

ST. DAVID'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

March Newsletter

Please see below our news from March. We had a busy month!

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge ran from Monday 6th March to Wednesday 15th March. A big 'go raibh maith agat' to Ms Gillespie and Ms Hickey who organised lots of fun activities for the pupils. Activities included celtic art, the haka in Irish, Irish games, a table quiz, a seo fashúin and a treasure hunt. To end the celebrations and festivities, on Wednesday 15th March, 5th and 6th class performed a drama in Irish for the whole school, and the children all wore green, white or orange clothes (or a mixture of all). We had a great time and well done to the boys and girls for all their work and participation during Seachtain na Gaeilge.



Swimming

Junior infants, senior infants, 1st class and 2nd class have been busy with their swimming lessons. Since February midterm, the children have been attending K Leisure every Friday. Our swimming lessons ended on Friday 31st March. Well done to all the boys and girls. They have been super at their swimming lessons. They have become more confident and it has been so lovely to see their big smiles.

Fit Fun Classes

3rd class, 4th class, 5th class and 6th class have been busy getting fit with FitFun. Lee and Glen have been putting the children and the teachers through their paces over the last few weeks and it has been lots of fun. The final lesson of FitFun was on Friday 31st March.

Bake Sale

Our Bake Sale took place on 30th March in our school hall. This was a joint fundraiser for the PTA and 5th/6th class. We were busy baking at home and enjoyed welcoming parents, grandparents and friends to the hall to enjoy some

tea/coffee and delicious treats. The PTA also organised amazing Easter hampers. Congratulations to the winners of these hampers. A huge thank you to the senior pupils, PTA and to all who donated delicious treats to the Bake Sale. It was a huge success!

The winners of the prizes are Christina Gonzales, Jake (Ms. Gillespie), Aisling Cardenas, Chris Lalor, Donegan Family x 2, Hannah Gonzales, Jessica Teahan, Maria Nisiweicz, Sam Reilly.

Sandpit

A big thank you to Tracey, Lynda and Ieva for taking out their wheelbarrows and shovels and helping us create a sandpit for the pupils. We really appreciate all their help!

Junior and Senior Infants

We have been busy working hard in the infant classroom. Ms Spendlove has been teaching us for some lessons every Monday, as well as Ms O'Brien each day. We are loving having two teachers! We have been learning about the lifecycle of a chick. We set up an incubator in our classroom, got eggs from a farmer, waited 21 days and then chicks hatched in our classroom. We have one chick in our classroom now. We have called her 'Cutie'. We love watching her drink her water and eat her chick crumb. Happy Easter everybody!

First and Second Class

We have had a very creative month in 1st and 2nd Class. We really enjoyed making Shamrock men for St. Patrick's Day and clay hands for Mother's Day. We did an art lesson with 5th and 6th Class and made lots of different Easter Crafts.

Third and Fourth Class

We have had a busy month! We have enjoyed Seachtain na Gaeilge activities including quizzes and fashion shows. We have really enjoyed our lessons with Ms Sherwood. We have done fitness classes each Friday which has been great. The bake sale was fantastic and we bought lots of tasty treats. We hope everyone has a relaxing and happy Easter!

Fifth and Sixth Class

We have been so lucky to have Ms Byrne teaching us alongside Ms Gillespie for the last few weeks! We have done lots of interesting lessons and we are going to miss her when she leaves to go back to college.

For Science we went out to our yard and to the grove and collected mini-beasts with pooters. We had a great time and were delighted with the selection of

creatures we had the chance to look at. We made sure to release them back into their habitat when we were done.

In History we have been learning about the Space Race with Ms Byrne and we completed mini-projects on them. With Ms Gillespie we wrote World War I newspaper articles and stained them to make them look old.

We were so grateful to everyone who came and supported our bake sale. We had a fantastic day and we hope you enjoyed all of the yummy treats. We raised nearly €600 at the children's table!

We were so lucky to have Mei Lin come in to our school to work with us as part of Music Generation. She is a world-renowned artist and we definitely learned a lot from her and got to work as part of an impromptu orchestra.

We hope everyone has a lovely Easter and gets to eat lots of chocolate!

Important Dates

- Easter Closure: 3rd April - 14th April. School will reopen at 08.50 on 17th April 2023.

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.