Be in Line at Ten to Nine!!

Dear parents with the fine weather and bright mornings at present it would be great to see all pupils lining up in the yard in the mornings where they have a chance to chat with their friends before entering the school at 8.50am. Our school gates open at 8.30am and the 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class children are supervised until 8.50am. The infants line up at the back of the school with an adult accompanying them. It would be great to see more pupils in the yard in the morning and "be in the line at ten to nine"!



## Board of Management Community Representative

It was fantastic to see such a response from our school community at our Culture Night last week. It just shows how valued everyone's different contribution is so valued. At present our board of management still requires another community representative. If anyone would be interested in stepping up to fulfill this role on our board it would be most appreciated. Please feel free to email Barbara at [info@letns.org](mailto:info@letns.org) to express an interest in this position.



## School Car Park

Thank you to all families and parents for your cooperation with the school car park arrangements. The school grounds is now a much safer place due to the reduced usage of the car park and the school would like to acknowledge your support and cooperation on this.



## School Hurling & Camogie Teams

The school hurling team have played two games to date losing after two intense games against St. Josephs Clondalkin and Gaelscoil Chluain Dolcáin. The squad are looking forward to their next game on Tuesday May 12<sup>th</sup>.

The school camogie team have won their last two games versus Divine Mercy and Griffeen Valley ETNS and are awaiting the draw for the next round of the competition. Well done to Emma, Catherine & all the girls!

## Non Returning Families & School Calendar

Can any families not returning to the school, in September please let the school know.. Also the school calendar for 2026/2027 has been finalised and will be circulated in the coming days.



# Board of Management Agreed Report April 27<sup>th</sup>

The Board of Management met in person on Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 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 noted the new school car park arrangements has yielded a much safer school environment.
- The Board noted all of the hard work carried out by the PTA in organising the massively successful Culture Night/Art Exhibition that was held in the school on Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Board also noted that the support parents have given the school to provide lifts to games has been of great help to the school. The board also noted it is great to see parents/grandparents assisting with reading in the school.
- 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 discussed the vacant Additional Needs Assistant 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 next Board meeting has been scheduled for Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The Board also noted that at present the school is highly involved in extra curricular activities such as athletics, hurling, camogie, soccer and basketball and wishes to thank all the teachers who are giving up their time to train the above teams.

## Junior Infants Gardening

In Rang Eirú (Sarah's Class) we have been learning all about gardening. We had fun constructing our own gardens and taking on jobs in our garden centre during playtime. We painted tulips during art using forks. Also, we planted potatoes outside our classroom and cress in plant pots.

