



# Lucan CNS Newsletter

## TERM 3

April – June 2024

Pobalscoil Náisiúnta Leamhcán  
Lucan Community National School

# CSE 1

CSE 1 have done amazing work over Term 3. We have had so much fun learning together. We have explored the themes of transport and lifecycles in class. In this term, we went on our school tours, released our butterflies and participated in active week and the colour run. We have made so many lovely memories together and have enjoyed building on our friendships.



We had lots of fun at the Color run!



We planted flowers together and watched caterpillars grow into beautiful butterflies while exploring the theme of lifecycles in class.



# CSE 1



We loved going on our school trips with all our friends!



We celebrated active week in Term 3. It was great to start everyday with Wake up Shake up and participate in sports day. We even got to meet the Olympian boxer Michael Carruth!

# JUNIOR INFANTS A

Junior Infants A have loved 'Buddy Reading' with 5th Class every week. We got to read some fantastic books with the 5th Class boys and girls, make lovely friends and even got our very own personalised bookmarks from them.



Junior Infants A had a ball on their first school tour in Lucan CNS. Despite the rain, the children had lots of fun on the farm and the ball pit.



# JUNIOR INFANTS A

The PTP organised a fabulous 'Sponsored Walk' for the boys and girls. We got very excited to go on a very long walk outside school with all the junior classes.



'Well-Being Week' was a blast and we made lots of enjoyable memories. Our main highlight was participating in a 'circus workshop'. We learned so many new tricks and skills.



# JUNIOR INFANTS B

Junior Infants B had a wonderful time at the circus workshop this term, we learnt so many new skills.



Junior Infants B having a blast at our Teddy Bear Picnic.



# JUNIOR INFANTS B



We've loved getting to spend time with Archie the dog.

Junior Infants B have been working very hard in preparation for Senior Infants.



Water play has been a big hit this term.

# SENIOR INFANTS A

## Teddy Bear Picnic

During Wellbeing Week, Senior Infants A had so much fun at the Teddy Bear Picnic! Everyone brought their favourite teddy bears and enjoyed a sunny afternoon full of laughter and fun. We had snacks, played games, and listened to stories with our cuddly buddies. The picnic was a great way for everyone to have fun together and enjoy some fresh air. It was a super special morning!





# SENIOR INFANTS A

Senior Infants A was thrilled to win the Attendance Award for the most improved attendance this term! It was a wonderful achievement that reflected the dedication and commitment of both the pupils and their families. To celebrate this fantastic accomplishment, we enjoyed a delightful afternoon with refreshing ice lollies. The children were all smiles, savouring their ice lollies in the warm sun, making it a memorable day for everyone. This recognition has motivated us all to continue striving for excellence in attendance and beyond!



Senior Infants recently dazzled us with their summer recital, "The Flowers and the Weeds." Each child took on the role of either a beautiful flower or a resilient weed, showcasing the harmony and diversity of the natural world. Through song, dance, and delightful costumes, the children brought the story to life, captivating the audience with their enthusiasm and talent! The recital was a testament to their hard work and creativity, leaving parents, teachers, and peers applauding their wonderful performance. We are so proud of Senior Infants!



# SENIOR INFANTS B

Senior Infants B have had such an amazing but busy Term 3! We had so many adventures together and memories that will last forever. From ice-cream parties to our school tour to Clonfert Pet Farm, the annual school sponsored walk, a teddy bear picnic, our Summer Show and also well-being week where we practiced lots of mindfulness and learned circus tricks! It has not all been fun and games. Senior Infants have been working so hard and their dedication and progress in their learning has been outstanding. From learning about the importance of recycling and making fantastic projects out of Junk Art to learning Irish Sign Language. Senior infants B have definitely out done themselves and I am so proud of them!

Clonfert Pet Farm 2023



We really enjoyed learning all about reducing, reusing and recycling. We put this into practice by creating some very inventive junk art!

# SENIOR INFANTS B



Sports Day 2024!

PIC•COLLAGE



Getting ready for our Summer Show!  
We were so excited!



