

Lucan East NEWS

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A look back at March...

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Here's a look back at some of what happened during the month of March...

Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Week): From the 10th - 14th March we celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Week) in the school. This week of celebration is a great way to promote speaking Irish with the children and there were lots of activities organised to achieve this goal including:

- Siopa Gaeilge (Irish shop),
- A visit from Giggles the Clown,
- Irish dancing with Elaine,
- Art and PE activities through Irish,
- Visits to Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada,
- Juggling and Circus skills 'as Gaeilge' with Stephen McGinley,
- Tráth na gCeist (Table Quiz),
- Cluichí Gaeilge (games) le Ben agus Lauren,
- Seó Gaeilge (Irish Show) agus
- an Lá Glas (Green Day).

It was a fantastic week for the students and there was a great buzz around the school with everyone making an extra effort to speak Irish. A huge thank you to all of the staff who made sure it was a great week for the students!

Table Tennis: The girls table tennis team played against St Raphaelas Secondary School across two matches in March and won 5-1 in the home fixture and 4-2 in the away fixture. These players have improved so much this year playing both singles and doubles and we are so proud of them all. Comhghairdeas cailíní agus míle buíochas Conor!

Coláiste Cois Life: Students from 5th and 6th class visited a local Irish speaking secondary school, Coláiste Cois Life, where they participated in 'Ciorcail Cómhrá/Conversation Circles' with the secondary school students. This was a great opportunity for our students to practice their Irish with fluent Irish speakers who were great role models for them and they really enjoyed the experience.

Show Racism the Red Card: Lots of children and adults in the school wore red on March 21st as a sign of their support for the 'Show Racism the Red Card' campaign.

Family Involvement Programme (FIP): A huge thank you to all of the parents in our 4th and 5th classes who participated in our FIP during the month of March. 4th class learned card games and 5th class did 'Lego We Do' workshops. The children love when their family members come in to the school to do activities with them.

Office of the Ombudsman: 6th class Germany, visited the Office of the Ombudsman for Children in the city centre on March 19th. The children learned all about their 42 rights during a presentation about what the Ombudsman does. We also learned that the Ombudsman can be a man or a woman but currently Dr. Niall Muldoon is serving his second term of office. The office has two roles: to deal with complaints made by or for children and to promote the welfare of young people under 18 living in Ireland. It was a very interesting and enjoyable trip.

Parent Classes: During the month of March our HSCL teacher, Niall, ran weekly art classes and English language classes in the school for parents. These were a huge success. Watch out for more correspondence regarding upcoming classes.

Golf Ireland: Golf Ireland did a taster session with children in 3rd to 6th classes. This was a great opportunity for the students to experience a different sport and they really enjoyed it.

Football Teams: Our boys' and girls' football teams were in full swing training and playing matches during the month of March and had great fun throughout. Thanks to all of the teachers involved in training and bringing the students to the matches.

Swimming: Both 2nd classes started weekly swimming lessons in March. Lessons take place in Clondalkin Leisure centre. This is a great opportunity for students to develop their swimming skills at school.



EVENTS

What's happening?

Here's a flavour of what's happening in April:

6th Class Bake Sale: 6th class are busy marketing and preparing for their annual bake sale which will take place this Thursday 3rd April. All classes from Junior Infants upwards will visit the bake sale during the day so if students want to bring in some money there will be treats from 50c up for sale. All proceeds will go to the Irish Cancer Society.

No Homework Next Week: As we approach the Spring Break there will be no homework for any students next week. We hope this makes life a bit easier for both parents and students.

School Disco: We will be holding the last school disco in our current building next Monday 7th April. Entry to the disco is free but if children want to bring some money for sweets they can. There will be sweets available to buy that will cost between 50c and €2.

Talent Shows: We will be holding our last talent shows in our current building next Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th April. This has been an annual event in Lucan East since we opening in 2008 and is an event all the children and staff thoroughly enjoy. We cannot wait to see what interesting and entertaining talents the children have for us next week.

Table Quiz: 5th and 6th classes opted for a table quiz instead of a talent show this year. This will take place next Wednesday in the school hall and is sure to be a friendly, yet competitive event.

Walk from Old School to New School: On Tuesday 29th April all students and staff will meet in our current basketball courts at 8.40 am. We will then walk together from our current building to our new building. If any parents are available we'd love them to join us. There will be a red ribbon which will be cut by our oldest and youngest student on arrival and tea, coffee and treats in the hall for parents. We expect it to take until 9.30 am to get there. We will be accompanied by a Garda Escort on our walk. We have other activities organised for the children for that week to make it extra special for them and we hope that this momentous occasion will be enjoyed by all!

Reminder - Buses to New School:

1. For the remainder of the school year, there will be a bus running from our current building to the new building at morning (8.15 am) and home times (1.20 pm and 2.20 pm) every day.
2. To apply for bus transport for your child(ren) from end of August 2025 until the end of June 2026 please do so through the 'Family Portal Login' at the following link: <https://www.buseireann.ie/schools>. We strongly encourage ALL PARENTS who want to bus transport for your child to apply as the more people who apply the more chance there is of buses going ahead. If you live less than 3.2 km from the new school your child(ren) may be get a concessionary seat. For full details of this scheme check information at the following link: <https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/education/primary-and-post-primary-education/going-to-primary-school/primary-school-transport-scheme/>

REMINDER:

Half day for all students on Thursday 10th April (11.40 am - infants/11.45 am - 1st-6th classes)

School closed for school move and spring break from Friday 11th - Monday 28th April inclusive



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