

Lucan East NEWS

January 2025

A look back at December...

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It has been another wonderful month here in Lucan East ETNS. Here's some of what has been happening in the school recently...

Winter Shows: All classes performed in our Winter Shows on December 19th. Their performances were really beautiful and we hope all family members enjoyed them. There was such a great turnout and it was a wonderful way to end the term.

Information Meeting: I would like to thank everyone for their attendance at our recent information meeting about our relocation to a new school building on Thomas Omar Way. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Basketball Coaching: We would like to thank Sophia from the Dublin Lions basketball team for the time and training that she has given to our pupils in all classes from 3rd - 6th. The children really enjoyed the sessions and the teachers got some great new ideas for basketball too.

After School Clubs: The children really enjoyed this term's after school clubs. Thanks to all of the teachers who were involved. Keep an eye on our emails, newsletters and [X account](#) out for the release of our new list of clubs in January.

Other outside 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/087 6122113
- STEAM Academy coding and robotics after school club for kids aged 4 and up info@steamacademy.pro
- Zumba for adults on Wednesdays @ 7 pm and Thursdays @ 7.30 pm nurlina.zumbafitness@gmail.com
- Shamrock Bhangra - Bhangra folk dance of Punjab dance classes - Saturday mornings. Contact Kanwar on 0857211995

Mighty Oaks: Many of our children are engaged in the Mighty Oaks public speaking programme at the moment. It is a public speaking programme based on classroom engagement, speaking practice and movement. Children learn how to have a commanding presence, speak with clarity and hear and use their voices while maintaining eye contact with their audience. Well done to 5th class who used their new skills during their performance at our most recent assembly.

Debating Team: Well done to our debating team who has had two competitive debates so far. Their most recent debate was proposing the motion that 'School Holidays Are Too Long'. It was a hard fought battle against Drimnagh Castle with Lucan East missing out by one point. We were so proud of the team's performance and wish them the very best in their next debate.

Internet Safety: We recently had Barnardos in the school to complete a number of internet safety talks with children from 5th and 6th classes. Mary discussed definitions of bullying, cyberbullying, bystanders and upstanders. The talks were very informative and engaging. A big thank you to Mary who facilitated the talks.





REMINDER: Parents/Guardians, Please remember that children should be not left unattended before 8.30 am in the morning.

Staff supervision begins at 8.30 am and children are not insured to be on the premises unsupervised before this.

What's happening?

Junior Entrepreneur Programme: 6th class have met the 'dragons' and each class has chosen their business product. Cuba class will be selling bath bombs and slime (B+S), while Germany class will be selling 'Charming Keycraft' keyring chains. Best of luck to both classes with their marketing and sales.

Table Tennis: Boys' and girls' table tennis teams have played home and away matches recently. The girls' team had a 3-3 draw against Deansrath C.C. secondary school, which was a wonderful achievement. A big thanks to Conor who is now holding training sessions on a daily basis in order to build on the great progress that the children have made.

Anti-bullying: As mentioned in our Anti-Bullying policy we conduct student surveys during the school year. The purpose of these surveys is to get some insight into how the students are feeling about their school environment and their relationships/friendships. All students from 3rd to 6th class completed the survey, which will inform teachers' SPHE lessons.

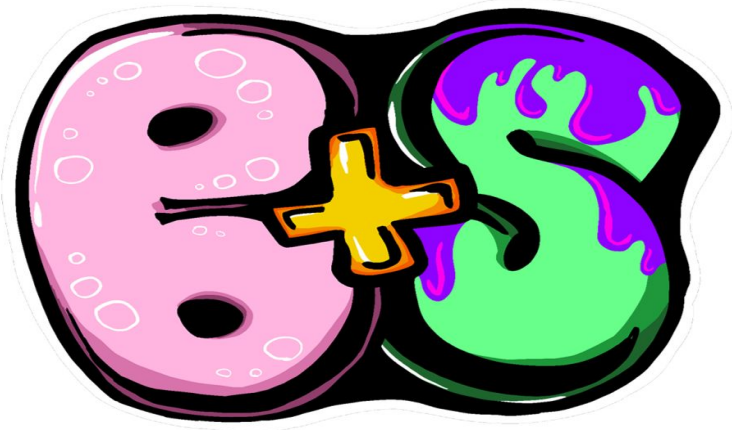
Peace Proms: Some students from our senior classes are performing in the Peace Proms Concert again this year. We would like to wish them the very best of luck in their performance in the National Arena on 1st February.

School Choir: A large cohort of students expressed an interest in joining our new school choir recently. They have been practicing every Tuesday during break time and their talent was evident at the end of our winter shows in December. A big thank you to Carol and Ailbhe who have been working with them.

Family Involvement Programme (FIP): Remember, if anyone wants to get involved in our Family Involvement Programme for Junior Infants (The Clover Reading Programme) and 3rd Class (Dobble) - on 17th, 24th and 31st of January please email Niall at hscl@lucaneastet.ie to get a Garda Vetting form.

Cycling Safety: 5th class will be starting their weekly Cycling Safely sessions on January 21st. We do this every year with our 5th class students as due to it's importance and the enjoyment children get from participating in it. Best of luck 5th!

Best wishes,
Gráinne



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