



Lucan CNS Newsletter

TERM 2

January – March 2024

Pobalscoil Náisiúnta Leamhcán
Lucan Community National School

CSE 1

Term 2 was an exciting time in CSE1. We have explored the themes of the sea, the farm, and the rainforest together.

Our highlights from this term were making pancakes together and celebrating Amber Flag Day and Seachtain na Gaeilge.



We have enjoyed cooking and trying new foods in class over Term 2. Here are pictures of us decorating pancakes and enjoying our fruit platter!



Relaxing in our pyjamas while eating popcorn and watching a movie on Amber Flag PJ Day!

CSE 1



Practicing our hurling skills during Seachtain na Gaeilge with M. Adam and M. Alan.

We have had such a wonderful Term 2!



JUNIOR INFANTS A

Junior Infants A has had such an exciting term 2 with lots happening in our classroom and school, such as, Friendship/ RP Week, PJ Day and Seachtain na Gaeilge. We loved learning how to plant seeds and to look after our environment in SESE. We are looking forward to what term 3, our final term in Junior Infants brings!!



Junior Infants A are having so much fun participating in the Healthy Heroes Programme for PE with 6th Class. We are playing lots of fun team building games!



Junior Infants A and B had great fun during 'Mother Tongue Week'. We had special visitors in to teach us all about Arabic and Hebrew!

JUNIOR INFANTS A



The Lucan CNS Green Team organised a visitor in to speak to the boys and girls in Junior Infants A about worms. We were all so excited to learn fun facts and even get to hold the worms in the classroom. Our school now has a wormery on the school grounds that we can explore and look after!



Junior Infants A and B got to perform for the St Patrick's Day assembly in our school.

JUNIOR INFANTS B



We had so much fun playing dance detective during PE.



We loved learning about plants and planting our own cress seeds.

JUNIOR INFANTS B



We really enjoyed our pyjama day.



We had lots of fun in our maths lessons learning all about money.



We did some amazing science experiments. Just look at that rainbow!



Junior Infants A and B having a picnic!

SENIOR INFANTS A

Senior Infants A have had a wonderful second term...



Pyjama Day: We really enjoyed the Amber Flag Pyjama Day in aid of Pieta House! We had such a cosy day with our teddies. We even watched 'The Minions' Movie.



Integrated Play: We have loved learning through play. During Term Two we explored the theme of 'The Farm'. We really enjoyed getting into character and performing farming scenes.

SENIOR INFANTS A

Spring has sprung! We have had a busy term of planting, growing, and looking after our plants. We even learned about transpiration!



Seachtain na Gaeilge: Another highlight from Term Two was our visit from Múinteoir Sarah during Seachtain na Gaeilge. Múinteoir Sarah taught us the dance to 'An Dreoilín'. We had so much fun!



SENIOR INFANTS B

Senior Infants B have had an amazing Term 2! There have been so many activities, celebrations, achievements and new learning. From celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge to our first snow day, pancake Tuesday and active week. Senior Infants have been very busy and working so hard. I am so proud of you all. Well done Senior Infants B! Múinteoir Jenny.



PIC-COLLAGE



Learning Cíilí dances, Irish folklore and songs in Irish for Seachtain na Gaeilge

SENIOR INFANTS B



We can't forget about Pancake Tuesday! Best Day Ever!

Active week was so much fun. We got to learn and develop new skills and try our hand at some Camogie



Our first (and only) snow day. The excitement was high and we all enjoyed building snowmen and throwing snow balls before home time!



FIRST CLASS A



1st class A won the school trophy for most improved attendance in the school over the month of February. We have done really well on arriving to school on time and our attendance has improved so much!!

We are very lucky to be reading buddies with 6th class.

We got to meet our buddies and read with them this term.

When reading with our buddies we have lots of time to use our reading skills we have been learning like predicting, visualising and making connections!

We hope there will be lots of reading done with our buddies for the rest of the year 📖



FIRST CLASS A



We got some surprise snow during our school day in February and we had snow much fun using our senses!



More reading buddy pictures!

1st Class B

We have had so much fun in 1st Class B over the past few months. We studied and painted two of Vincent Van Gogh's famous paintings, Sunflowers (as seen in the picture) and The Starry Night.