PIC•COLLAGE

# FIRST CLASS A

## School Tour



## Colour Run



## Sports Day



# FIRST CLASS B

As the school year comes to an end, 1st Class B are starting to wind after a crazy past few months. We have learned so much over the past year and have grown and flourished so much.

- In 1st Class B we did some learning outdoors, we spent our money at the 6th Class Mini Company Fair and we bought some books on World Book Day.
- We love to celebrate the uniqueness of each individual child in 1st Class B as you can see from our Artwork. We have worked on expressing our own personalities and styles through Art over the year. We love being different and diverse.
- 1st Class B really enjoyed their school tour to Pine Forest, exploring the woodlands and mountains and making arts and crafts.
- We made our own homemade butter when learning all about the Farm and even got to taste it with breadsticks! We read books outside under the tree a few times and we even practiced our Circus tricks!
- The best day so far has to be the Colour Run Day. We got super messy and colourful and relaxed afterwards by drawing with chalk on yard.

Thank you to all staff members and grown-ups for making this year so special and amazing! We couldn't have done it without such a fabulous team at Lucan CNS.

Happy Summer 🍷 1st Class B & M. Sarah Moran xx



# Second Class A & B

This summer term with the second class has been super fun and busy!

We kicked things off with a fantastic school recital, where the kids wowed us with their music and drama skills. The performances were amazing, and it was clear that everyone put in a lot of hard work and practice.



Next up was the Colour Run, which was an absolute blast. The students and teachers ran through clouds of vibrant colours, having a great time. It was a joyful event that left everyone smiling and covered in rainbow hues.



# SECOND CLASS A & B

Science lessons this term focused on learning all about air. The kids loved exploring concepts like how air moves, what it's made of, and how it affects our daily lives. These activities really sparked their curiosity and made learning science super engaging



A highlight of the term was our art school tour in the pine forest. The students got to explore the beauty of nature and create art inspired by their surroundings. It was a wonderful way to combine outdoor fun with creativity.



We also had an Active Week, filled with various physical activities, which culminated in a lively Sports Day. The students showcased their athletic skills in various events, from races to team sports. It was a week full of energy, teamwork, and lots of cheering. Overall, it's been a term full of learning, laughter, and great memories!

# CSE 2

Term 3 was a very fun term for us in CSE. Our highlights of this term were World Book day, the bake sale, the summer show case and the colour run!



We played games on our iPADS together as part of our well-deserved golden time.



Samuel was very excited about his role as chief Oompa Loompa in the play Wonka at the summer showcase.



# CSE 2

Matthew loved Buddy reading with junior infants.



We had so much fun at the colour run!

# THIRD CLASS



**Playground Trip:**  
3rd class went on an exciting trip this term! Together we walked to Griffeen Park, had lots of fun in the playground and we even had a picnic afterwards!

**RP Mentors:**  
Some of the 6th class generously volunteered to be an RP mentor and do some Restorative Practice activities with 3rd class. We played games that helped us to build connections with one another and we spoke about how we could be a good friend to others.



