

# Lucan East NEWS

7th November 2024

## A look back at Sept/Oct...

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*It has been a great start to the school year here in Lucan East ETNS. Here's some of what has been happening in the school so far ...*

**Class Meetings:** All of the class teachers held meetings with parents to tell them about their plans for the year. They went through the curriculum for their class level, an overview of homework and classroom routines. There was a great turnout from parents/guardians and it was a lovely way to start the year.

**After-School Clubs:** A number of teachers ran after-school clubs during the months of September and October for children from 1st - 6th classes. The following clubs were available: Chess, Lego & Games; Lego & Tech; Football; Art & Drama; Chromebooks; Sports & Games; Table tennis; GAA and Guitar.

Other groups who run after school activities in Lucan East ETNS include:

- Catherine Casey School of Dance (Ballet, Jazz and Acro classes) from age 3 up [ccaseyschoolofdance@gmail.com](mailto:ccaseyschoolofdance@gmail.com)/087 6122113
- STEAM Academy coding and robotics after school club for kids aged 4 and up [info@steamacademy.pro](mailto:info@steamacademy.pro)
- Zumba for adults on Wednesdays @ 7 pm and Thursdays @ 7.30 pm [nurlina.zumbafitness@gmail.com](mailto:nurlina.zumbafitness@gmail.com)
- Shamrock Bhangra - Bhangra folk dance of Punjab dance classes - Saturday mornings

**Maths Week** took place in the school from the 14th-18th October. All classes participated in daily Maths games and Maths trails showing the pupils that Maths can be fun and is alive in our school. Our 4th and 5th classes went to the Helix to see a Mathematician show, which they loved. Go raibh maith agaibh Margaret and the Maths committee for organising a fun and eventful Maths week for the school.

**Book Day and Disco:** On Friday 25th October we had our annual Book Day. Children and teachers, who wanted to participate, dressed up. The PTA also organised a fantastic disco for the children and there was a great buzz in the school on the day. Thank you to the PTA and DJ Niall for organising this hugely successful day and to all of the parents and children for the money that they contributed on the day. All monies raised are going towards the VR headsets for the children.

**GAA:** Our girls' and boys' GAA teams from 3rd - 6th class participated in blitzes and Cumann na mBunscol during September and October. We are so proud of all of the children who played. They always commanded themselves with dignity and respect and we commend them for that. Míle buíochas to the teachers who gave their time to train the teams and bring them to matches. It's such an enriching experience for all.

**Book Fair:** Thank you to the PTA and Niall for organising this year's book fair. The children were so excited to look at all of the books and talk about them with their friends. It was great to see so much excitement about reading. €2470 was spent on books at the book fair and a large portion of this money will go towards buying new books for the school and class libraries. We are really looking forward to upgrading our books and thank the parent body for supporting this event so generously.

**'Aladdin' the Musical:** Our two 6th classes did two spectacular performances of the musical Aladdin on the 22nd and 24th of October. We were blown away by the standard of the performers, the stage crew and the stage production and we are eternally grateful to the students and teachers for the fantastic show they provided for our school community. Comhghairdeas libh and míle buíochas do gach duine.

**6th Class History Walk:** Our 6th classes went on a local history walk guided by Sarah from Heritage Ireland. They visited and learned about the history of St Finian's Church, King John's Bridge and Esker Manor. This was an extremely enjoyable and informative activity for the children and a fantastic educational tour for their students.





# What's happening?

*Now we're into November and here's a flavour of what's going on in the school this month:*

**Science Week:** Next week we will be celebrating Science Week in the school. The children will participate in the SFI Science Shows online and we are holding a Science Competition where children can enter videos of themselves completing experiments (see email). Every class will be doing experiments during the week. There will also be science activities on their chromebooks and ipads and it will be great to see so many children engaging actively in science.

**Green school:** Our new green school committee has been formed and we are busy with our meetings. We are working towards our next green flag which is the flag for energy. We will be launching our switch it off campaign next week. Let's try and switch the lights off around the house when we don't need them.

**After School Clubs:** Our after school clubs activities will start for all classes from 1st to 6th for the second part of this term. There will be different clubs available this half term. Please ensure to check your emails so that you don't miss out.

**Parent Teacher Meetings:** Parent-Teacher Meetings will be held for all classes from Senior Infants to 6th class in the school on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th November. When you receive the email please ensure to sign up to a meeting slot on aladdin so that you can link in with your child's teacher and hear about their progress. I look forward to seeing you all during that week.

**Junior Infants Application for Sept. 2025:** The closing date for applications for our new Junior Infants who will be starting in September 2025 is this coming Wednesday, November 20th. Please apply before the closing date to ensure your child gets a place as there is a lot of demand due to the amount of new housing in the area.

**Winter Shows:** All classes will be performing songs/poems for our Winter Shows. All shows will take place on Wednesday 18th and/or Thursday 19th December. We will confirm times and days for each class show closer to this date.



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