

PTA Newsletter

Lucan Educate Together National School

Thank you!

The PTA would like to thank all of the volunteers and friends of the PTA who supported us over the past year. We are a small committee of volunteers but we don't let that stand in our way of having a jam packed calendar of events. We would not be able to do everything we do without the support of all the parents and families in the school.

Thank you to the fantastic staff and teachers. The PTA would not be able to function without the support of Barbara, Liesel and John who do so much for us in the background. Thank you to Séamus for all his support and Sarah Quinn and Fiona Prior who dedicated their free time to help the PTA.

In September there will be a new PTA committee so this is my final newsletter as chair. Thank you to Alina, Val, Diana, and Fiona who are also stepping down from the committee. Thanks to everyone for your support this year. Best of luck to our 6th class graduates and thank you to all our families who are leaving the school community. Have a lovely summer and see you in August!

-Ruth Deane (mam to Max & Simon in 2nd Class)

Dates for your Diary

Active Week
15th - 19th June

Derek Mannion Cup June 18th
@1.40pm in
Willsbrook Park

Last Day of School: Friday
June 26th

First Day Back:
Thursday August
27th

Before the summer holidays start, we'd love to have some additional "friends of the library" so we can have a good plan in place for September onwards! If you, or someone you know, would be able to volunteer maybe 1 hour a fortnight, or even just one a month, during the school day to help with some general library tidying and organisation. Anyone interested should email info@letns.org and the secretary's will arrange Garda vetting (as volunteers may be in the school library unaccompanied by staff).

6TH CLASS GRADUATION

The 6th Class Graduation will be in the school on June 23rd. Thank you so much to the 5th class parents for continuing the tradition of volunteering to help at the Graduation.

SMART PHONE FREE PLEDGE

The Smart Phone Free Pledge is still available to sign [HERE](#)

LOST & FOUND

As we come towards the end of the school year, please take the opportunity to check the Lost & Found for any missing items

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

Speak to you soon!
Your PTA Committee

pta@letns.org

August

In August we held a coffee morning to welcome our Junior Infant Parents on the first day of school.

August also saw our first PTA meeting of the new school year as we moved to our new structure with committee only meetings every month, and all school in person meetings every 3 months.

September

In September the PTA supported the Bake School for World Dyslexia Awareness Day. Thanks to all the support the school was able to buy two C pens for the school.



October



In October the PTA supported the evaluation for the Hot School Meals programme.

And we organised the most anticipated event of the year The Halloween Disco!



*Junior
Halloween party*





Senior Party Halloween Party



February



LETNS Table Quiz

The PTA held a table quiz on February 27th in the Foxhunter. Once again it was a brilliant night and we raised €1,900. Thank you to Saoirse for all her amazing work organising the quiz.



March



**WORLD BOOK
DAY
MARCH 5TH**

Book Fair

The School Book Fair was held in March. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped out at the book fair. The fair is only possible every year because of the support of our LETNS families.

LÁ GLAS (GREEN DAY)

MARCH 13TH



Easter Raffle

Our Annual Easter Raffle was held on March 26th. We had over 100 prizes and raised €1,678 for the school library!

Thanks to all our volunteers who helped on the evening of March 25th and to the student council who helped to pick the winners!



April



Thanks so much for all the fun this year!

Wait until you see what we have planned for next year

Do you want to join us and help with our next event?

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WhatsApp group

Come join our volunteer whatsapp group!



Volunteers help as much or as little they can. Most help for an hour or two each term.

[Click Here!](#)

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

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!