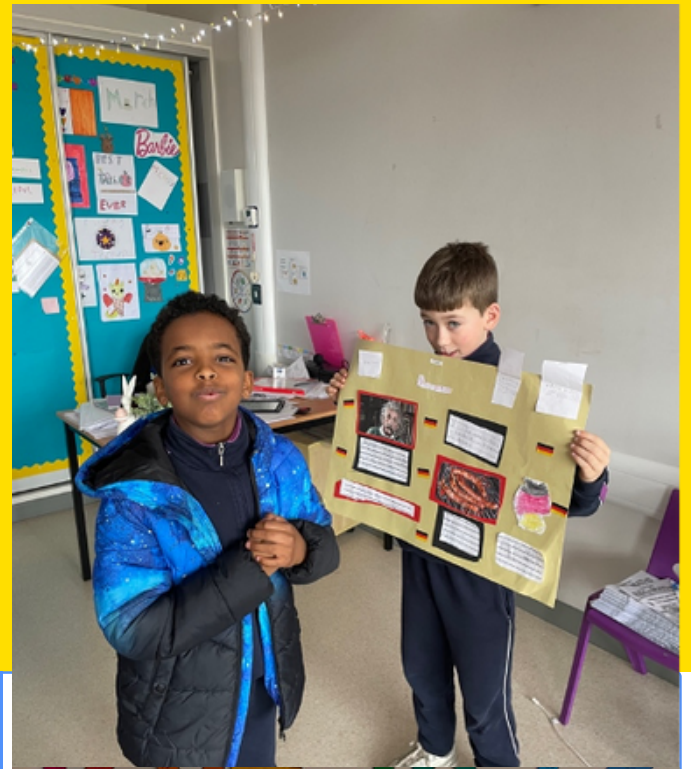
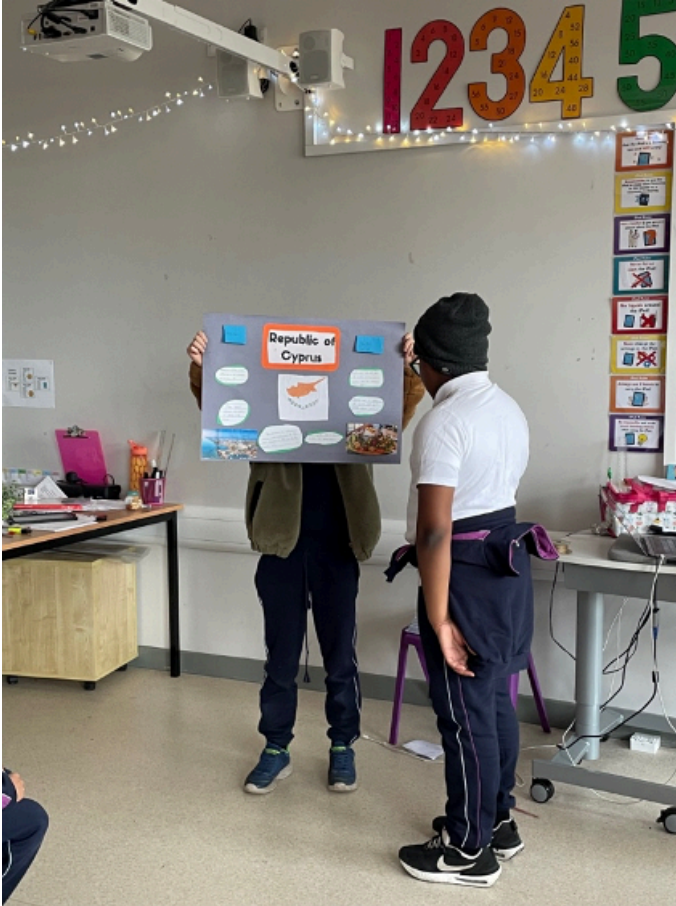
**Athletics:**  
We were so lucky to receive some coaching from Athletics Ireland this term! We learnt so many new skills from javelin throwing to hurdles to long jump! We think that there are definitely a few future Olympians in 3rd class!



# THIRD CLASS

## Project Work:

3rd class worked very hard on our projects this month. 3rd class A made projects about all the countries in the EU as part of the Blue Star programme and 3rd class B did projects about Africa! We loved presenting our projects and learning from each other!



# FOURTH CLASS A

The children in 4th class did a brilliant job performing 'The Jungle Book' for the Summer Showcase and I am extremely proud of their hard work and efforts. The children worked very hard to learn their lines, pick up dance moves in a short period of time and to learn the lyrics of the songs.



During Wellbeing Week the class had lots of fun trialling different tricks from the circus such as Hoola hooping, juggling and many more. The class also took part in yoga and mindfulness sessions.



The children were all smiles as they braved the elements and set off on the school sponsored walk. We got to see beautiful flowers, trees and even horses!



# FOURTH CLASS B

Term 3 has been full of fun in 4th Class B! We planned, rehearsed and performed a very successful rendition of The Jungle Book! We learned Irish Sign Language and we are working on signing our own names, animals and phrases. We celebrated World Book Day and wore some very inventive costumes. We learned all about South America and China and we have enjoyed exploring cultures from around the world. We were kept on our toes during Active Week and we are looking forward to our school tour to Causey Farm at the end of the year. We are sad to see the end of 4th Class but we are looking forward to what new adventures 5th Class will bring.