In March we had Lucky the Leprechaun visit us as well as Nemo returning back to school. We even got to go on a Scavenger Hunt with Lucky for chocolate gold coins and we made Leprechaun smoothies.



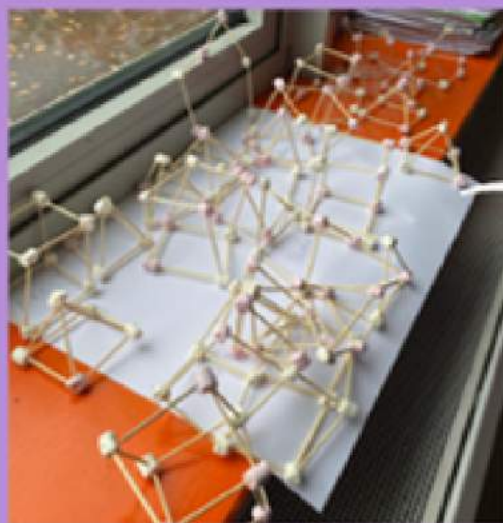
Before the Spring Break we got to go on another Scavenger Hunt for Chocolate Egg Hunt! We also made sock and rice bunnies and did the egg drop challenge.



When the snow fell in March, we had to go outside and play in it!!!



Over the past few weeks, we have been reading Roald Dahl's novel Fantastic Mr Fox. We are really enjoying it and cannot wait to finish it.



This month in Math, we got to construct our own 3D shapes with toothpicks and marshmallows.

SECOND CLASS A & B

This term has been a very busy term for the second class students. From engaging in creative activities to celebrating some of our home languages. Here are some highlights of what your children have been up to:



Crazy Hair Day:
On this day second class showed their creativity with wild and wacky hairstyles.



Egg Drop challenge:
Through teamwork and problem solving, the children participated in the Egg Drop Challenge. They designed and constructed cases to protect their eggs using a variety of different fabrics and fibres.



Pancake Tuesday:
The children got a hands on experience making, decorating and eating pancakes using a pancake maker.

SECOND CLASS A & B

Seachtain na Gaeilge:

Our school embraced Irish language during Seachtain na Gaeilge with activities ranging from traditional music, dance, sports, magic show and a quiz as Gaeilge.



Snow day:
On the 1st of March we had the best fun
outside playing in the snow.



CSE 2

During term 2 in CSE 2, to mark the beginning of Spring, we decided to plant some tulips. We cared for the tulips daily by watering them and making sure they had plenty of light. We really enjoyed watching them grow and bloom, it was very exciting to see what colour they would turn out to be and how tall they would grow. We also carried out a fun experiment, to see if seeds could grow without soil. Everyone in class predicted that it wasn't possible. We attempted to grow cress seeds using damp cotton wool. After decorating our pots with funny faces and carefully watering the plants daily, much to our surprise they actually grew!



THIRD CLASS B

Third class had a very busy and very active term 2. We took part in lots of activities. From swimming lessons on Tuesdays and athletics with coach Ciarán to hurling, camogie and Gaelic football during Seachtain na Gaeilge, we learned so many new skills!



In science, we made some catapults! We used our teamwork skills and tried lots of different materials to see which ones would work best.



The Easter Bunny came just in time for Spring Break! He did a good job hiding the Easter eggs, we think we managed to find them all! They were delicious.



FOURTH CLASS A



Snow day!

There was great excitement in 4th class A as we had our first snow day of the year.

The children worked together to build a snowman which they called 'Jeffrey'!



FOURTH CLASS B

Term 2 has been full of fun here in 4th Class B. We played some new PE games such as human air hockey and started weekly swimming lessons which we really enjoy! We had a visitor from KPMG who read us a story about Global Warming and we designed alternative book covers for the story. Our confidence has grown in Irish since Seachtain na Gaeilge, when we got the opportunity to conduct interviews, participate in table quizzes, perform weather forecasts (Réamhfháisnéis na hAimsire) and learn new songs, dances and sports skills! Recently we have been learning all about South America, and remembering most importantly, to be kind!



FIFTH CLASS A

This term we have been learning Irish Sign Language (ISL) with Cathal. We learned that ISL is one of Ireland's three official languages, along with Gaeilge and English.

