

Lucan East NEWS

March 2025

A look back at February...

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Here's a look back at some of what's been going on during the month of February...

Safer Internet Day: The school celebrated Safer Internet Day 2025 on Tuesday, February 11th. This year's theme was "*Prepare, Protect, Thrive: Navigating Algorithms and Influencers.*" Lessons on the day aimed to equip students with the skills to navigate the internet more safely. Younger classes looked at the importance of making time for friends and family, times when it is okay to be online and times when it is not okay to be online etc. Senior classes examined the role and influence of social media influencers and how algorithms shape online experience. Strategies to manage and navigate the influences you may encounter online were also discussed.

Peace Proms: We were so proud of our Peace Proms singers who represented the school so well in the RDS at the beginning of February. A big thank you to Margaret, Carol Ailbhe and Caoimhe who accompanied the group on the day.

Tech Week: Our Tech Week proved to be an enjoyable experience for the children. A big thank you to our 6th class children who hosted Beebot lessons with our Infant classes and taught Scratch Junior to a number of middle classes. 4th class worked through a mystery coding activity while 5th class designed and made rescue helicopters using Lego. After a busy week of teaching, 6th class students learned more about BBC microbits. Microbits are pocket-sized computers designed to inspire creative thinking in children. They can be programmed for multiple different uses. Thank you to STEAM Academy who designed and made robots with our two 1st classes.

Family Involvement Programme (FIP): A huge thank you to all of the parents in our 1st classes who participated in our FIP of playing Uno with the students. The children love when their family members come in to the school to do activities with them and they really enjoyed it!

Chess: We were very proud of our school chess team who performed so well at their recent Ficheall tournament in St Benedict's school in Ongar. All players had to play six matches over the course of the day with the team securing many wins on the day. Well done!

Glasnevin Cemetery & Fighting Words:: 5th class enjoyed 2 great trips this month. The first was to Glasnevin cemetery where they learned about many significant historical figures. The tour lasted about 70 minutes and thankfully the weather played its part on the day too.

The second was to Fighting Words where the children were inspired to explore their imagination through writing and come up with their own stories and poems.

Dublin Fire Brigade: We were very lucky that Dublin Fire Brigade managed to take time out from their very busy schedule to visit the school recently. The children in Junior and Senior Infants got to try out the helmets, engine and hoses during a thoroughly enjoyable morning. We hope to see them back again soon.

LEET Readathon: This year we held our first every Lucan East ET Readathon during which our students read for a total of 3,266 hours. This was a great activity to promote reading in the school and we would like to thank teachers Tom, Lucy and Conor for organising this very successful whole school activity.

Table Tennis: Our table tennis teams are going from strength to strength. The teams have won all 4 games they played against other schools recently. Well done to all children involved and best of luck with your future games and a huge thank you to Conor!



EVENTS

What's happening?

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

Golf Ireland: Golf Ireland were in with us this week to provide a taster session for the children in 3rd to 6th classes. It's great to expose the children to a variety of sporting activities and we're sure that they'll enjoy this one too.

Football Teams: Our boys' and girls' football teams kick off their campaigns in March and we wish them all the best. The girls' first match is against Gaelscoil Cholmcille and the boys are gearing up for their first game in Rathfarnham on Thursday. Thanks to all of the teachers involved in training and bringing the students to the matches.

Swimming: Both 2nd classes will be starting swimming lessons this month. Lessons take place in Clondalkin Leisure centre every Tuesday for 8 weeks and we are delighted that our 2nd class students are getting this opportunity to develop their swimming skills at school.

Parental Involvement: This month we look forward to having parents in 4th class for card games, while 5th class parents will be challenged with Lego WeDo.

Irish Week/Seachtain na Gaeilge: Seachtain na Gaeilge (Irish Week) is just around the corner and we can't wait to celebrate all things Irish. The students and teachers are planning some very enjoyable activities with the week culminating in a SnaG disco in the hall. Bain taitneamh as!

School Relocation: We were delighted to receive confirmation of the following safety measures that will be put in place before relocating to the new school: new school traffic warden, new pedestrian crossing, installation of raised platforms, school children signage and driver speed signage. Please see letter emailed on Monday, March 3rd for further details.

Buses to New School:

1. From the end of April 2025 to the end of June 2025 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:

School closed on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th.



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