Some of our world Book Day costumes!

# FIFTH CLASS A

This term, our talented students took to the stage to bring Roald Dahl's beloved classic, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, to life! Our production was a sweet success, featuring impressive performances from our young actors and actresses. The show was a delightful adaptation of the iconic story, following Charlie Bucket's journey as he wins a golden ticket to visit the mysterious and magical Wonka Chocolate Factory. With its catchy songs, colorful costumes, and mesmerizing set design, our show was a real treat. We are so proud of all our students who worked tirelessly to bring this enchanting tale to the stage.



Our class had an unforgettable adventure as we went on a thrilling zip lining tour! Our students were buzzing with excitement as we arrived at the forest course, and their anticipation was rewarded with an action-packed day of flying through the trees! With the guidance of our expert instructors, we learned how to harness and clip in, and then took to the skies, zipping from platform to platform and taking in the stunning views of the surrounding landscape. It was an unforgettable experience that will be remembered for a long time to come!



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The activity started with a hula hooping activity, which was followed by some juggling where the kids learned how to juggle balls with ease. Then, they got to try their hand at plate spinning, which was a real crowd-pleaser! The students were amazed at how easy it was to spin a plate on a stick, and soon they were all creating their own spinning routines. The day's highlight was the group dancing routine, which left everyone giggling!



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# SIXTH CLASS

Sixth class recently had a mini company fair where we got to show off our business ideas, services and products, such as bracelets, food, sports services and drinks! It was busy and fun. We made a lot of money altogether!

We've also been busy rehearsing for graduation ceremony and production of 'Beauty and the Beast'. Practicing helps us make sure everything goes smoothly on the big day, and we're all excited to celebrate together. Please be our guest and join in the fun!

We went on our school tour to Zip It, an adventure park with ziplining. It was amazing fun for our last school tour!

Another highlight was the color run. We ran through clouds of colored powder, threw some at teachers and our friends, and overall had a great time!

To top it all off, we got our end-of-year hoodies. They're so comfy and a nice reminder of all the good times we've had this year and in the last 8 years.



# LANGUAGES TEAM

## Book Fair & World Book Day

There was great excitement on April 18th when our book fair arrived. The children from all classes had a wonderful time choosing from the lovely selection of books on offer. Our aim was to provide an opportunity for pupils to see, touch and connect with books they wanted to read. The school earned €1,097.28 in rewards from the fair which we were able to use to purchase sets of class novels for our classrooms. Thank you to everyone who supported the 2024 Lucan CNS Book Fair.

The following week, we celebrated World Book Day on April 26th. All children and staff were invited to dress up as their favourite book characters. All classes participated in different book related activities (Costume Walk, Buddy Reading, Where's Wally Hunt and Lunchtime Stories) and had lots of fun! Our aim is to encourage children to read at home and to learn to love books. Well done to everyone for putting such great effort into their costumes!



## Spelling Bee

In Term 3, our school competed in the Eason's Spelling Bee. We hosted an in school Spelling Bee between the 5th and 6th class in the hall and Han Rui from 5th Class was the Spelling Bee champion. Han Rui continued to the second heat in the Dublin competition and he was very close to making it to the final round. He was a credit to the school and received a certificate of participation. Han Rui should be acknowledged for this courage to spell in front of an audience of over a hundred people. Congratulations Han Rui on a fantastic Spelling Bee !



# LANGUAGES TEAM

## Irish Sign Language Classes

This term, pupils had to opportunity to take place in Irish Sign Language (ISL) classes, fostering an inclusive environment and promoting communication accessibility. Students were eager to participate, learning essential ISL skills that enhance their ability to interact with the deaf and hard-of-hearing community. Through engaging lessons and interactive practice sessions, pupils learned the ISL alphabet, how to sign their own names, the names of animals, the days of the week, food and much more! The children thoroughly enjoyed learning from M. Cathal and participating in various games and activities through ISL and this has helped to further embed the values of diversity and understanding within our community!