We have learned how to sign many useful phrases that we can use everyday. We know how to sign the letters in the alphabet so we can tell people our names. We also know how to ask questions and tell people what we like and don't like. We can also talk about all of the animals in the zoo! Scan the QR below to see what we have been learning!



Check out our pictures from this term too!



FIFTH CLASS A



ISL Lessons



The Mobile Library



The Mobile Library



Book Fair

FIFTH CLASS B

Snow Day

After a surprise snow day at school, the entire yard turned into a winter wonderland. Students in Fifth Class ditched the books for a short while to play in the snow! Laughter and shouts of joy filled the air as classmates banded together to have an epic snowball battle, leaving everyone covered in snow from head to toe! It was a day of sheer fun and excitement, with memories made that would be talked about for weeks afterward.



Crazy Hair Day



Crazy Hair Day this term was an absolute success! Everywhere you turned, there were wild and wacky hairstyles that had everyone bursting into laughter. From crazy colours, to hair sculpted into crazy shapes, it was a sight to see. The class was full of excitement as students showed off their wild and creative hairdos. It was a day of pure fun and silliness, where each student got to let loose and embrace their inner hair artist!

FIFTH CLASS B

Pyjama Day

Pyjama Day at school was a cozy and fun-filled day that brought a sense of comfort to the classroom. Students arrived in their favorite jammies, from fluffy onesies to colourful sets, the school was transformed into a sea of sleepwear! Laughter filled the air as students flaunted their quirky pyjamas, showcasing their unique styles and personalities. The day was a welcome break from the usual school routine, allowing everyone to kick back and enjoy a day of relaxation.



SIXTH CLASS

6th Class are having a blast!

6th Class B have teamed up with 1st Class A for paired reading, diving into new stories and having fun together. Basketball sessions with Coach Erin are a highlight, where we're learning new skills while having great fun! Our recent QR Code Hunt before the Spring Holidays was a hit! We worked in teams, solving Spring-themed clues around the school for a sweet treat at the end. In maths, we explored area and perimeter outside the classroom. We estimated and calculated lengths and it was eye-opening and fun to see maths in action in our daily lives! Some of us have also had the honour of being RP Mentors for 3rd Class. We are having great fun teaching games on how we can build closer relationships in our class. 6th Class A are enjoying learning ISL from M. Cathal. This has been a valuable insight into how we can communicate in other ways.

We're loving every moment of our adventures in learning before the end of the year!



RP Mentors

Maths Area and Perimeter.



Paired Reading



Paired Reading



Basketball



ISL

LANGUAGES TEAM

International Mother Language Day

The 21st of February saw the celebration of International Mother Language Day. At Lucan CNS we recognise that bilingualism is a special gift and that this was a great opportunity to celebrate many languages and cultures. We invited many grown-ups into the school to teach pupils a lesson in their mother tongue. The lessons explored the importance of cultures, identities and embracing diversity. Our pupils and teachers learned some new phrases and greetings. We enjoyed traditional songs and dances, and even wrote the alphabet in Hebrew! Thank you to all of our amazing grown-ups who volunteered to teach us about their wonderful languages and cultures.



Seachtain na Gaeilge 2024 was a huge success. Seachtain na Gaeilge is two weeks dedicated to the celebration of all things Irish, especially our native language. The classes learned about the many Myths and Legends of Ireland and each class made beautiful collaborative art for each story. Everyone had the opportunity to attend the walking gallery to admire the artwork from each class. Music, dance, and sport are all equally important parts of Irish culture. M. Sarah Mo taught the children some Irish dancing reels. Each class learned a song as Gaeilge and performed in front of the school during our concert (ceolchoirm). We also learned some new GAA skills for both hurling and football with M. Adam, M. Alan and M. Sarah Mu. The older children participated in a table quiz (Tráth na gCeist) in class. 3rd- 6th classes also had the chance to interview our own M. Muireann about her life growing up on the Aran Islands. M. Caitriona left us amazed with a mind-boggling magic show (seó draíochta). We also celebrated International Women's Day (Lá Idirnáisiúnta na mBan) during Seachtain na Gaeilge. Each class was assigned a remarkable Irish woman to learn about from various walks of life such as athletes, presidents, actresses and senators! Seachtain na Gaeilge concluded with our annual Lá Glas where everyone wore colours to represent Ireland and a fantastic Féile organised by our Parents Association. We are looking forward to next year already and delighted to hear our children using their cúpla focal around the school. Maith sibh!



