

Lucan East NEWS

6th February 2024

A look back at January ...

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

Cricket: Naomi from Cricket Ireland did cricket training sessions with all classes in the school in January. This is the third year we have had Naomi with us and we really appreciate her input. It's great for our students to experience different sports and hobbies so that they can find their own unique interests and talents.

Fighting words workshop: Both of our first classes participated in the Fighting Words workshop in the month of January. During this creative writing workshop the children were supported and inspired to write fantastic stories of their own.

Cycling Safety Lessons: 5th classes started their cycling safety workshops last month. This is a very popular activity we do with the 5th classes every year during which children develop their cycling skills and learn and practice cycling safety. We are delighted to be able to run it again this year and hope the children will enjoy it as much as previous 5th classes have.

Plurilingual Research Project: One of our 4th classes is taking part in a plurilingual research project which is being run by DCU. During this they will learn about the transference of grammatical rules/structures between languages. This is a very interesting initiative to be a part of and a great opportunity for our students which will continue during the month of February.

STEAM Pro Day: The STEAM Academy did a robotics workshop with our students on 18th January which the students loved. They hope to do afterschool workshops to develop childrens' Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths skills in a fun and interactive way. Keep an eye on your emails for updates on this.

Uno - family involvement programme (FIP): Lots of parents came in for our Uno FIP in 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes every Wednesday in January. A huge thank you to all of the parents who gave their time to this. Our STEM FIP and Careers FIP in 5th and 6th classes will take place in the coming months. If you want to participate please email Niall at hscl@lucaneastet.ie to get a Garda Vetting form.

Table Tennis: Our table tennis matches continued throughout the month of January and our boys and girls teams are going from strength to strength. Well done to all involved :)

Health and Wellbeing week: We had a fantastic health and wellbeing week in the school. Between fruit and vegetable tasting, Ultimate Frisbee, Yoga and Bar Monkeys - there was something for everyone and it was enjoyed by all. A huge thank you to Joanna for organising and to all of the teachers and parents for their help during the week. It was a huge hit and a great way to finish the month.

Ceramics: Some parents attended ceramic classes in the school. When their classes were finished they went into the 4th-6th classes and taught the students what they had learned. Both the parents and students produced beautiful pieces.

Parent Workshops: In January we held two parent workshops - 1. An online Anti-Bullying Workshop for parents and 2. A face to face workshop on supporting your child's mental health and wellbeing. Thank you to Aoife and Niall for organising and we hope they were beneficial to those who attended.



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What's on in Feb?

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

Peace Proms: Our school choir performed in the Peace Proms on Saturday 4th February in the National Basketball Arena. It was a beautiful performance and the children were fantastic representatives of the school. We are very proud of them.

Clubs: Clubs started back up in the school and will be running for the month of February. The clubs this term are Chess and Games; Sports and Games; Lego and Tech; Chromebooks and Quizzes; Art and Games; Football and; Cooking club. It's a great opportunity for the students to try something new. We're very lucky to have so many after-school clubs thanks to the teachers.

Say Yes to Languages: Maria and Lucy (teachers) are starting the 'Say Yes to Languages' programme in Lucan East ETNS this month. As part of this initiative 3rd and 4th class will be learning French and are very excited about it. A huge thank you to Maria and Lucy for all of the work they are putting into this!

Junior Infant Parent Teacher Meetings: The Junior Infant Parent Teacher Meetings will take place this week in the school. Please ensure you've booked your slot on Aladdin.

Safer Internet Day: We celebrated Safer Internet Day (SID) today (6th February) in the school. This is an EU wide initiative to promote a safer internet for all users, especially young people. It is promoted in Ireland by the Oide Technology in Education and Webwise. This year's theme is 'Tech in Our World'. Our students have been learning about what it means to stay safe online. Some of the 'Safer Internet Day' activities included slideshows, posters, art and internet safety talks from students from Griffeen C.C.

Bar Monkeys: The children in 3rd and 4th classes are attending workshops hosted by Bar Monkeys for the month of February. Bar Monkeys are Ireland's longest running Calisthenics Club. They focus on promoting self expression through movement. The children have been working on the high bar exploring new movements so far with more exciting activities to come.

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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