

# ST. DAVID'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

## April/ May Newsletter

Please see below our news from April and May. We were very busy!

### ***Aldi Poster Competition***

We are all delighted that we won €5000 as part of the Aldi Poster Competition. Well done to all the pupils, parents and teachers for collecting so many stickers! We are so lucky and look forward to completing some exciting projects in St. David's NS with this huge win!



### ***Wellbeing Wednesday***

A big thank you to Mrs Kate Wallace and Ms. Arlene Hickey who organised a wonderful 'Wellbeing Wednesday' for all staff and pupils in St. David's NS. As part of this special day, we all had a 'crazy hair day' which was very funny. The children and staff were very creative with their hairstyles. We also participated in an outdoor assembly, yoga and art activities. All the pupils wrote lovely compliments for their peers. We fundraised €104.60 for NF Ireland.

### ***School Tour***

We attended Let's Go! We all had so much fun. The children were excellently behaved and really enjoyed themselves!

### ***Active Week***

The pupils and staff have greatly enjoyed Active Week thus far. We had our school tour, cycling and a walk to Killashee this week.

### ***School Trees Planted***

A big thank you to Brian Dunne who planted multiple trees around the school as part of our Green School's project- Biodiversity. We can't wait to see them grow!

### ***Meath and Kildare Diocesan Service***

Fifth and sixth class attended the Meath and Kildare Diocesan Service. It was a long journey down but enjoyed by all. We learned some new hymns and have begun teaching them to the rest of the school.

### ***Luke Hawkins***

Luke Hawkins from Wilson's Hospital School led a lovely assembly for our pupils and staff in April. We all enjoyed it very much. The pupils taught Luke actions to one of their songs.

### ***Green Schools Committee***

We have been working hard over the last few months. We are working on the Green Flag for Biodiversity. Biodiversity is all about the plants, animals and habitats in our school. We have done surveys, spoken in assembly and carried out a competition. We are excited to see who has won the competition. We are working on our Bug Hotel. Thank you so much to everyone who brought in supplies. The children have also had name suggestions for the hotel. We will let you know on the chosen name. We are also going to have an official hotel opening once it is all set up. We'll keep you up to date on our progress! Thanks again for your support. Remember to look after the world around you!

### ***Junior and Senior Infants***

The weather is getting better and we are having lots of fun. Ms Spendlove was teaching us for a few lessons a day for two weeks in April. We loved Wellbeing Wednesday. We gave each other compliments and we had crazy hair! This week, we went on our school tour. We loved it! We are all very excited for the Active Week activities coming up.

### ***First and Second Class***

We've been busy bees in 1st and 2nd class learning all about plants, animals and habitats as part of biodiversity week. We've been having lots of fun coming up with names for the bug hotel and are looking forward to finding out its official name. We had so much fun on crazy hair day, as part of wellbeing Wednesday. We got to do art, yoga and dance activities. We loved writing and receiving lovely comments from our classmates.

### ***Third and Fourth Class***

We went on our school tour to Let's go camp in Kilcullen. We really enjoyed it. Some of our favourite activities were Virtual Reality, wobbly ladder, KMX karts and wrecking ball. We worked really hard on our tests. We have been getting ready for the relay race. We finished our novel which was called 'The Wreck of the Zanzibar' by Michael Morpurgo. We celebrated Biodiversity Week and we completed a workshop. We learned about certain plants and about the types of trees and keratin. The Green Schools committee organised some fun tasks. Our favourite was the fact file about frogs. We also celebrated Crazy Hair Day on Wellbeing Wednesday. We completed lots of activities about positivity and kindness. We really enjoyed the disco outside. We completed an animal project where we chose an animal, wrote/typed facts and created the animal out of clay. WE WON 5000 EURO from the Aldi competition!!! We are looking forward to our last month in school. We have lots of fun activities ahead!

### ***Fifth and Sixth Class***

We are learning about the famine this month. We have done projects in groups and have made dioramas. We also learnt about famines in other countries. We are reading Under the Hawthorn Tree by Marita Conlon-Mckenna too. We learned about famous scientists! It was really interesting to learn about their lives and the different things they invented or discovered. We went on our school tour to Let's Go Camp - As a class the VR and the obstacle course were our favourite activities! We had a great day out in the sunshine. We are currently planning what to spend our money on that we raised from our bake sale! We can't wait for some

treats. We worked so hard on our tests! It was an exhausting week but we are so glad we are done just in time for the lovely sunshine. We have been practicing for our relay races on sports day - we are getting quick! We hope you can come and support us on the 9th of June.

***Important Dates***

- Active Week - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June
- Bank Holiday- **No school** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June or Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June
- Sports Day- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June
- Full Day Closure- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June
- Incoming Junior Infants Visit - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June
- Sixth Class Graduation - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June
- Summer Holidays - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June
- Return to school - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August

Kind regards,  
Vivienne Rankin

***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.***