

# LUCAN ETNS.

December 20th 2024

## Welcome

It is very difficult to believe that we have already reached the end of our first Term. On behalf of all our staff I would like to thank all of our children for their kindness, enthusiasm and joy which makes our school a special place to learn and grow. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all families and our PTA for the wonderful support you continuously give the school and for the memories you help create for all our children. As I stated at our winter performances, we are so lucky to learn in a environment that is so diverse and where we celebrate each and every person's uniqueness. We are all different but if we shine a light and look closer we have more in common than we realise. Our shared core values of kindness and respect permeate through everything we do and every interaction we have. It's important that we hold to these values as they will always serve us well.

This Term we have welcomed the introduction of violin which we look forward to seeing grow, year on year. We have been so proud of all the children who have represented the school this Term, whether in sport, art or just on a school excursion. In the New Year, we see the return of soccer for the boys & girls, as well as, athletics and the return of camogie. In the New Year we also hope to form a parent working group to help create and communicate our new BÍ Cinéalta/Anti-bullying policy. If this is something you would be interested in taking part in please get in contact with the office or speak with me before school.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank our fantastic staff who foster such a nurturing environment. I witness their dedication day in, day out and we are so lucky to have such a wonderful team in place. Enjoy your well deserved break! I would like to wish everyone the very best for the holidays and I hope you have time to rest and spend time with the people you love. We look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year, take care.

## 4th Class - Clonskeagh Mosque by Madjid

Hello everyone, today I'm going to tell you all about Rang Brigid & Rang Pádraig's lovely trip to Clonskeagh Mosque, the biggest mosque in Dublin. First we had to do a roll call and everybody went to the toilet. Me and my friends were ready to go. We went in a single file line all the way to the big blue bus. On the bus I taught my friend everything about the

mosque and how to respect it. Then we arrived from our long 30 minute journey. The tour guide was a kind muslim woman. We went to the main area where muslims pray. We had an hour and a half talk about stuff like the 5 pillars. We shared amazing facts, asked good questions and we gave amazing answers. After that we had our lunch. Finally we went to the bus to school and continued our day.



## Dates for Your Diary

- Term 2 Starts - 6th January 2025
- Girls & Boys Soccer Training (during school) - 9th January
- ECA starts back - 13th January
- Rang Medb/Michael's Class Assembly - 13th January @9:15
- Rang Fionn/Emma's Class Assembly - 20th January @9:15
- School Photos: individual & class - 28th January



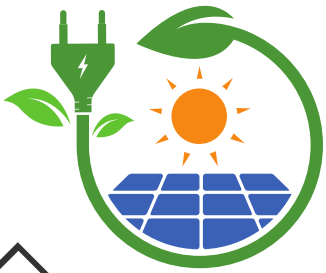
# School Library

We would like to upgrade our school library in the new year and create a wonderful space for our children to enjoy. The student council under the guidance of Karen & Amanda have already collected suggestions from the children and shared their design ideas with White Rabbit. White Rabbit are a company who specialise in developing unique learning environments using repurposed materials. We are all looking forward to seeing what the children create!



# School Solar Panels

The solar panels for Primary Schools scheme was expanded this year to include all schools in County Dublin. We registered our interest and have been approved to proceed with our selected contractor. The scheme covers the cost of 14 solar panels which is similar to a domestic dwelling. The BOM will discuss and examine the possibility of investing in a greater number of panels at our next meeting in January to determine if there is an opportunity to reduce our electricity costs long term and be more green!



# Hall Lights

We were successful in securing funding from the Dept. to install new lights in our Hall. The new lights are much more energy efficient than previous and they are a bright new addition to the school!



# Green Fingers

Our Green Team ably led by Aishling & Sarah are aiming to develop biodiversity across our school. Future projects include the installation of a pond, developing our rear garden, planting/maintaining all vegetable beds. If this is something you would like to help out with please do get in contact with the school. All support is greatly appreciated!



# ANA Review

Throughout this Term we have been reviewing our ANA allocation to best meet the needs of all students who would benefit from additional support. At present we have 4.5 ANAs allocated to our mainstream classes and they are tasked with meeting the care needs among almost 400 children. We have continuously engaged with the NCSE and following their advice we have reviewed, reprioritised and redeployed so that children with the greatest level of care needs receive the greatest level of support. However, following this we continue to have unmet needs in our school.

To address this imbalance we have submitted an ANA review to the NCSE to highlight the level of support we can provide at present against the level of support which we believe is required to meet the needs of the greatest number of children in our school. I would like to thank all our ANAs and our entire SET team for their support and input in making this submission.

THANK YOU



# 6th Class - Gurdwara visit by Daisy

On Tuesday, 3rd of December, we visited the Gurdwara! When we arrived we had to take off our shoes and socks, put on headscarves and washed our hands. Once we were ready, we got to go into the prayer room. When we got to the room we had to bow to the Guru Granth Sahib Ji as a sign of respect. We learnt some facts about Sikhism like there are ten Gurus in the Sikh religion and every week the Gurdwara serves 50,000 meals for free! After that we went into the larger hall for a meal. They made us delicious samosas, some chips and lemonade. We were able to get seconds and even thirds! We thanked the people at the Gurdwara for a great day and headed back on the bus. And to top it all off, we got no homework!!!



## Friends helping Friends



Our Student Council gathered all donations for our Friends helping Friends donation drive in the school recently. The level of kindness and generosity was overwhelming. Sincere thanks to everyone for your donations and thanks again to Ruth and the Student Council for leading this very worthy initiative.



## 5th Class

The children in 5th Class had the opportunity recently to visit the Irish Aid Centre & the National History Museum. We hope all the children enjoyed the experience and a big thank you to Muireann, Ruth & Catriona for organising the outing. Children in 5th class have also been busy using Lego robotics Spike kits this week. Have a look at some of the creations that fifth class built and coded to light up, sing and move!

