

Lucan East NEWS

8th April 2024

A look back at March ...

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Here are some of the activities that happened in March in the school:

Matilda: Our two 6th classes did three spectacular performances of the musical Matilda on the 12th, 13th and 14th of March. We were blown away by the standard of the performers, the stage crew and the stage production and are eternally grateful to the students and teachers for the fantastic show they provided for our school community. Comhghairdeachas leo and míle buíochas do gach duine.

New Outdoor Table Tennis Table: A huge THANK YOU to the PTA and all of the parents whose fundraising money went towards the purchase of an outdoor table tennis table, cover and equipment for the school. The children have been really enjoying using this new piece of equipment and will do for many years to come.

Lucan Interschools Table Quiz: Michael (teacher) organised an interschools table quiz which took place on Wednesday 20th March in Lucan East ETNS. A team of students from 5th and 6th class represented the school in the competition. There were 15 teams in total, 14 from other Lucan schools, who took part and Lucan East came 4th which is a fantastic achievement. A huge thank you to Michael for organising this great event which we look forward to hosting again next year.

5th Class History Walk: Our 5th classes went on a local history walk guided by Darren from the Old Society of Lucan. 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. Míle buíochas Darren, Tom and Ryan for organising

Seachtain na Gaeilge: Níall, Ben and Deirdre (teachers) organised a fantastic week activities for Seachtain na Gaeilge. Activities to promote the Irish language included:

- Giggles an Fear Grinn (clown)
- Cluichí Gaeilge (Irish Games)
- Siopa Gaeilge (Irish Shop)
- Cluiche Biongó (Irish Bingo Game)
- Tráth na gCeist (Irish Table Quiz)
- GAA le Ben
- Julia de Brún, *Scéalaíocht & Amhráin* (Story teller)
- Seó Gaeilge (Irish Show - by students)
- Céilí (Irish dancing)
- Comórtas Ealaín (Art Competition)
- Pictiúrlann (Cinema)
- Cuairt ar Gaelscoil Eiscir Ríada (Visit to Gaelscoil)
- Seachtain na Gaeilge Dioscó

Additional activities that continued throughout the month of March:

- **Say Yes to Languages:** 3rd and 4th classes are learning French.
- **Bar Monkeys:** 3rd and 4th classes attended high bar PE workshops.
- **Cycling Safety Lessons:** 5th classes continued their cycling safety workshops last month where children develop their cycling and safety skills.
- **Plurilingual Research Project:** Jamaica class finished the plurilingual research project, learning about the transference of grammatical rules between languages.
- **Table Tennis:** Matches continued throughout the month of March and our boys and girls teams are going from strength to strength.
- **Knitting:** Knitting classes for parents continued on Fridays in the school funded and facilitated by the ETB.
- **Football:** Our girls and boys teams participated in a local football tournament and represented our school brilliantly throughout. Well done to all involved.





What's on in April?

Here are some of the activities that will take place in April this year:

Swimming in 2nd class: Every year our second class students do swimming lessons. This year 2nd class will start their swimming lessons tomorrow in Clondalkin Leisure Centre. We wish them luck and hope they have great fun doing this new activity as a class.

Spring Raffle: The PTA are running a Spring Raffle this month. There are lots of lovely prizes including 1st prize which is a Year Long Family Pass to the Zoo worth €215. Tickets are €5 for a book and are on sale on aladdin. The draw was postponed in March and will take place on Thursday 18th April. A huge thank you to the PTA and Niall (HSCL) for all of the work they do for school events and fundraising and to all parents for their ongoing support. We are very lucky to have such a fantastic school community. All proceeds from all current fundraising in the school will go towards a new astro carpet for under the canopy and a new stage.

ICT: Our Dreamspace ambassadors completed their training in Microsoft's MakeCode Arcade where they created a chases game using block code. The ambassadors will help out in 5th and 6th to teach their peers about MakeCode Arcade in the coming months. We've also purchased additional Beebot and Lego Spike resources which we are looking forward to using in the classes.

Parents Art & Craft Classes: Niall (HSCL teacher) has organised Art & Craft Classes for any interested parents which will start this Friday 12th April from 9.30 - 11.30 in the parents' room. If you would like to attend please email hscl@lucaneastet.ie.

After-school Activities on site: The following outside organisations run classes in the school for anyone who is interested ...

STEAM Academy will begin a coding after-school programme in Lucan East ETNS on Weds 17th April. They will run 3 groups as follows:

- Junior/Senior Infants: Wednesdays 1:20pm-2:20pm (€20/lesson)
- 1st - 2nd Class: Wednesdays 2:20pm-3:50pm (€24.75/lesson)
- 4th-6th Class: Wednesdays 4:00pm-5:00pm (€24.75/lesson)

Catherine Casey School of Dance

Catherine Casey School of Dance offer classes on Wednesdays & Thursdays in our school hall. Ballet, Jazz and Acro classes are available for ages 3 years up to make your children's feet and hearts happy. If you're interested email ccaseyschoolofdance@gmail.com, or ring **087 6122113**

Junior Infants September 2024:
If your child has a sibling in Lucan East ETNS at present and you have not applied for a place for them for September 2024 please ensure to do so as soon as possible at the following link:

<https://www.aladdin.ie/i/4592668910813184>

We cannot wait to meet our new Junior Infants in May/June.



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<https://twitter.com/lucaneastet>