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October 11th 2024



Welcome

As always we have had a very busy fortnight in Lucan with swimming, cricket, rugby, GAA, violin and Spanish lessons taking place right across the school. We have hit the ground running and it's great to see all the wonderful learning that is taking place in all classes. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated and caring staff who deliver day in and day out to provide the best possible outcomes for our children. The successes of our school and all schools is entirely down to the people who give so much of themselves for others. I would like to sincerely thank all our staff for the difference they make.

Our value for this month is 'Forgiveness'. We learned that we can seek forgiveness and offer forgiveness. We discussed at assembly that 'forgiveness' is a very personal choice. Sometimes it can be easy, sometimes it can be tricky and sometimes it can be super hard to forgive. We all make mistakes and when we seek forgiveness we must be sincere. We will continue to learn about forgiveness this month and recognise times in our lives in which we have sought or offered forgiveness.

Cyber Security & Cyber-Break

The European Cybersecurity Month (ECSM) is the EU's annual campaign aimed at promoting cybersecurity awareness, while providing the latest information on online security through education and best practices. As part of this effort, South Dublin County Council is offering a comprehensive Cyber Security awareness program.

On the 17th of October 5th & 6th class pupils will receive a talk on cyber-security. This session was organised and will be delivered by a parent in our school, Bernard Gaughan, Bernard's sessions will specifically focus on supports & advice for young people who frequently use devices such as phones, tablets, laptops, or gaming consoles.

In addition to this the BOM, PTA & Executive would like our whole school community to engage with CyberSafe Kids 'Cyber Break' initiative. A 24 hour whole family digital detox to allow everyone to disconnect in order to reconnect.



Halloween Spooktacular Disco

The eagerly anticipated Halloween Disco will take place on WEDNESDAY the 23rd October. All children attending must be accompanied by an adult. The Junior Disco will take place from 18:00. The Senior Disco will take place from 19:30. Admission is €2 and if you are available to volunteer on the night





Dates for your Diary

- Cyber-Security Talk 5th & 6th Class: October 17th
- Junior Infants Hearing Screening: October 17th
- Lucan ETNS Community Cyber-Break: October 18th
- Amanda Rang Boann Assembly @9:15: October 21st
- Junior Infants Parents Information Session @13:00: October 22nd
- Halloween Disco @18:00 (JI-2nd) & 19:30 (3rd-6th)
- School Closed Mid-Term Break: October 28th November 1st



Junior Infants - Parent Information Session

An information session for parents of children in Junior Infants will take place on the 22nd of October @13:00 in Junior Infants. At this session you will learn about the content covered in Junior Infants and how best you can support your child's learning at home.

Future Lucan Olympians

Today we had a very special visit from the Chairperson on our Board of Management, Derry. Derry who manages many Olympic & Paralympic athletes when he is not guiding our school brought in Daniel Wiffen's Olympic Bronze Medal for the children in 6th class to see and try on!

Olympic medals are a rarity in Ireland so hopefully the incredible performances of our athletes last summer inspire our children to replicate their achievements in the future.



Educate Together

Learn Together - Ethos

As part of the Learn Together ethical program we are hoping to take some senior classes to visit some places of worship this year. In our school we respect families who have a belief systems as well as those who don't.

At present we have made contact with a gurdwara and a Catholic church. We would appreciate if you could let us know if you have any contact in a synagogue, mosque, church of Ireland or Buddhist temple that would be willing to accommodate a school visit. Please contact the office F.A.O. Amanda on info@letns.org.

Thank you and we look forward to some interesting tours during the year.

Lucan ETNS Gaelic Football

Our Girls & Boys football teams journeys came to an end this week at the quarter final stage. The children should be incredibly proud to have got so far and for the manner in which they represented the school. A massive thank you to Séamus & Celine for all the work they put into the teams and to all our parents who supported the teams so well. Hurling, Camogie & Soccer will be taking place later in the school year. Well done again to everyone who took part!

World Mental Health Day

Thursday the 10th of October was World Mental Health Day and to mark the occasion all classes took part in a mindful breathing exercise. It is important that we prioritise our own wellbeing and take time out from everyday demands. In Na Fianna the children went on a 'welly walk for wellbeing' and created wonderful works of welly art!

