

LUCAN ETNS

October 25th 2024



Welcome

It's very difficult to believe that we have arrived at the mid-term point already. The children have been their magnificent selves and it's always great to see the maturity they demonstrate as they progress and assume greater responsibilities. I would particularly like to acknowledge our Sixth Class children who have demonstrated great leadership and have proven to be fantastic role models for all in our school.

We have had an incredibly busy return too with swimming, Spanish, tag rugby, GAA & violin lessons all taking place this half-term. We are so proud of both our girls and boys football teams who competed wonderfully well and represented the school brilliantly. I would like to thank Séamus & Celine for organising and leading the school teams. I would also like to thank our parents who make attending matches possible with their remarkable unending support. We hope to enter soccer teams and both a hurling and camogie team later in the year, as well as, send athletes forward to represent the school in Santry. The children gain so much from these experiences so thank you all sincerely for your support.

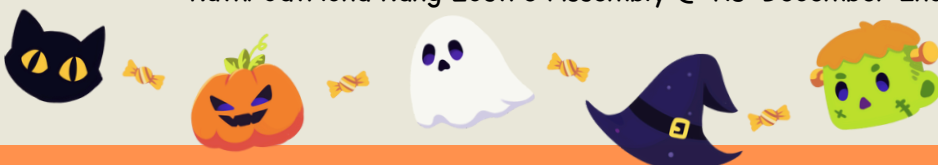
At this point last year I was communicating to you that we were experiencing significant shortages in terms of our staffing and while many schools particularly in Dublin continue to experience difficulties we are incredibly fortunate to be fully staffed for 2024/25. Our focus for the year ahead is on providing consistent support to those children who need it the most and to make the best use of the situation we are very thankful to be in. We are also currently going through the process of reviewing our ANA allocation with the NCSE in the hope of being awarded an allocation increase.

In September & October this year we have recorded increased levels of attendance on the previous two years. This is very welcome progress and I would like to thank everyone for your renewed focus and effort on attending school when possible. Parent Teacher meetings take place between the 11th & 22nd of November (3rd Class Rang Fódla PT 27th & 28th November) and appointment slots have been issued to all families.

The second half of Term 1 will be just as busy in school, with cycling safety starting and the continuation of violin, swimming and Spanish lessons. We will also have a number of class performances at assembly to look forward to and we will be introducing our final value of the term 'Empathy'. The children & staff have worked incredibly hard as always and are very deserving of a weeks rest. I hope you all have a lovely week and we look forward to seeing you all back to school safe and sound on the 4th of November. Take care.

Dates for your Diary

- Cycle-safety lessons commence - 6th Class: 4th November
- Swimming lessons commence - Colum Rang Oghma/Sarah Rang Pádraig : 7th November
- Maeve Rang Dagda Assembly @9:15: November 11th
- Parent Teacher Meetings - 11th November - 22nd November
- Muireann Rang Tara Assembly @9:15: November 25th
- Ruth/Catriona Rang Eostre Assembly @9:15: December 2nd



Rang Medb - Michael

"First class Medb have done amazing work with their morning sentences this term. Their writing has improved so much over the past few weeks. Here are some examples of their excellent writing"



Lost & Found

We have a staggering amount of items in our Lost & Found. This will be left out for collection on the week we return from the midterm break. Can I ask all parents to make sure that names are on items of clothing so we can help reunite these items with their owners in the future.

Many thanks.



Rang Lugh - Fiona

In Fiona's Senior Infants the children have been covering the topic "All Around the World". The children have been exploring destinations in Ireland and have created some wonderful artwork featuring some of Dublin's most famous landmarks. Can you identify them?



Spooktacular Artwork

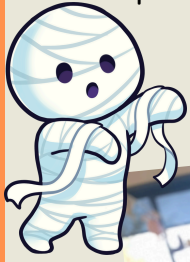


School Nationalities - Culture Night

This year our PTA would like to host a Culture Night here in the school in Term 3. To assist with creating this event we issued a survey to identify the nationalities which are represented within our school community. Thank you for your responses. On your right you will see a word cloud of all the nationalities identified. If you don't see your nationality represented here please notify the office so we can update the information and include all.



School Ghouls



BOM Agreed Report

The Board of Management met in the school on Thursday, 24th October. Below is their agreed report:

- The Board discussed current enrolment and Junior Infant intake figures to date. Closing date for Junior Infant applications is on the 28th October 2024.
- The Board discussed school attendance to date and are pleased to see an increase in attendance in September & October against the previous two years. The Board would like to thank all families for their renewed effort to improve attendance.
- The Board discussed staffing levels and are pleased to learn that the school is fully staffed for 2024/25. The Board also supports the school's application to review ANA allocation with the NCSE.
- The Board were pleased to learn that three members of staff completed First Aid Responder training which brings the total number of First Aid Responders on site to six. The Board would like to facilitate further training later in the year.
- The Board learned that the school has been allocated a NEPs Psychologist for 2024/25. Members of the ISM have met with the psychologist and agreed on the focus for support for 2024/25.
- The Board would like to thank the PTA for organising a very well attended and enjoyable Halloween Disco. The Board would also looking forward to the PTA Winter Movie Night, as well as, supporting the PTA in setting up Lucan ETNS Culture Night in Term 3.
- The Board would like to sincerely thank the PTA for funding the replacement of the Vegetable Garden fence.
- The Board identified the replacement of the Hall lights as a priority, contractors are currently being contacted.
- The Board will attend Child Protection training on the 21st November 2024.
- The Board approved Administration of Medicine requests for 2024/25.
- The Board learned that the termly fire drill took place on the 23rd October 2024.
- The Board were informed that members of the ISM have attended Bí Cinéalta training to date and further training will be attended this Term to support the introduction of the Bí Cinéalta procedures.
- The Board have approved the sale of Lucan ETNS windbreakers through the MFC online portal for students and adults. Sample sizes will be available in the school office and further details will be released after the mid-term break.
- The Board agreed to cover the cost of Sixth Class Leavers Hoodies in 2024/25. Students will be consulted with regard to the design.
- The Board discussed updating the School Tour Policy to ensure it is in line with financial guidelines for school tours and will continue to work on this.
- The Board completed the annual review of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Anti-Bullying Policy.
- The Board scheduled meetings for the remainder of the year will take place on the 9th of January 2025, 27th of February 2025, 3rd of April & the 12th of June.

