

St. David's National School



Newsletter - January

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Happy New Year! We have had a busy start to our new term.

We welcomed Ms Nicole Allen and Ms Laura Kehoe to our staff this term. We also welcome Niamh Couch and wish her luck in her position as SNA in our school.

Some dates to note for February 2024:

February Bank Holiday - no school on Monday 5th February

Midterm Break - No school from Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

Fly your Kite workshop will be on during the school day on the 7th February

Junior and Senior Infants:

We have started back into the New Year with lots of learning. We have been learning about healthy foods. We have been very brave tasting all our fruits and vegetables as part of the Food Dudes programme. We even got some lovely prizes! We got some new lunchboxes where we will put our own fruit and vegetables to bring into school. We have been learning all about supermarkets. We have pretended to be shopkeepers, built some shops from blocks and designed some shops. We are really looking forward to all the fun activities ahead of us in this term!

1st and 2nd Class

The boys and girls in 1st and 2nd class have really helped me to settle in well to my new role as their class teacher. They are all so helpful and welcoming and I have had a great first month as their teacher.

We have had a very busy month of January and have worked incredibly hard. We really enjoyed our art lessons and learned a lot about Pierre-Auguste Renoir, the artist we have been focusing on for the month of January. We examined two of his famous paintings 'Umbrellas' and 'A Girl with a Watering Can' and painted our own interpretations of these two pieces of art. We also really enjoyed drawing and colouring portraits of our classmates outside in the school yard, using natural light, just as Renoir did. We learned a lot about the life of St. Brigid and designed some lovely colourful St. Brigid's cloaks. We are really looking forward to our Bank Holiday next week, thanks to St. Brigid!! We

learned about acrostic poems and wrote an acrostic poem with a partner on the theme of 'Birthdays'. We also designed 'Our Ideal Playgrounds' and learned about the important job of park rangers.

3rd and 4th Class:

Our theme this month was winter weather. We learned the vocabulary of winter and weather in Gaeilge. We had great fun making wind vanes. We went outside with a compass to measure the wind direction and we tested our designs to make the most effective wind vane. We created some lovely winter landscapes in art this month to decorate the back of our room. In history we have been researching the locality and examining old pictures of Naas town. We started swimming this month and everyone has enjoyed our weekly outing. In SPHE and drama, we have been working on building friendships and expressing ourselves thoughtfully and appropriately.

5th and 6th class:

We have learning about Ancient China in History, earthquakes and volcanoes. We made monster clay pots in Art. We have been swimming this term. We are working really hard to get rewards for our sticker charts. We love choosing a variety of rewards.

Ms. Allen's class

During the month of January, The children explored the following:

The weather by using weather charts everyday. The children were participating and aware of the different types of weather.

The Vikings was the focus of our History classes this month . The children's work was then displayed in the classroom.

Sensorial activities were enjoyed by all the children. These included, painting, play dough, sensory buckets, water and sand play.

Best wishes,

Louise Gillespie

Acting Principal