

Lucan East NEWS

3rd December 2023

A look back at November ...

LUCAN EAST EDUCATE TOGETHER



We had a great month in November. Here's a flavour of what's been happening:

Dobble Days: Dobble Days started on 8th November in Senior Infants and First classes. This is our Family Involvement Programme (FIP) for these classes which happened every Wednesday for the month of November. We had a fantastic turn out every week and would like to thank the family members, teachers and pupils for making it a huge success. Our next FIP will be Uno for 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes and this will take place in January.

Science Week: We celebrated Science Week in the school from 13th to 17th November. The children participated in the SFI Science Shows online. We had a Science Experiment Competition and every class was busy doing experiments and activities during the week. There was a great buzz about Science in the school thanks to the teachers and pupils enthusiastic participation.

After School Clubs: This term's after-school clubs started in November. We have Sports & Games; Football; Chromebooks; Chess & Card Tricks; Gymnastics; Basketball; and Art & Games. It's great to have these available to our students thanks to our teachers' dedication. Watch out for the release of our new round of clubs in January.

Dreamspace Ambassadors: Our 12 student Dreamspace Ambassadors attended training in November to learn about 'variables' and 'loops' when programming mini-computers. In December they will train the teachers in the many functions of the micro:bits which will help with our student's use of micro:bits throughout the school.

Parent Teacher Meetings: Our Parent Teacher Meetings for all classes from Senior Infants to 6th class took place on Tues 21st and Weds 22nd November. It was great to see parents back in around the school, meeting with teachers and getting a chance to talk about their child's education.

Junior Infants for Sept. 2024: Our closing date for applications for our new Junior Infants for Sept 2024 was Friday November 24th. If your child has a sibling in Lucan East ETNS at present and does not receive an offer of a place on 5th December please contact the school. We cannot wait to meet our new Junior Infants in June 2024 :)

Table Tennis: One of our teachers, Conor, runs table tennis in the school and interested pupils are on our boys and girls teams. Table tennis training started in November and the girls did extremely well in their first match on 24th November. The boys have their first match on the 4th of December and we wish them the very best of luck.

Friendship Week: We celebrated Friendship Week in Lucan East ETNS during the week of the 27th November as part of our work on Anti-Bullying in the school. We had older and younger class buddies paired up for activities, a poster competition, online workshops, lessons in class and friendship certificates to children who are being good friends. Due to our participation in friendship week we will be raising our 'Cineáltas Flag' at the front of the school. Friendship week was a huge success in the school and a big thank you to Aoife for organising it and to all of our teachers for doing the activities with their classes.

GAA: We are very lucky to have Alan from Lucan Sarsfields GAA out training both of our 1st classes on Fridays. The children have been really enjoying these sessions and we're very grateful that he's sharing his passion and expertise with our students. In addition, our 3rd and 4th class girls teams had great fun participating in a GAA blitz on the 29th November.

Library: Tom, our English Committee, and members of our parent body put trojan work into preparing our school library which reopened in November. Thanks to all of this help and preparation all of our senior classes visit and borrow books from our school library every week. It is such a fantastic resource and we are delighted to have it open again and seeing our student getting excited about books.



EVENTS

What's on in Dec?

Here are some of the activities that will take place in December in the school:

6th Class Fundraiser - Cycle to Save Lives: 6th class have organised a fundraiser for Médecins Sans Frontieres to raise some money for countries experiencing war. They are attempting to cycle the distance from Dublin to Wales on a stationary exercise bike in the school. They are asking pupils to bring in coins to give towards this fundraiser. Check out their video on <https://twitter.com/lucaneastet>

Winter Shows: All classes will be performing songs/poems for our Winter Shows. All shows will take place on Thursday 21st December. We will release the times for each classes show closer to this date.

Student Council Christmas Jumper Day & Homeless Appeal: Our Student Council will be holding their annual Jumper Day and Homeless Appeal in December. Further information will come regarding this.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme: 6th class are currently preparing their presentations for the Junior Entrepreneur Programme. This is a fantastic initiative that our students always love participating in. Once the business plan has been chosen and launched we will let the school community know.

Peace Proms: Some students from our senior classes are taking part in Peace Proms again this year. Their first rehearsal is tomorrow in the National Indoor Arena and the official performance will take place in February. A huge MÍLE BUÍOCHAS to Margaret and Carol for teaching and bringing the children. It's a fantastic experience for all involved.

Family Involvement Programme (FIP): If anyone wants to get involved in our Family Involvement Programme for 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes every Wednesday in January please email Niall at hscl@lucaneastet.ie to get a Garda Vetting form.

Board of Management: The new Board of Management for Lucan East ETNS will commence on 1st December. A huge thank you to our new Board Nominees who are:

Grainne McCormack
Fintan Murphy
Eva Brennan
Michael Broderick
Karen Bougueroua
Will Byrne
and
Lyndsey Kenny

The school could not run without the dedication, commitment and support of the Board of Management and I look forward to working with them for the next four years. Míle buíochas!



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