



# LUCAN ETNS

May 24th 2024



## Welcome

Our final value for the year is 'fearlessness'. We learned that fear is a very natural feeling and a vital reaction to possible danger whether physical or emotional. We particularly focused on the fear of failure and discussed how our school is a place of growth. We gain strength, courage, confidence and understanding in every experience. We talked about the Special Olympics and how every athlete recites an oath which encapsulates the concept of fearlessness.

"Let me win. But if I cannot win let me be brave in the attempt".



We hope to build our confidence and courage over the final few weeks and always take strength from making the attempt.



## Art Exhibition

On Wednesday evening our wonderful PTA hosted a fantastic Art Exhibition here in the school. Thanks to so many of you who attended and contributed to such a special evening. Thank you to the children for creating incredible works of art and thank you to the staff for organising and overseeing the artwork. Finally a massive thank you to the PTA for creating such a wonderful opportunity for everyone to see our school in full bloom and a special thanks to Clair Fitzpatrick for leading the event.



It was awesome!



## Dates for your Diary

- PMC School Closure - 4th June
- Student Council "Fun Day" - 5th June
- Pride Flag Raising - 5th June @13:00
- Local & European Elections School Closure - 7th June
- Junior Infants half-day finish @11:50 - 10th June
- Junior Infants Intake - welcome day - 10th June
- Junior Infants Information Session 11th June @19:00
- Sports Week 10th - 14th June/Sports Day 13th June
- Walk in the Park 14th June 2024
- 6th Class Graduation 2024 - 25th June

## School Tours

- 6th Class Baltinglass - 29th May
- 2nd Class Rang Aengus Lidl Farm - 29th May
- 2nd Class Rang Boann Lidl Farm - 30th May
- 4th Class Sports Campus - 6th June
- 2nd Class Lets Go, DCU - 12th June



## Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on Thursday the 13th June. We hope to provide a wide variety of active stations around the school. We are still finalising activities for the day and we will share a timetable once everything is confirmed. Volunteers would be very welcome to assist us with delivering our Sports Day. If it is something you could help with please notify the school office.

## Fun Day & Pride Flag

Our Student Council have confirmed that we will host a 'fun day' on the 5th of June. Following consultation with all students it was determined that there would be scavenger hunts for the junior classes and senior classes would play dodgeball. The children should wear colourful clothing on the day which will allow them to participate in the activities. We will hold our Pride flag raising ceremony at 13:00 to celebrate equality and belonging. We would like everyone to join us for this celebration!



## Junior Infants Intake 2024/24

On the 10th of June our current Junior Infants will finish school at 11:50 so we can welcome our new intake in the afternoon and allow them to see their future classroom. Details of times and classes will be emailed directly to parents. An information session will take place on the 11th of June to welcome the parents of Junior Infants 2024/25 to Lucan ETNS. This session is an opportunity for parents to visit the school, meet their child's class teacher and learn about life in Lucan. Information packs will be provided and parents will have an opportunity to ask questions and understand how best to prepare their child for starting school in September.

## Fast Fashion in Fifth

Fifth Class have been learning about ways that we can be sustainable in our lives. We learned about how 'fast fashion' is impacting negatively on people's lives and the negative results of this consumption on our environment. The students created tote bags from old T-shirts and this demonstrates how one item can be still useful, if it is repurposed.



## Purchase Lists for 2024/25

The Primary Schoolbooks Scheme has been extended and will remove the cost of schoolbooks for children in 2024/25. A reduction to the Schoolbooks Grant has received little coverage in the media, however, it has been reduced by a sixth from €96/child to €80/child. The school will need to issue Purchase Lists in June to cover additional costs incurred, such as, digital subscriptions, printing, paper, arts & crafts supplies and pupil insurance. We thank you for your understanding and support.

## Summer Provision-School Based & Home Based

Unfortunately we are not in a position to run the school based summer provision programme for our students in Cosáin this year. It is something we would love to be able to offer students in the future. We are still awaiting announcement from the Department of the Home Based programme. As soon as there is an announcement class teachers will be in contact with families of eligible children to start the application process.

## Values for 2024-25

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Our Values for 2024-25 are: Kindness, Respect, Honesty, Empathy, Forgiveness, Courage & Endurance. We will spend time throughout next year focusing explicitly on each value. We are still in the process of identifying our shared songs for next year.

## Girls Soccer Team

The Girls soccer team have exceeded all our expectations in our very first year of competing with reaching the Division 2 League final. The girls will play Our Lady's Grove, Friarland at the AUL grounds in June. A provisional date of the 11th of June has been set. Regardless of the outcome the girls should be incredibly proud of themselves for what they have achieved this year. We are all very proud of them and hope they enjoy the experience!



## Lucan ETNS Athletics Team - Santry



On Wednesday morning, the 22nd of May our athletics team got on the bus to Morton Stadium, Santry. There was a great sensation on the bus as we approached the stadium and saw the running track for the first time. As we stepped off the bus we noticed the amount of people in the stadium. There were over 60 schools there! We sat down and put our race numbers on. We started the competition with a parade. We walked the track with our school flag high in the air. The first event was the long jump and then we had the shot putt. Next came the 100 metre sprints. Following that event, we had four teams running in the 4 x 100 metre relays. Not one baton was dropped! Ryan in rang Na Fianna came 1st in 'The Race of Champions'. We are so proud of Ryan! The whole team cheered him on loudly when he stood on the podium to get his gold medal. We are very proud of our school's athletes for competing in this very special event. Thanks to our parents, our supporters, Fiona, Sarah and Therese for such a great day out.

By Kate and Anton.

6th Class