# STEM

The STEM team have been busy this term! We applied and successfully achieved the SFI Curious Minds Gold Award. We are so proud of all our pupils and staff members for their STEM achievements this year. You can see some examples of our hard work on our STEM website; <https://stemlucancns.weebly.com/about.html>. We received the following feedback from the judges:

"Many congratulations to all the teachers and learners in Lucan Community National School on achieving your Curious Minds Gold Award! It has been a pleasure to look through all of the amazing STEM work you have undergone. Your log of evidence is very well presented and shows a wide range of STEM activities. It's clear you've all been quite busy this year. The Gold Award is very well deserved. Great to see participation from the whole school in the awards. I really enjoyed the investigations into the shadows using the gingerbread men and the mad scientists. I also was fascinated by the school's wormery and learning about how important they are for our environment. You seem to have lots of budding scientists and engineers in Lucan Community National School. Well done to everyone and keep up the great work!"



Furthermore, with the support of the PTP fundraising, the STEM team have been updating the maths inventory for each class. A new maths curriculum has been introduced in primary schools across Ireland and, as a result, new maths resources were essential. The new curriculum places an emphasis on maths talk, problem solving and hands-on learning activities. We are so grateful to the PTP for fundraising for maths resources for our pupils.

The STEM team wish you all a lovely summer break and we look forward to an exciting new year of STEM in 2024/2025!



# CREATIVE TEAM

## Summer Showcase: A Memorable Event!

We are excited to share the success of our recent Summer Showcase. It was a wonderful event filled with amazing talent and creativity.

The children delivered amazing performances, starting with the Senior Infants' charming flower garden show, followed by the Second Class's thrilling tale of Dragons and Knights, the Fourth Class's captivating rendition of The Jungle Book, and culminating in the Fifth Class's spectacular Wonka production.

A special thank you to the parents and guardians who attended and supported the event. Your presence and encouragement mean a lot to us and our students.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made the showcase a memorable experience. We look forward to more creative events in the future!

Warm regards,  
The Creative Team.



# HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Wellbeing Week was celebrated in June. Everyone enjoyed taking this time to breathe, relax, look after their wellbeing and celebrate all the hard work we've done this year!

Our Múinteoirí and Cúntóirí had a great week voting for their favourite biscuit in the staffroom. Thanks to Múinteoir Catriona for the freshly baked cookies!



Each class enjoyed their Yoga time in the hall! 🧘

Múinteoir Eilis brought Archie in for a Wellbeing Visit! 🐾



Everyone loved learning some fun Circus Skills! 🎪🤡



# HEALTH AND WELLBEING TEAM – ACTIVE WEEK

Active Week was a huge success this year! Well done to everyone for taking part and getting active! 🏆



Múinteoir Catriona got everybody moving on Monday with a DanceFit session! 🕺



Every day we went out to 'Wake Up and Shake Up'. We had lots of fun getting active with the whole school and good music!



Sports Day was lots of fun. Everyone took part in the Egg and Spoon, Three-legged, Sack and Relay races. There was a great sense of teamwork and pride in the air, well done everybody!



We loved taking part in Yoga for International Yoga Day 🧘



Student v Teachers Annual Football Match





# HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Amber Flag



## PIETA AMBER FLAG AWARD

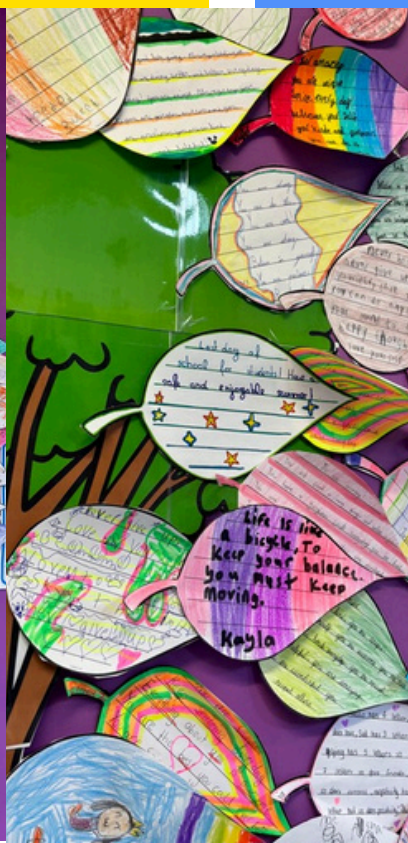
This certificate is presented to

**Lucan Community National School**

for demonstrating excellence in  
promoting positive mental health during  
2023—2024

