

Lucan East NEWS

February 2025

A look back at January...

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We got through January! Despite storms and snow we had a great month here in LEETNS. Here's a look back at some of what's been going on...

Family Involvement Programmes: Our family involvement programmes (FIPs) started back in January. Family members from Junior Infants read picture books to small groups of children as part of the Clover Initiative (Clover stands for **C**hildren **L**OVE **R**eadng). We also welcomed many parents to Senior Infants and 3rd classes to play the games 'Dobble' and 'Snakes and Ladders' with the students. The children love the FIPs and I would like to thank the parents, the teachers and Niall (HSCL) for making them happen!

Cuairteanna go Coláiste Cois Life: India class (5th) have been visiting the local Irish Secondary School, Coláiste Cois Life, every week to practice their spoken Irish in 'Conversation Circles' for the month of January. A huge thank you to Níall O'M and Ben for organising and facilitating this brilliant initiative.

Chuaigh rang India go Coláiste Cois Life chun páirt a ghlacadh i 'Ciorcail Comhrá' cupla uair i mí Eanáir. Thug sé sin seans do na páistí cleachtadh a dhéanamh ar bhur Gaeilge. Míle buíochas Níall, Ben agus na múinteoirí i gColáiste Cois Life!

After School Clubs: There are 8 after school clubs running during the months of January and February i.e. Dance, Chromebooks, Sports, Games, Football, Lego & Tech, Art and Drama. Keep an eye on our emails, newsletters and [X account](#) out for the release of our next set of clubs.

Dreamspace Ambassadors: The MS Dreamspace Ambassadors completed another training day on Tuesday, January 28th. Their latest training session was all about Safer Internet Day 2025 and the importance of sharing their knowledge with their peers. This information will be invaluable on February 11th.

Cycling Safely Lessons: 5th class started their cycling safety workshops last week. These happen every Tuesday for 6 weeks and teach the students about road safety and cycle safety which we feel is of great importance to them.

Debating Team: Well done to all of the children from our debating team - Darsh, Delia, Haider, Hamad, Raghav and Raghad. This year was the school's first year to participate in the Concern Worldwide Debating Competition. Our team were extremely strong and we are so proud of how well they performed throughout the competition. Maith sibh! A huge thank you also to Hannah and Margaret for all of the extra work they put in to preparing the children.

6th Class Pizza Day: 6th class students have been collecting empty plastic bottles to save for a Pizza Party in their class. They raised nearly €400 from putting these bottles into the Deposit Return Scheme bins and enjoyed a well earned pizza party as a result. Comhghairdeas Rang a Sé!

Table Tennis: January was a very busy month for our table tennis teams. Our girls team played so well against St Ronans. Our junior boys played at home against St Ronans and away against Gonzaga College. Finally our senior boys team played two matches this month, losing to St Ronans and beating Castleknock College IV. Such a fantastic achievement for the team to beat a secondary school. All our teams have made amazing progress this year!



EVENTS

What's happening?

Although a short month, we still have loads of activities happening in February:

Peace Proms: Margaret and Carol will be taking their music students to perform in tomorrow's Peace Proms in the RDS. More than 35,000 children from 600 schools participate in the Peace Proms each year and this is a fantastic opportunity for the children to perform with a full symphony youth orchestra.

Tech Week & Safer Internet Day: Next week, we will be celebrating Tech Week and the following Tuesday marks Safer Internet Day 2025. During Tech Week, students will learn about Scratch, Beebots, coding and how to navigate the internet responsibly.

Chess: All senior classes have been playing class tournaments recently. This has helped with the selection of the school chess team, who will be participating in a Ficheall (Chess) tournament on Friday, February 7th. The tournament will take place in a primary school in Ongar, Dublin 15 and we wish the team the very best of luck.

Cycling Safety: 5th class will be continuing with Cycling Safely in February. We hope the weather improves so they achieve the most from these important sessions.

Homeless Collections: The Student Council and Parents Association are collecting for the homeless this month. Each class has a box with a list of items to bring in and the children from the student council have been around to explain to all the classes. All donations are welcome.

Educational Tours: 5th class will be taking a trip to Glasnevin Cemetery where they will learn about Daniel O'Connell, Charles Stewart Parnell, Éamonn De Valera, Countess Markiewicz, Michael Collins and many more. The tour itself still lasts about 70 minutes and the children will have time after to look around the visitor centre.

Family Involvement Programme (FIP): 1st class will be inviting their families into class in February to take part in Uno games. Niall will be in touch about this with more detail.

Relocation of School: We have secured a bus to run from our current building to our new building at morning and home times. Please ensure to fill in the survey (in your email) so that your child has a seat on the bus if needed. We are in daily contact with different representatives regarding traffic wardens and are really hopeful for a positive outcome. We will keep you informed of any updates we receive.

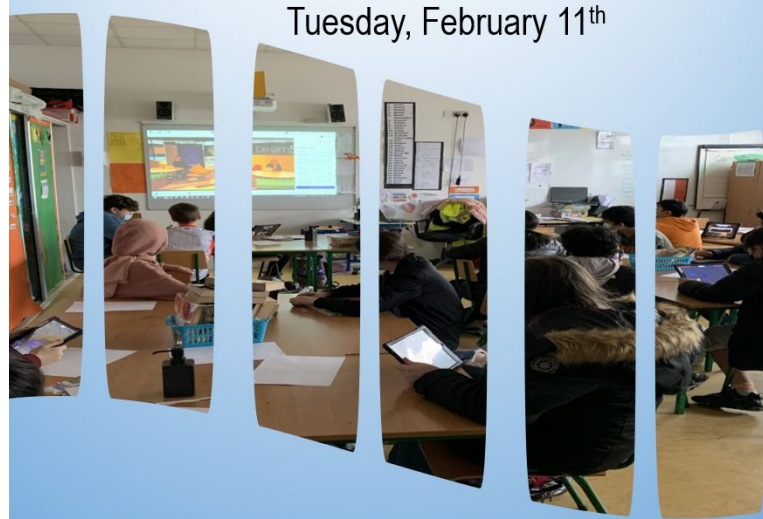
Best wishes,
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REMINDER:

School will be closed on Monday 3rd February and also Thursday 20th and Friday 21st February for mid-term break.

Safer Internet Day 2025

Tuesday, February 11th



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