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

We were delighted to organise our school's Friendship Week in February, in collaboration with the Restorative Practice team. Our pupils and staff had a fun-filled week of celebrating friendship, kindness and communication. This learning coupled nicely with their learning from the RP Walk too! 🦒

The Health & Wellbeing Team have been hard at work on achieving both the Amber Flag & the Active Flag this year. Keep reading for updates from both of committees!

AMBER FLAG



FUNDS RAISED

€569
IN AID OF PIETA
HOUSE

14TH FEBRUARY 2024

The Amber Flag
Committee



Leading Irish schools to better mental health.



On February 14th, we held our now annual fundraiser in aid of Pieta House. The Amber Flag Initiative focuses on the promotion of positive mental health in schools and wider communities. To celebrate this, we invited all members of our school community to wear their comfiest clothes to school and enjoy a movie with their classmates. ❤️

We are delighted to announce that we raised €569 for Pieta House on this day! Thank you so much to all the children and grown ups who donated ★

AMBER FLAG

MOVIE & COMFY CLOTHES DAY

WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

PLEASE DONATE! €

- ✓ Wear pyjamas / comfy clothes.
- ✓ Donate 'loose change' 💰
- ✓ Enjoy a movie day with your class!



ACTIVE FLAG

Our school has had many exciting opportunities to engage in different sports over Term 2. Classes have participated in swimming, football, and athletics with external coaches.

In February, we entered four teams into the FAI 5 aside blitz. All teams faced challenging oppositions but displayed impressive performances and represented our school excellently.



Our Boys and Girls Teams at FAI 5 Aside Blitz



Here is a report of the day from Nathan and Rhys who are our 6th class Active Flag Committee members.

6th and 5th class went to play football at the Astro in Ballyowen Park.

We had try outs at our school and then the coaches announced the football teams at the Astro. We went to the Astro Park on the 27th of February 2024. Our team was... Jamein, Ethan, Scott, Ciarán, Emad, Harsheth, and ourselves (Natan and Rhys!). We won 2 games and lost 2 games; we were so close to qualifying but unfortunately, we didn't. The girls also played matches the day after which was the 28th of February 2024. The girls also did really good but like the boys, they didn't qualify. This was a great opportunity to represent are school as we have a lot of football fans in this school, we hope to do it once again because that would be really fun.

During Seachtain na Gaeilge, our teachers in Lucan CNS displayed their own talents by providing Gaelic Football, Hurling and Irish Dancing lessons to all classes. This was greatly enjoyed by all pupils and has surely inspired some to get involved in their local clubs.

GREEN FLAG

The Lucan CNS Green Team had the exciting opportunity to set up and maintain our very own school wormery. The children learned all about worms from Craig (Composing Schools) and doing a super job keeping them fed and watered.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council thought it important to highlight the Goodness Me, Goodness You library that is a new addition to our school. These books teach us valuable lessons and they usually include a moral. These books teach us about the four strands of GMGY which are My Story, We are CNS, Thinking Time, Religions and Beliefs.

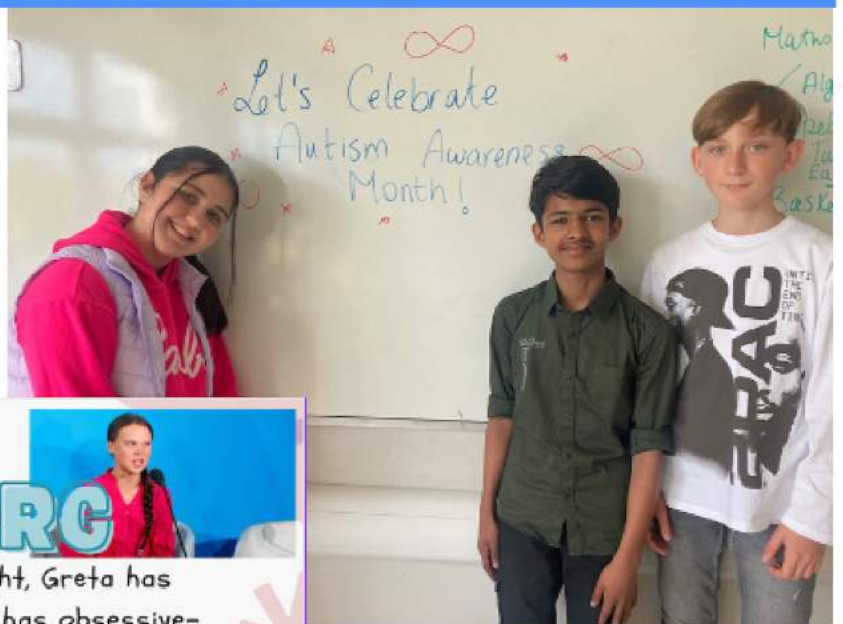
Student Council decided that they wanted to showcase these amazing resources by doing a delivery service to the teachers every Monday morning. Student Council members also were given the special task of selecting their GMGY book for their class. The Student Council agree with the teachings of these books, they enjoy that the characters are diverse and these stories bring enlightening conversations to the classroom.

