

# Lucan East NEWS

10th January 2024

## A look back at December ...

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EDUCATE TOGETHER**



Here's some of what happened last month:

**6th Class Fundraiser - Cycle to Save Lives:** 6th class completed their fundraiser for Médecins Sans Frontières to raise some money for countries experiencing war. They cycled the distance from Dublin to Wales on a stationary exercise bike in the school and made €743 for the charity. What a fantastic event organised by an amazing group of children!

**Winter Shows:** All classes performed in our Winter Shows on 21st December. 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.

**The Kids Coach:** The children in Wales and Kenya class had a great time with their new PE coach Dave (The Kids Coach) every week in December. It was a lovely activity for these classes and they will really miss Dave until he returns again.

**Student Council Homeless Appeal:** Our Student Council held their annual Homeless Appeal in December. We were blown away by people's generosity and would like to sincerely thank you all for your contributions.

**Junior Entrepreneur Programme:** 6th class presented their business plans to the Dragons Den for the Junior Entrepreneur Programme. They are now working on making their products which will be on sale in the school in the coming months. Hopefully one of our teams will be picked to be part of the showcase in the RDS in later this year. Regardless the children are having fun and learning a lot which are the most important things.

**Peace Proms:** Our school choir really enjoyed their Peace Proms rehearsal in the National Arena and are keenly anticipating the big show in February in the National Indoor Arena.

**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](mailto:hscl@lucaneastet.ie) to get a Garda Vetting form.

**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 May/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. Both our girls and boys teams have been training hard and competing in tournaments and we wish them the very best of luck in their upcoming matches. Some of our classes have been inspired by the table tennis teams and are learning in class too :) (see picture)

**GAA:** Alan from Lucan Sarsfields GAA continued training both of our 1st classes in hurling and football on Fridays for the month of December. The children loved these sessions and we're very grateful that Alan has been sharing his passion and expertise with our students.



# EVENTS

## What's on in Jan?

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

**Cricket:** Naomi from Cricket Ireland is in school today (10th January) and for the next 2 days doing cricket training sessions with all classes. 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 new sports and hobbies so that they can find their own unique interests and talents.

**Fighting words workshop:** Both of our first classes are participating in the Fighting Words workshop in the month of January. This is a creative writing workshop where children are supported and inspired to write their own stories. We are very excited to see what they produce.

**Cycling Safety Lessons:** 5th classes will be starting their cycling safety workshops on Tuesday 23rd January. This is a very popular activity we do with the 5th classes every year during which children learn to cycle (if they don't already know), to develop their cycling skills and learn and practice cycling safely. We are delighted to be able to run it again this year and hope the children will enjoy it as much as other 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.

**STEAM Pro Day:** The STEAM Academy are coming in to do Pro Bono workshops with our students on 18th January. These workshops aim to develop childrens' Science, Technologym Engineering, Arts and Maths skills in a fun and interactive way. Keep an eye on our twitter page for updates on this initiative.

### **Anti-Bullying Parents' Workshop:**

As part of our work on Anti-Bullying in the school we will have a parents' workshop via zoom on Wednesday 17th January. Please check your email for more information and a link.

### **Health and Wellbeing Week:**

Health and Wellbeing Week will be running in Lucan East ETNS during the week of the 29th January. Joanna (teacher) is in the process of trying to organise some fun activities for the week which the children will hear about in due course but it will be a great week for everyone involved.



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