Eileen Cunningham  
Pieta Education and Training Manager

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Amber Flag for the second year running. We have demonstrated excellence in promoting positive mental health during this school year. The Amber Flag Committee have worked tirelessly this year to encourage a positive attitude towards mental health in Lucan CNS. Committee leaders Múinteoir Evelyn & Cúntóir Sarah are so proud of the team and wish to thank them for their hard work and great efforts! 🧡



# ACTIVE FLAG

The Active Team have been extremely busy over Term 3. We have been diligently working towards earning the prestigious Active Flag!

Our journey towards the Active Flag this year has been a collaborative effort, showcasing the power of teamwork. In this term, we organised active week and active walkways around the school.

## Active Week

This year's Active Week was a tremendous success. Classes participated in sports days, table tennis, yoga classes, Jogathon and a whole school wake up shake up every morning throughout active week. A daily wake up shake up was suggested by a member of our active committee in our earlier meetings this week and it has been a great way to start the day. Active Week has been a fantastic way to get everyone involved and excited about fitness. We also really enjoyed getting to watch the Teacher vs 6th Class football match. It was very exciting!

Here are some pictures of our memories from Active Week!



Run Around Europe



We also completed the Run Around Europe Challenge in Term 3. The initiative focuses on participation, inclusion and fun with lots of learning opportunities along the way. All classes, at all class levels are challenged to build a 'Run a Day' in to their daily routines across the 4 weeks of the challenge. Working together as a class, and as a school, our combined km brought us to many of the capital cities across Europe. The Active Committee were an excellent support in setting this up and explaining the initiative to classes.

## Active Walkway

Another exciting initiative we worked on promoting this term was our Active Walkways. We helped create a walkway during wellbeing week to support movement and mindful breathing. Classes enjoyed walking around our designated path around the school grounds and arrived back to their class feeling calm and relaxed after engaging in breathing and gratitude exercises on their walks.

We also updated the active walkway for Active Week. This walkway encouraged the children to travel around the school using their map in different modes of travelling. For example, hopping, skipping and jumping. Thank you to the Active Committee for all their help in creating this walkway!

It has been a great year for the Active Team this year and we hope everyone enjoys a summer full of fun and movement!



# GREEN SCHOOL

The Green Schools committee did excellent work this term. They took a proactive approach by creating a Water Code that emphasized sustainable practices and efficient water use. Their diligence didn't stop there; they monitored water usage across the school, ensuring adherence to the new guidelines. This hands-on experience not only fostered a sense of responsibility among the students but also significantly contributed to the school's overall sustainability goals. The Green Schools committee's achievements this term have set a high standard for future environmental efforts.

## Lucan C.N.S. Water Code

AT LUCAN CNS, WE PLEDGE TO SAVE, WATER DROPS, WE MUST BE BRAVE. TURN OFF TAPS, FIX ALL LEAKS, SAVING WATER ALL THROUGH THE WEEKS.

JOIN OUR TEAM, SPREAD THE WORD, PARENTS TOO, LET'S BE HEARD! READ THE METERS, WATCH THE FLOW, SET OUR GOALS, LET'S MAKE IT SO.

PLAN AHEAD, BE PREPARED, LUCAN CNS, WATER SHARED!



# STUDENT COUNCIL AND THE KINDNESS WARRIORS

The Student Council have been working on the idea of 'Kindness Warriors' for the month on June. They know that there is so much strength in being kind!