The Student Council were given the special task on tasting the meals provided by Glanmore Foods who will be providing the children with healthy hot school meals. The Students were delighted to be given this special job, they asked the Glanmore Sales Representative about waste disposal, Glanmore Foods provide biodegradable packaging and therefore are environmental friendly. Glanmore Food company provide a varied menu with tasty options, the Student Council were very impressed by their food tasting experience and they look forward to all their classmates experiencing these delicious meals very soon.



ETHOS

As part of an ETB school we recognise equality as one of our core values. We talk about treating all members of our school community equally while recognising and celebrating the diversity and dignity of all of these members. 6th Class decided to do a presentation celebrating Autism Awareness Month. The 6th class love speaking about neurodiversity and they recognise that we are all different. The class decided to research a famous person with Autism and highlighted all the wonderful achievement of this person. The presentations were presented to various classes in the school and they were a great success. The important of treating people equally and with dignity cannot be undermined. As an ETB school this is emphasised in our Ethos and the children live our moral code day-to-day. We are proud to be a part of the ETB community!



GRETA THUNBERG

From her first moments in the spotlight, Greta has been open about her autism, she also has obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), and selective mutism (that means at times she cannot speak). Greta has spoken about her diagnosis saying it makes her "different" but that she considers it a "superpower".

WHAT IS IT ?

Autism is an invisible disability and is caused by difference in the brain. People with autism often have trouble with social interaction and communication. Also, it is known for its diversity and way of being.

THE SIGNS OF AUTISM

<p>BEHAVIOUR</p> <p>They can be more nervous in a social setting and they could prefer to be alone. Also they could prefer to be in the centre of attention. Everyone is different!</p>	<p>CONDITION</p> <p>The people with autism need a special allowances. They may have a special needs assistance to support them with their learning or they may attend a different class.</p>
<p>NEEDS AND TREATMENT</p> <p>Usually autistic people would like to relax and to have a good sensory time. Of course it depends. Some people don't know about their autism</p>	<p>SCHOOL AND PLAYING</p> <p>Autistic people could be very happy and integrated with the school life if they are given correct support.</p>

CELEBRITIES !

THAT HAVE AUTISM

 <p>Greta Thunberg, weather activist</p>	 <p>Messi, famous footballer</p>	 <p>Albert Einstein a famous scientist was really sma</p>
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RESTORATIVE PRACTICE

In February the school celebrated Friendship Week and Restorative Practice Week. Children did many activities in class demonstrating how to be a good friend and pupils also enjoy taking part in the Restorative Practice Station Walk. This Walk allowed the children to reflect on the teachings of Restorative Practice, the station themes were taken from the "Friendship Keeper programme". This is a scheme of work covers topics like Equality vs Equity, Restoring relationships, Justice/fairness, full self-expression and finding a safe place. The children really enjoyed working on these stations in the corridor and they completed some activities in their classroom. The pupils also commented that it was nice to see the whole school participate in the same activities. This Walk is teaching children lifelong lessons and instilling values. This type of education cannot be taken for granted and the conversations that the RP Walk brought to the classroom were worth their weight in gold. Teachers and pupils had an enjoyable and memorable week and we continue to teaching/ learn Restorative Practice in class.





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