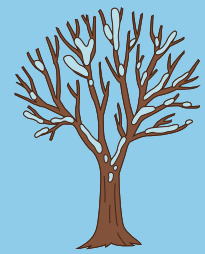


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# LUCAN ETNS

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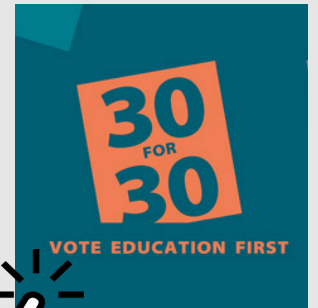


## Welcome

I hope that you all enjoyed the mid-term break. The children are certainly full of renewed energy after a well deserved rest. Parent teacher meetings have commenced this week and I hope you all find them beneficial and you enjoy the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, as well as, see where your child learns each and every day.

The General Election was announced for the 29th November which means the school will be closed on this day. Democracy is a key pillar of our school and the General Election is a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about democracy and the importance of using our voice and casting our vote. The INTO have published a General Election Manifesto which outlines 30 critical areas for investment needed from Government by 2030. The '30 for 30' manifesto is available to view by clicking on the image below.

As mentioned previously we have seen increased levels of attendance this year which is very welcome and I would like to thank everyone for your efforts. This month we will be the first in which we award classes for improving their attendance. I would like to thank Karen, Amanda & our Student Council who have together created tiered rewards for the most improved classes each month. We hope to continue making great progress throughout the year. Well done to all.



The Sixth Class students have been busy designing, providing feedback and voting on their leavers hoodies which will be ordered shortly and delivered to the children early in the new year. We would also like the children to leave a lasting mark on the school and we will continue to consider what form this may take.

This week the School Solar Panels Programme was expanded to all schools in Co. Dublin. We expressed our interest and have been approved to proceed to tender. We are currently gathering tenders for this project which would see 6KWp of roof-mounted solar PV and connection to the national grid. This programme will help us to reduce our carbon emissions. and also reduce our energy bills.



## Dates for your Diary

- Muireann Rang Tara Assembly @9:15: November 25th
- General Election November 29th: School Closed
- Ruth/Catriona Rang Eostre Assembly @9:15: December 2nd
- PTA Movie Night December 18th
- Winter Break December 20th (Half-day for all classes)

# Forgiveness

The children produced wonderful art posters to demonstrate the value of Forgiveness which we have been focusing on recently. We had so many great entries so we decided to have hot chocolates in the hall for all those shortlisted. Muireann's 5th Class all received hot chocolates too for Japeet's winning entry. Well done to all.

## Lions Club Peace Poster Art Competition



A huge congratulations to Katherine for securing first place in the Lucan Lions Club Peace Poster art competition. We have so many talented artists in our school and it was lovely to see so much of our children's art on display in Lucan Library. Well done to all in Maeve's class and best of luck to Katherine who goes forward to the national competition.

## School Soccer Teams 24-25

We have entered both a girls and a boys team into the FAI city league & cup competitions this year. There is a huge amount of interest among the students which is great to see, however unfortunately we will have to reduce our squads to 16. Over the next few weeks we will start training so the children can decide if it's something they would like to put themselves forward for. We will have hurling, camogie & athletics in the new year for children to participate in also.

## Friends helping Friends

Our value from now until the Winter break is Empathy. As part of promoting this value within our school, our Student Council are running a donation drive for 'Friends Helping Friends'. Friends helping Friends are a group that provides hot meals, clothing, toiletries and other resources for those living homeless in Dublin City. Every Tuesday & Sunday evening they set up outside the Bank of Ireland at Trinity College and distribute food and supplies to those desperately in need.

During November we would like to ask for donations to help them to continue their great work. Items sought include; toothbrushes (new), toothpaste, wipes, roll-on deodorants, bottles of water, hats (new), scarves (new), gloves (new), socks (new), small value supermarket/restaurant vouchers (€5), non perishable food items.

All donations will be very gratefully received and will help those in incredibly challenging situations make it through a cold winter. Thank you for whatever support you can provide.



## Lost & Found

Our lost & found has been placed outside reception since we returned from the mid-term break. There are still a lot of items to be claimed. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity on the 22nd of November. I would encourage everyone to place name tags on items so they can be easily returned. Thanks