Class Reps 2025/2026

Class	Teacher	Parent & Ph Number	WhatsApp Link
Junior Infants Eirú	Sarah McMorrow	Sarah Kennedy 0876130711	Link to WhatsApp Group
Junior Infants Anú	Aishling McKinney	Ruth Deane 0863236500	Link to WhatsApp Group
Senior Infants Lugh (formerly Anú)	Fiona Prior	Kate Rabbitte 0860684635	Link to WhatsApp Group
Senior Infants Danú (formerly Eirú)	Rachel Haneghan	Valeria Sebestyen 0863516967	Link to WhatsApp Group
1st Class Medb (formerly Lugh)	Tom McLoughlin	Laura Gaughan 0868553431	Link to WhatsApp Group
1st Class Fionn (formerly Danú)	Emma Morris	Priscilla Gaino 0871856805	Link to WhatsApp Group
2nd Class Boann (formerly Fionn)	Sarah O'Regan	Ralph Armstrong- Astley 0857833548	Link to WhatsApp Group
2nd Class Aengus (formerly Medb)	Amanda Manning	Michael Lantry 0872078647	Link to WhatsApp Group
3rd Class Fódla (formerly Boann)	Caoimhe Foley	Miriam O'Brien 0872373920	Link to WhatsApp Group
3rd Class Oghma (formerly Aengus)	Colum Christie	Jenny Begley 0860401820	Link to WhatsApp Group
4th Class Pádraig (formerly Fódla)	Sarah Quinn	Susan Smullen 0863725861	Link to WhatsApp Group
4th Class Brigid (formerly Oghma)	Karen Hayes	Marta Isopo 087 0611534	Link to WhatsApp Group
5th Class Eostre (formerly Padraig)	Ruth Mullins/ Catriona Stokes	Clair Fitzpatrick 0852302309	Link to WhatsApp Group
5th Class Tara (formerly Brigid)	Muireann O'Donovan	Suzanne Ryan 0861713373	Link to WhatsApp Group
6th Class Cúchulainn (formerly Tara)	Sarah Barragay	Shohida Meehan 0877401461	Link to WhatsApp Group
6th Class Dagda (formerly Eostre)	Katie Layden	Karen O'Shea 0872934446	Link to WhatsApp Group
Cosáin	Andrea O'Brien	Marta Kavanagh 087 646 2006	Link to WhatsApp Group
	Sheena McCrory	Volunteer needed	

If you have any problems accessing the whatsapp group links, please contact your class rep for help.

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Keep Primary Smart-Phone Free

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Our Parents' Association is introducing a **No Smartphone Voluntary Code** within our school community. This initiative is designed to support parents in collectively delaying smartphone ownership during the primary school years.

Why Are We Concerned?

There are increasing concerns about the impact of smartphones on young children, including:

- Bullying
- Technology addiction
- Reduced time for play
- Impaired social skills development
- Exposure to the internet
- Access to inappropriate content.

Nationally, there is growing momentum around keeping childhood smartphone-free for as long as possible.

This initiative aims to support parents, strengthen our school community, and reduce pressure around smartphone ownership during primary school years.

What Next?

All parents and guardians are asked to complete a digital pledge agreeing not to get their child a smart phone while they are in LETNS.

Please click **[HERE](#)** to access the pledge

The PTA will manage the process. All responses will remain anonymous, and participation levels would simply be shared as an overall percentage per year group.

What is the Voluntary Code?

The No Smartphone Voluntary Code is a **parent-led, voluntary undertaking**. Parents are asked to commit to not buying a smartphone for their child while they are in primary school.

It is

- **voluntary**
- based on **all of us acting together**
- Helps **remove peer pressure** between children
- **Reduces pester power** for parents
- Removes the 'smart' element where a phone is needed (basic phones or watches may be used)

It is important to note:

- It is **not a ban**
- It is **not a school policy change**
- It will **not be policed by the school**
- It does **not involve shaming**
- It does not require removing all phones – only the 'smart' element where applicable
- Existing school policy remains unchanged

Let us know what you think.

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HOT SCHOOL MEALS

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Key Facts about the Hot School Meals Programme

- All children from Junior Infants to 6th Class receive the same size portion. This cannot be changed as it is a requirement of the scheme.
- Please bear the portion sizes in mind as your 6th class child might need an extra snack in their lunchbox and your junior infant might need to be told it is ok not to finish their lunch.
- Please consider sending in cutlery with your child each day to cut down on the amount of waste.
- The Hot Meal is served at the second break during the day. Please remember to send in something for first break.
- If you wish to opt your child out of receiving a Hot Meal you can do so at anytime. There are some children in most classes who bring in their own lunch each day.

If you would like the PTA provide more information about the Hot Meal Programme or if you have any concerns please get in touch.

Let us know what you think.

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Safe Morning Arrival

The lovely weather has meant that a lot more children have been walking, cycling & scooting to school which is wonderful to see. We all have a role to play in making sure morning drop-off is as safe as possible for our children and I would like to thank all those who contribute to creating a safe space. This year the school gates have been opening at 8:30 to help alleviate traffic congestion and allow parents to drop children to school earlier. I would like to draw everyone's attention to the image below. The footpath on the school side of the road should always be a safe space, to help ensure this, turning is not permitted in the school gateways. It has been noted that a number of cars are stopping in the area marked red on the road, this impacts on traffic flow and should not occur. All cars should continue down Mt. Bellew Way, turning at the roundabout and dropping off at the green zones. This reduces the number of children crossing the road and improves traffic flow. We have been liaising with Community Gardaí to improve safety and we are thankful to see their increased presence in the mornings. I understand that mornings can be a very busy and an often rushed time but I would urge everyone to always think of children's safety first and foremost. Thank you for your cooperation.

