

Welcome

This September the value we focused on was 'Kindness'. Kindness is a core value in our school and helps us to maintain our welcoming, happy and inclusive environment. At our assemblies we talked about the importance of showing kindness to ourselves first so that we can in turn show kindness to others whether at home or in school. We discussed how we all have passions and strengths and are experts in different areas. We can show kindness through sharing our expertise with others, we have hundreds of experts in our school who are willing to lend a helping hand.

It's great to see the return of ECA, as well as, so many curriculum enrichment activities starting across the school. We returned back swimming in 3rd & 4th Class last week, as well as, welcomed back Leinster Rugby to deliver Tag Rugby lessons in 2nd, 5th & 6th. Violin lessons have started in 3rd Class and today also marks the start of a 10 week Spanish learning programme for 5th & 6th Class. I hope all the children enjoy these experiences and find new passions.

On Thursday we marked ANA appreciation day in our school, we are so lucky to have such a wonderful team of ANAs. The work they do and the support they offer is vital for our children to not only access school but to succeed and reach their full potential. We would love to add to our team of ANAs because the positive difference they make is evident every day.

On Wednesday evening the PTA led a very informative meeting alongside members of the Board of Management & Executive. There was some great discussion around the areas of improving attendance, hot school meals, possible smartphone initiatives and developing digital literacy in a safe environment. Future projects, such as, replacing the vegetable garden fence and developing our library space were also discussed. PTA led events for Term 1 were communicated alongside the possibility of creating a rolling 2/3 year programme of events for future years that reflects the wonderful diversity that is present in our school community and which we are very proud of. I would encourage everyone to join the PTA and attend meetings

when they can as they provide a great insight into our school and also provides opportunities to make a positive contribution to our children's school experience.

As we enter the end days of Autumn the change in the weather is very apparent. I would encourage the children to wear layers and clothing appropriate for the season so they are comfortable inside and outside of the classroom. Continuing on the theme of weather, it is national 'walk to school week' from the 7th to the 11th of October, weather permitting!

Junior Infants Admissions 25/26

Admissions for Junior Infants 2025/26 opens on Tuesday the 1st October 2024. Enrolment forms will be available from the website and the school office from the 1st.

Dates for your Diary

- Sarah Rang Aengus & Séamus Rang Cúchulainn Assembly @9:15: September 30th
- Junior Infants Admissions 25/25 OPEN: 1st October
- Junior Infants Vaccinations: October 2nd
- Flu Vaccinations: October 7th
- Amanda Rang Boann Assembly @9:15: October 21st
- Junior Infants Admissions 25/25 CLOSE: 28th October



Gaelic Football

The boys & girls of Lucan ETNS have been excellent ambassadors for our school in recent weeks. Both teams have already qualified from their groups and will now progress to the quarter final stage, we should learn of our opponents and venues in the coming days. The boys still have to play a rescheduled match in the week ahead after it had to be postponed. It was also great to welcome our friend and colleague Derek back to the sidelines this week and witness the girls put on a wonderful team performance.



Well done to all involved!

Violin Lessons



Violin lessons started last week in Third Class and will run for 24 weeks. The lessons are being delivered by the Mobile Music School and we hope the children really enjoy the opportunity and it ignites a passion for Music.



Tag Rugby

We are delighted to welcome back JP from Leinster Rugby to our school and to take part in Tag Rugby lessons. Students from 5th & 6th Class will also get the opportunity to attend a Tag Rugby Blitz in MU Barnhall this November.



Student Council

Our Student Council 2024-25 came together today for the first time since their election. The student council have a very important voice in our school and can initiate and oversee real positive changes. Enacting democracy ensures that our children learn important life-skills such as handling disagreements in a respectful way. I would like to thank Karen & Amanda for guiding the student council and overseeing its formation. Congratulations to our newly elected council for 2024/25!

Third Class - Rang Fódla



In Deirdre & Eimear's Class the children have been learning about the meaning of community. The children then examined our own local community and created wonderful posters which showcased all the reasons why we love Lucan!

