



APRIL NESLETTER

Hello everyone!

We hope you had a wonderful Easter break. We have had a great start to Term 3 with lots of exciting things still to come. We look forward especially to the official opening of St. David's NS on May 10th. All are welcome. We look forward to sports day and school tours which are always firm favourites with the children.

Dates for your diary in May:

- 6th May – School closed to facilitate staff training
- 10th May – Official school opening (only 11 years late 😊) at 12pm in the school.
- 18th May – Bingo night hosted by PTA
- 29th May – School closed for June Bank Holiday

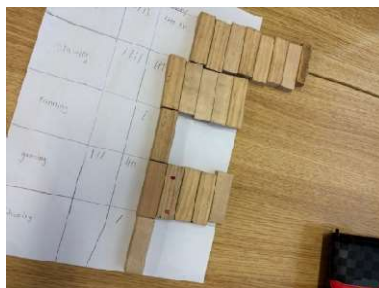
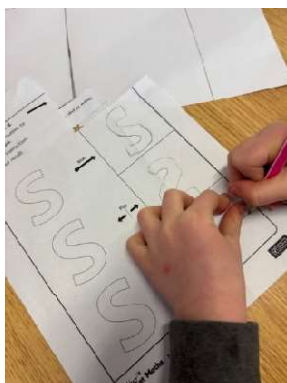
Junior and Senior Infants:

Junior and Senior Infants have had a super start to Term 3. We have been learning all about different modes of transport. We have especially focused on space. The children have especially enjoyed learning all about life as an astronaut. We looked at some real life examples of astronauts. We even have our own “rocket” in our classroom. We also learned all about birthdays in Irish. As a special treat, the children got some birthday cake. We are so excited for the official opening on Sunday 10th May. Our class have called it a “big party” because it really is a celebration of all things St David's!



1st and 2nd class:

First and Second Class have been very busy throughout the month. In English, we focused on sequencing and summarising, and we are working hard to complete our Class Book. In Irish, we learned about ag siopadóireacht. In Maths, we explored block graphs and were introduced to transformation. In Art, we created colourful tulip pieces and had great fun designing cartoon portraits with oversized sunglasses. During music time, we have been practising songs for our upcoming Open Day. We have also been learning about bridges around the world and put our creativity to the test by designing and building our own bridges using LEGO, blocks, and a variety of other materials.



3rd and 4th class:

In 3rd and 4th class we have been learning about capacity and we went outside to measure different amounts of liquid. We have loved the sunny weather and have enjoyed our 15 minutes outside each day, playing rounders and hula skirts. In PE we started to learn how to play basketball. In art, we have been painting butterflies and flowers to make a lovely display in our classroom. We also made clay pots in art and painted them. They look great! In Irish, we have been learning about school and we wrote our own timetables for school and wrote our day in school too. We have been doing so well with our Irish sentence structure. We wrote letters to embassies from lots of different countries around the world asking them to send us some information about their country as we will be doing a project about them. We have been patiently waiting for them to hopefully write back to us. We have had a great month and we are really looking forward to all the lovely things to come over the next few weeks in school.



5th and 6th class:

This month the children of fifth and sixth class have been learning about weight and value for money based on the weight of goods. The students have also been looking at the Irish Free State and the roles of key figures in achieving the Free State and later the Republic. They learned about the Anglo-Irish Treaty and what sacrifices had to be made for the Republic to become a reality later. They also learned about how Ireland went from being a Free State to a Republic and who the leader of that change was as well as his role in the Irish War of Independence. While in Geography, the children learned about the bogland areas, the animals and plants that are there, historical artefacts and fossils found in the bog and what the bog has been used for in Ireland for many years, with many of the children getting to hold a sod of turf from the bog for the first time in their lives.



Ms McGuckin's class:



We have had a wonderful April in our classroom. We have been having so much fun in the playground now the weather is nice, and we love the new climbing wall and stepping logs. We planted some seeds and have been watching them grow. We also have been working on our fine motor skills, we made necklaces from pasta and string. We are very excited about the summer term!

As always, our door is always open and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My admin day is on a Thursday and I am available to meet or call parents during this day or before or after school on other days. My direct contact is louise.m.gillespie@gmail.com

Please note that policies and minutes from Board of Management meetings can be found on our school website.

Kind regards,

Ms Louise Gillespie

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