



# LUCAN ETNS

29th November 2024

## Welcome

The ancient Celts considered Samhain to be the start of the New Year and the season of darkness. At our assembly at the start of the month we spoke about how November was a good time to focus on what is really important and to get back to the basics. We spoke about how too much of anything can make it less meaningful, what's seldom is wonderful, an rud is annamh is iontach!

In September we will be introducing our Bí Cinéalta Policy which will replace our current anti-bullying policy. To date we have issued surveys to children & parents to get a clear understanding of our current practices. We have created a children's working group who will work together to create a child friendly version of our Bí Cinéalta policy. We will also be looking to form a parent & teacher working group to draft the new Policy in Term 2 and to support communicating the Policy to all stakeholders in Term 3. To facilitate the introduction of these new procedures we will be closing for a half-day on Friday the 9th of May.

This week we met with our SENO to discuss our current ANA allocation and following on from this we will be submitting a school led review before the end of the Term in the hopes of increasing our current allocation. Our ANAs are incredible and without their invaluable work many children would simply not be able to meaningfully access education.

It is great to report that our attendance levels continue to improve on recent years with a significant increase recorded this November. Next week at assembly we will award classes with the most improved attendance, as well as, classes with the best attendance to date this year. Thanks to everyone for making such a great effort.

Last week Sixth Class children finalised the design of their leavers hoodies and the order has been submitted. We hope to issue 6th Class with their hoodies in January.

## Dates for your Diary

- Ruth/Catriona Rang Eostre Assembly @9:15: December 2nd
- 6th Class Gurdwara visit December 3rd
- PTA Movie Night December 18th
- Winter Performances December 19th Assembly 1 @9 & Assembly 2 @11
- Winter Break December 20th (Half-day for all classes)
- Term 2 commences 6th January 2025

## Sincere Condolences

Everyone in Lucan ETNS would like to extend their heartfelt condolences to the families of Karen Dobbs, daughter in-law of John Dobbs and to Nicola Kavanagh, daughter in-law of Paul Kavanagh. We would also like to offer our condolences to the family and friends of Bernard McCann who passed away recently. Bernard was part of the Lucan ETNS community for many years and he will always remain a part of the fabric of our school.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha



# Considerate Parking

It is important to remember that we are part of a wider community and we should be kind, respectful and considerate of local residents. We want to be good neighbours and we need to look out for each other. Unfortunately, a very small number of people are parking without regard for local residents, leaving them unable to exit their property or use the footpath. Can I ask everyone to be considerate of local residents when parking so we are not 'mending walls'. I know this message does not apply to the vast majority of you, however, it still needs to be said for the few.



## Friends Helping Friends - Thank You



## ECA Term 2

A massive thank you to everyone who donated items for our Friends Helping Friends donation drive, the response was incredible. A big thank you to Ruth and the Student Council for leading this initiative which will make a real difference to those who are most in need.

ECA schedule will be issued next week on the 5th of December for Term 2. Starting the week beginning the 13th and running until the 11th of April.



## Winter Performances

Our end of Term Winter performances will take place on Thursday the 19th of December. The classes will perform a song/poem alongside their reading buddy class. The theme for this year's performances is 'light'. Please see the table below which has the classes grouped together and the times of each performance. We hope you can join us.

### Performance 1 @9:00

- Rang Anú/Aishling & Rang Oghma/Colum
- Rang Lugh/Fiona & Rang Brigid/Karen
- Rang Fionn/Emma & Rang Eostre/Ruth/Catriona
- Rang Boann/Amanda & Rang Cúchulainn/Séamus

### Performance 2 @11:00

- Rang Eirú/Sarah & Rang Fódla/Caoimhe
- Rang Danú/Helen & Rang Pádraig/Sarah
- Rang Medb/Michael & Rang Tara/Muireann
- Rang Aengus/Sarah & Rang Dagda/Maeve

