



March 2026 Newsletter

Hello everyone!

It is hard to believe we are now at the end of Term 2. We have had a busy term with lots of fun whole school activities. Seachtain na Gaeilge is always a fun time in St. David's National School. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for continued support. We would also like to say well done to all pupils and staff for their hard work and dedication in making St. David's National a happy and safe place. Wishing you all a happy and relaxing Easter Break.

Dates for your diary in April:

- 13th April – School reopens after the Easter Break at 8.50am.
- 29th April – The school will finish at 1pm to allow for staff training.
- 30th April – Junior Infants and 6th class professional photographs being taken.



Junior and Senior Infants:

We have had an exciting month in our classroom. We planted seeds and bulbs and it has been so exciting to see them beginning to sprout and grow. We were learning about the farm and spring. We even made our very own butter and got to taste it. We really enjoyed all the Seachtain na Gaeilge activities. Tomás a lovely little green teddy joined our classroom and was watching that we were using some Irish during the day. We dressed up in Green for Lá Glas. We had an Irish dancing disco with 1st and 2nd class and Ms McGuckin's class which was super fun. We have enjoyed doing lots of Easter activities. We made lovely bunny pictures and displayed them outside our classroom. We hope everyone has a happy and safe Easter break.



1st and 2nd class:

First and Second Class have completed another month of hard work! They have been making great progress on their class book and have been practicing addition and subtraction with regrouping in Maths. They also created some lovely Easter bunny art. We took part in a range of activities for Seachtain na Gaeilge, including dancing to traditional music, art competitions, St. Patrick's Day art, and Irish games. The children have also been practicing breathing exercises to help with relaxation. I hope they all have a lovely Easter break, enjoy a well-deserved rest, and I look forward to welcoming them back in April.



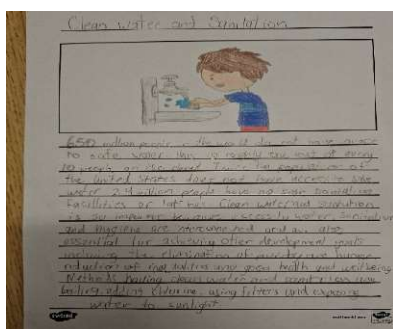
3rd and 4th class

This month 3rd and 4th class finished our novel Charlotte's Web. We really enjoyed reading this together. We spent the month doing our rainforest projects in groups of 4. We made shoebox dioramas of rainforests, did rainforest animal collages and researched and wrote up information about the rainforests too. This was great fun and we really loved doing this. We also loved all of the activities for Seachtain na Gaeilge and we were really proud of ourselves for doing a fashion show in Irish for the rest of the school. We also enjoyed doing some art in Irish, learning the National Anthem and the Haka as Gaeilge. This term has been busy and it is hard to believe it is already over! We hope everyone has a lovely Easter and get to eat lots of chocolate!!



5th and 6th class:

This month was a very enjoyable and productive month in 5th and 6th class. The first two weeks of March were that of 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' where the children played many games in Irish, created some artistic pieces, performed the haka as Gaeilge and learned some Irish songs. They also learned about the importance clean water and sanitation and education and why these are human rights. In the second half of March, the children were learning about medicine and the importance of knowing what medicines are for and the consequences of overusing medicines. They also about some of the medicines that are available to them over the counter. In history, the students have been looking at the foundation of the Irish State, building from the Easter Rising to the War for Independence. They also created wanted posters for the rebel Michael Collins.



Ms McGuckin's class:



We have had a wonderful month in our special class. We have really enjoyed getting back outside in the better weather. We have been playing in the yard and using the playground.

We enjoyed joining the whole school to decorate smiley faces for a new display. We were also playing with musical instruments, doing St. Patricks Day art and Easter art.

Happy Easter to everyone!

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,
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Acting Principal**