

Lucan East NEWS

16th November 2023

October School Events

LUCAN EAST EDUCATE TOGETHER



To add to the normal teaching and learning in Lucan East ETNS we had lots of other fun and exciting activities taking place in October:

Clover Reading Programme: Lots of parents came in to our Junior Infant classes during the month of October to read picture books to our Junior Infant pupils. The children absolutely loved this activity and gained a lot from having adults read new picture books to them in small groups. A huge THANK YOU to all of the parents who helped out and to Niall and the teachers who organised this lovely initiative.

STEM Programme: 3rd class had Sophie from the young engineers programme in to do a STEM Lego workshop with them which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Halloween Talk for 5th and 6th classes: On Weds. 18th Oct. two Gardaí, Bernie and Lisa, came in to the school to talk to the students about being safe at Halloween. It was a very informative talk and gave our pupils many practical ideas of how to stay safe during the Halloween period. Míle buíochas Lisa and Bernie.

Maths Week: During the week of the 14th of October we had Maths week in the school. All classes participated in daily Maths games and Maths trails showing the pupils Maths can be fun and is alive in our school. Our 4th and 6th classes also got the opportunity to go to the Helix to see a Mathematician show which they were really impressed by. Go raibh maith agaibh Margaret and the Maths committee for organising these activities for the classes who really enjoyed the week.

Book Day and Disco: On Fri. 27th Oct. we had our annual Book Day. Children and teachers who wanted to participate, dressed up. The staff dressed up as the characters from 'A Bad Case of Stripes' which the children really enjoyed. The PTA also organised a school disco on this day. The children had an absolute ball at the disco and there was a great buzz in the school on the day. Thank you to the PTA for organising this hugely successful day and to Niall for being a super DJ. Thank you also to all of the parents and children for the €2 contribution they made on the day. All monies raised are going towards the new football posts, footballs and other PE equipment we have ordered for the children.

After School Clubs: Lego & Tech, Chromebooks, Sports & Games, Football & Guitar Clubs all ran during the first term and the children all really enjoyed them. A big thank you to the teachers for providing these clubs.

GAA: Our girls and boys 3rd and 4th class teams participated in Go Games and our girls and boys 5th and 6th class teams made it to the quarter finals in their divisions of Cumann na mBunscoil. We are so proud of all of the children who played on every team. Our players always commanded themselves with dignity and respect and we commend them for that. Another huge thank you to all of the teachers who gave their time to train the teams and bring them to matches. It's such an enriching experience for all who are involved.

Book Fair: Thank you to the PTA and Niall for organising this year's book fair. The children were so excited to look at all of the books and talk about them with their friends. It was great to see so much excitement about reading. €2470 was spent on books at the book fair and a large portion of this money will go towards buying new books for the school and class libraries. We are really looking forward to upgrading our supply and thank the parent body for supporting this event so generously.

Glasnevin Cemetery: Both of our 5th classes went on a history field trip to Glasnevin Cemetery on the 16th Oct. A facilitator from the Glasnevin Cemeteries Trust taught the children all about key figures from Irish history and WW1.



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What's on?

Now we're into November and here's a flavour of what's going on in the school this month:

Science Week: Last week we celebrated Science Week in the school. The children participated in the SFI Science Shows online. We had a Science Competition where children entered videos of themselves completing experiments and we had 6 winners for this competition. Every class was busy doing experiments during the week and science activities on their chromebooks and ipads. It was great to see so many children enjoying Science in the school.

After School Clubs: Our after school clubs activities started for all classes from 1st to 6th for the second part of this term. This time the clubs that are available are 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. Margaret also runs her guitar club separate to these clubs.

Dreamspace Ambassadors: The second training session of the Dream Space Ambassador was held in school on Tuesday, November 14th. During this second session our 12 student ambassadors learned about 'variables' and 'loops' when programming the mini-computers. They will be using this new knowledge to train the teachers in the many functions of the micro:bits. We are very proud of what they have achieved so far.

Dobble Days: Dobble Day has started in Senior Infants and First class every Wednesday for the Parental Involvement Programme (PIP) in Senior Infants and First Class for the month of November. This has been a big hit with both students and parents and it's been great to have had such a fantastic turn out. Our next PIP will be Uno for 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes and this will take place in January.

Parent Teacher Meetings: Parent Teacher Meetings will be held for all classes from Senior Infants to 6th class in the school tomorrow (Tuesday 21st) and Wednesday 22nd November. Please ensure to sign up to a meeting slot on aladdin so that you can link in with your child's teacher and hear about their progress. I look forward to seeing you all during the week.

Junior Infants Application for Sept. 2024: The closing date for applications for our new Junior Infants who will be starting in September 2024 is this coming Friday November 24th. Please apply before the closing date to ensure your child gets a place and there is a lot of demand on places due to the amount of new housing in the area.

1st Aid Training: 14 of our staff members attended their biannual 1st aid training to maintain their Occupational First Aid qualification. It is great to have this expertise on the staff. A huge thank you to the staff members who attended this training and to the Board of Management for funding it.

Board of Management: The new Board of Management for Lucan East ETNS will commence on 1st December. We would like to thank Will Byrne and Lyndsey Kenny for putting themselves forward to be parent nominees. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing board members - Meena Baskarasubramian, Daniela Buda, Shaista Zeb, Peter Coakley - for their dedication, commitment and support to the school over the last 4 years and longer. What they have contributed to the school will not be forgotten. Míle buíochas!



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