This idea came about as the Student Council noticed that particularly in June, some pupils might find it tricky to stay on track and to remember the school rules.

The Student Council members noted that with school trips and other exciting events, some pupils can easily forget the importance of being kind so they came up with a plan!

They decided to reward pupils who continue to demonstrate kindness and respect throughout the month of June.

The Student Council are monitoring their classmates on yard and they are reporting to the class teacher on who the "Kindness Warriors" of the week are. The teacher along with the Student Council member select a pupil to be the Kindness Warrior, this is done every Friday for the month of June.

The best part is on Friday all the Kindness Warriors come along with the Student Council have an ice-cream party in the Staffroom!

Yes, the Staffroom, of all places where the chairs are oversized and the ice-cream is sweet!

The Student Council have had a very successful year and are a credit to the school.

They wanted their final project of the school year to be one that demonstrates a core value of Lucan CNS, kindness.

Remember is Cool to be Kind!



# PTP UPDATE

Dear families,

Summer Greetings from Lucan CNS Parent Association (PTP)!

We would like to say a huge thanks for your tremendous support for the fundraising events we ran this year including:

- Term 1 Coffee morning
- School Calendar
- Wooley Jumper Day
- Winter Recital incl. Raffle and Programme Sponsorship
- Crazy Hair Day
- Uniform pop-up shops – Term 1 and 3
- Tesco tokens
- Féile Disco
- Bake Sale
- Sponsored Walk
- Colour Run/Teddy Bear Picnic
- Summer Showcase incl. Raffle and Programme Sponsorship

Your ongoing support this year has raised €11,000 for school resources which as you know is being spent on Maths, IT and literacy materials – please see below for pictures of some of the Maths resources (recently purchased using fundraising monies) – required to support the implementation of the new Primary Maths Curriculum.

In addition to curricular materials, your support for our fundraising initiatives has also contributed to the various 'fun days' that have been held in the school this year, including:

- Movie Day treats
- Colour Run and Teddy Bear Picnic materials and treats
- Féile Tuck Shop and decorations
- Coffee morning supplies and treats
- Summer/Winter Recitals supplies and treats
- Ice-cream party

We would also like to say a huge thank you to our Chair Laura Spencer who is stepping down as her child transitions to Secondary school. Your dedication and commitment to Lucan CNS over the years has been second to none and you will be greatly missed.

Finally, we will be sending out a call again for new volunteers and committee member at the start of the new school year – we are always delighted to welcome new members so if interested, please get in touch at the time!

Wishing you all a safe and happy Summer break,

With warm regards,

Lucan CNS Parent Association

# PTP UPDATE

## New Maths resources



# RESTORATIVE PRACTICE

The RP mentor programme is a new programme to the school, this programme involves 6th class teaching the values of Restorative Practice in 3rd Class.

With this programme M. Kate taught the 6th class mentors how to deliver the 5 lessons, in these sessions we spoke about the importance of demonstrating leadership skills, anticipating problems, exercising patience and understanding. The mentors grew so much in confidence and by the end of the 5 sessions they were all mini teachers!

In these 5 RP lessons delivered to 3rd Class there were various ice breaker games and circle time. The ice breaker games create a classroom where connection and cooperation is valued. The circle time was a good opportunity to introduce a speaking toy where 3rd class understood that we can only share our opinion or ideas when holding the toy. The mentors also led lessons in how to respond when there is conflict, they spoke about the importance of listening and how we should always ask the Restorative questions. The Restorative questions help rebuild a relationship after harm has happened, they aim to diffuse the conflict and give people a chance to explain how they felt at the time. The mentors loved working with 3rd class and they looked forward to these weekly sessions. 3rd Class had a great time and spoke so positively of our mentors too!

Well done to the RP Mentors! In 6th class A we would like to congratulate Harsheth, Molli, Bailey, Emad, Shifa, Larissa

In 6th Class B, a big congratulations to Gracen, Nathan, Daniella, Kacie, Irin

RP Mentors:

Daniela

Fiadhna

Irin

Natan

Gracen

Kacie

Molli

Bailey

Larissa

Emad

Shifa

Harsheth





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