



Lucan Educate Together

Newsletter

11th November 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our weekly newsletter. It is great to see everyone making such a positive start since midterm break. There has been excellent co-operation with the safety measures in place and the staggered times in the morning are working very smoothly. Staff/Children are arriving with great cheer and this is certainly generating a lovely warm atmosphere in the school. Now more than ever, it is so important to prioritise our well-being. The old saying 'a healthy mind in a healthy body' still holds true and we will be continuing to promote well-being strategies such as a mindful mind, having a kind heart, eating healthily, keeping active and balancing this with plenty of rest. For all of us, it is important that we take time to treat ourselves and others with kindness and compassion and that we take time to check in ourselves and others .

The Stay Safe programme will be taught in all classes from week beginning November 20th. This is a personal safety skills programme designed for use by Primary School children from Jn. Infants to Sixth Classes. It covers topics such as bullying, safe and unsafe situations, inappropriate touch, secrets, telling and strangers. The success of the programme is dependent on home/school working in collaboration to re-enforce the key messages with children.

We have organised an information meeting on the Stay Safe programme via zoom for Parents/Guardians in our school community on **Tuesday 17th at 8p.m.** to give you an overview of the programme. The meeting will be facilitated by Séan Ó Casaide. It is very important that at least one Parent/Guardian from each family join the meeting. The link will be sent out on Tuesday in advance of the meeting .

We have prepared a bank of resources on our website for children who are out of school for covid related short term reasons but who are not necessarily sick . The resources are available under Parent's tab (Emergency home learning). We hope you will find these useful in supporting children's learning and keeping them in routine should such short term absences arise for your child.

Diwali, the Festival of Lights, will be celebrated on Saturday 14th November. This is an important celebration for Hindus and Sikhs and we hope all those celebrating in our school community have a wonderful Diwali.



Thanks to all those who are supporting the **Winter Card Fundraiser**, which has been organised by the PTA. Also thanks to Mike Lantry for the lovely Halloween Newsletter with all the lovely pictures of students celebrating Halloween!



Thank you for your continued co-operation at drop-off and collection time. We really appreciate the effort being made to arrive at the correct time (5 mins before start time) and we really appreciate all the smiles and greetings each morning! It is wonderful to see the children so happy coming to school.



Science Week

This week is Science Week and RTEjr and RTE have a number of programmes on to celebrate:

RTEjr

Wonder What	Mon—Fri	9.10am
Let's Find Out	Mon—Fri	1.30pm & 4pm
Rocketeers	Mon—Fri	6.45pm
Wild Kids	Mon—Fri	2.50pm

RTE

Future Island	Tue, Wed, Thu	7pm
Then Things to Know About	Mondays at 8.30pm	

We are delighted to have added some new equipment to our Outreach yard over the mid-term break and as you can see from the pictures below the children are delighted too!



The DES has issued a new guide entitled “A New System for Allocating Special Needs Assistants to Mainstream Schools”. The guide is available on the school website on the useful links section of the Parents Corner page, under Education.

A reminder that the AGM of the LET Association takes place on Tuesday 24th November at 8pm. All are welcome to join the association, information and membership forms were sent home last week. It's not too late to join and membership is only €1, payable via Way2Pay. Thank you for your continued support of the Patron of our School.



Science Week



Ruth & Catriona's 5th class have been exploring many aspects of science this week including mixtures and density creating a lava lamp (photo 1), colour mixing and absorption (photo 2), the effects of vinegar on an egg (photo 3) and the chemical reactions caused by mixing vinegar and bicarbonate of soda (photo 4).

