

200 years young and still learning!

Primary Education has been provided for the children of Lusk since 1823, predating the establishment of formal national education of 1831. From a two-room bungalow, housing 120 children, to the vast campus we have today, accommodating nearly 1000 children, it is difficult to comprehend the changes that have occurred during this time. The original schoolhouse, and the 1874 building that stands on the same site and is now the parish centre, soon became too small for the population and so in 1955 a new school was opened on Chapel Road. This building grew with the village and was extended several times, ending its life as a 32-classroom vertical school. In 2018, Lusk National school formally split into a Junior and Senior school, each one consisting of 16 classrooms.

The history of this school has been intertwined with our own national history. It has witnessed the Great Famine, two World Wars, the struggle for Irish Independence and the foundation of the Irish State. It saw electrification, sanitation, decimalisation and technological advances that those first students couldn't have dreamt of. In recent times, our town and school have seen an explosion of population and have welcomed many families from all corners of the world to our village. We have also had to adapt quickly, embracing remote learning during the pandemic, which took the classroom out of the school buildings and into the houses of the village.

This long and proud tradition of education has been a testament to the people of Lusk, the resilience and togetherness of the community and a determination to provide a wide-reaching service to our students.



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Community Open Day Saturday 7th October 2023 2pm - 5pm



by
Sam
and
Aurora

Time	Event	Location	Map Key	Lusk Junior National School	4	Lusk Senior National School	5				
2pm	Black Raven Pipe Band to march from 1874 school building to 2018 building and play at the central plaza.	Old School	1								
2:30pm	Formal Welcome in Hall by Mayor of Fingal, Cllr. Adrian Henchy.	School Hall	2	Time 2.45pm, 3.30pm & 4.15 pm	Event Presentations by Dermot Russell, author of 'Primary Education in the Village of Lusk'. Video footage of past pupils/community members in the intervals.	Location Lusk JNS	Map Key 4	Time 3pm, 3.45pm & 4.30pm	Event Presentations by Aidan Arnold, Lusk Heritage Group on the Dúchas collection, stories from schoolchildren 1930's.	Location Lusk SNS	Map Key 5
2:30pm Onwards	Tea/Coffee Photostory of Modern School Questionnaire for visitors to share school memories for new printed collection.	School Hall		2:30pm Onwards	Rolling footage of interviews with past students from each decade Footage recorded by Colin Browne.	Lusk JNS	4	2:30pm Onwards	Display of memorabilia/ artefacts from the past plus rolling video from archive by Pat Kelly, Lusk Heritage Group.	Lusk SNS	5
2:30pm Onwards	Explanation of Woodland Trail by Green Schools Committee.	Woodland Trail	3	2:30pm Onwards	Presentation of Art Piece "Flora and Fauna"	Lusk JNS	Foyer	2:30pm	Display of old registers where past students can find their own family name and explanation of Art Piece, 'The Journey' by Student Council.	Lusk SNS	Foyer
				2:30pm	Display model of a Computer session in a senior classroom.	Lusk JNS	5				