

ST. DAVID'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

June Newsletter

Please see below our news from June. We were very busy!

Sports Day

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped on sports day. Without your support we would not be able to have so much fun.

Parents, Paul Quigley, Jason Teahan, Paula McLoughlin, Linda Blanc-Quigley, Tracy Dunne, Ieva Perevertailova, Gavin Harper as well as past pupils Ben Greene, Emma White, Scott Meade, Sean Onwere, Hannah and Alyson Scriven, and Sadhbh Cardenas. We would also like to thank the PTA for providing goodies and drinks on the day.

Also, a big thank you to Ms. Gillespie for co-ordinating the whole day!

Active Week

The pupils and staff greatly enjoyed Active Week. We participated in tennis, badminton, hockey, golf, Zumba and FitFun. Thank you to all our coaches who made Active Week possible!

Luke Hawkins

Luke Hawkins from Wilson's Hospital School led a lovely assembly for our pupils and staff in June. We all enjoyed it very much. The pupils taught Luke a new song.

Green Schools Committee

We have begun work on our Green Schools Flag for Biodiversity this year. Each class (from 2nd class - 6th class) voted and nominated suitable candidates for the committee. We held meetings about important issues regarding biodiversity. We used surveys and drawings to find out what our school already knew about biodiversity. We raised awareness about it through workshops, assembly and asking each class to display a poster in their classroom about it. We held a competition for each class. The junior end drew a picture about biodiversity and the senior end tried their best to come up with a catchy Green School's Code. Everyone put in such a fantastic effort. During Biodiversity week, each class took part in some fun activities. Some of our work is displayed on our noticeboard. On behalf of the Green Schools committee, I want to thank everyone for supporting us and taking the time to complete the activities. Have a great summer!

Ice-cream and Pizza Party

The pupils and staff all enjoyed the ice-cream truck and pizza that arrived in St. David's NS as a well done present to celebrate the pupils' hard work this year. Thank you to all the parents who came along and joined our party.

Ladybirds, Brownies and Guides

Stephanie Jones, District Commissioner, Leader Guides, would like to invite pupils from St. David's NS to enrol for Ladybirds, Brownies and Guides.

Ladybirds (5-7 years) meet in McAuley Place on Thursdays @ 6.30pm for an hour. There are 2 Brownie units (7-10 years). One meets in Sallins Scout Den on Mondays and the other meets in McAuley place on Fridays, both during term time.

There is also a guide unit (10 - 14 years) which meets in McAuley place on Thursdays.

Rev. Canon Craig McCauley

We have enjoyed our assemblies with Rev. Craig. We hope he has settled into his new home and parish. You can contact Rev. Craig on 0863978858.

Junior and Senior Infants

We have had a lovely year. An ice cream van came to school this week and we had a pizza party. Yummy! We have been learning about summer and pretending we work at an ice cream parlour during our Aistear time. It has been great fun! We are looking forward to summer and we are so excited about coming back to our new teachers in September.

First and Second Class

1st & 2nd class have really enjoyed a month full of activities. They enjoyed every minute of our school tour to Let's Go, Kilcullen, not to mention all the active week activities and sports that we had in school. There was huge excitement when the ice-cream van turned up in school last Monday, followed by a pizza party in the school yard.

Third and Fourth Class

We had our Sports Day on 9th June. Some of our favourite activities from this month were relay, tag rugby, soccer, parachute, tennis, badminton and hockey. We had ice cream and pizza. It was delicious!! We played some games with 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th class. We are looking forward to the summer holidays! We tried lots of fruit and vegetables with the Food Dudes programme. 6th class graduated and we made them hats. We will miss them! We have been getting ready to move to our new class in August! We can't believe this is our last newsletter this school year. We have learned so much this year! We want to wish everyone a really happy, relaxing summer.

Fifth and Sixth Class

We got invited to go to Wilson's Hospital School. We got to try out different activities like tag-rugby, drama, orienteering and we got a tour of the school. They then gave us pizza, chips and ice-cream for lunch.

We have had such a busy month and now we, 6th class, have to say goodbye to St David's. We really enjoyed our graduation and were so happy to see all the photos of ourselves during our time here. We will be sad to leave but we are so looking forward to this next step! The day after graduation we got to have a party in our classroom to celebrate. We got lots of treats and watched The Lion King. On Monday we had a pizza party and got ice-cream with the whole school. It was delicious. We played rounders with both 1st/2nd and 3rd/4th to teach them the rules. We had great fun and we hope they did too.

Important Dates

- St. David's Service (Details to follow via email) - 30th July 2023
- Return to school - 28th August 2023

Class Allocations

- Junior/ Senior Infants - Ms. Kelly Delaney
- First/ Second Class - Mrs Kate Wallace
- Third/ Fourth - Appointment to follow
- Fifth/ Sixth Class - Ms. Louise Gillespie
- SET- Ms. Arlene Hickey
- SET - Ms. Sarah O'Brien (Appointment to follow)

We wish Ms. Sarah O'Brien the very best in her role as Acting Principal before starting her maternity leave.

We then wish Ms. Louise Gillespie and Ms. Kelly Delaney the very best in their roles as Acting Principal and Acting Deputy Principal while Mrs. Vivienne Rankin and Ms. Sarah O'Brien are on maternity leave.

**** Please note new school time ****

School commences @ 8:50am. The children must be lined up and ready to enter the school building.

Parents must provide supervision until 8:50am. Children will remain on school buses until 8:50am.

School ends @ 1:30pm (Juniors) and 2:30pm (Seniors).

Kind regards,
Vivienne Rankin
Principal

Here at St. David's, we have an open-door policy and are always available to answer questions and provide support to all pupils and parents.

HOCKEY CAMP

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to meet all of the students at St. Davids yesterday and to take them for some hockey coaching. I look after the Junior Admin for Naas Hockey Club and should any of you be interested I have details below regarding our upcoming Camp in Naas in July.

Naas Hockey Club Multi Sport Camp
Monday 10th to Thursday 13th July
10am to 1:30pm
Caragh Road (Beside K Leisure Complex)

All age groups between Junior Infants and 6th class are very welcome
Camp price is €90

For all Enquiries re the camp or regarding joining Naas Hockey Club please email Kathryn Henderson at naasjuniorhockey@gmail.com

Wishing you all a really lovely summer.
Kathryn