



October 2025 Newsletter

Hello everyone! We can't believe we are almost at the Midterm Break. We have had a busy and enjoyable half term. Everyone has worked so hard and tried their best. We hope you all have a happy, safe and relaxing break.

Dates for your diary in November:

- Parent Teacher meetings: 19th and 20th November 2025
- Staff training day (Whole School closed): 25th November 2025



Junior and Senior Infants:

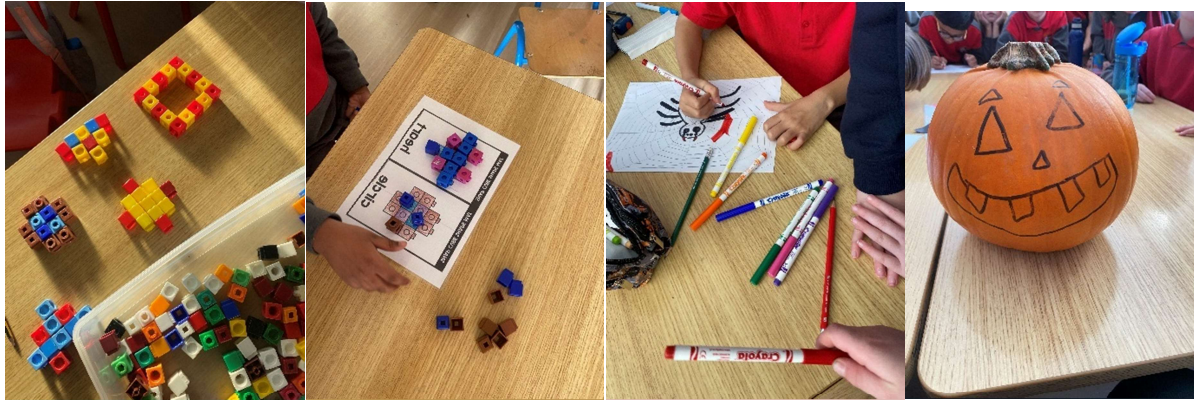
We have really enjoyed this month in school. We will tell you some of our highlights from this month. We really enjoyed Playball lessons. We learned new skills and had lots of fun. We enjoyed having Kate from Gaeilge le Cill Dara with us. We learned a new Irish song. We also had our friends from the Gaelscoil visit us. We created some pumpkins with them. We enjoyed Maths Week. We created symmetry art with the older children. We also had to guess how many chocolates were in the jar. Ms Delaney was teaching us the Zippy Friend's programme. We are learning about different feelings and what to do with these emotions. We enjoyed dressing up in yellow, green and blue for Go Phone Free. We did a colouring competition too. We have learned all about Autumn. During playtime, we did leaf rubbings and looked at signs of autumn too.



1st and 2nd Class:

It's been a busy and exciting month in First and Second Class! The children have been getting into the Halloween spirit with some spooky art, creating fantastic skeletons, carving a pumpkin

and designing decorations for the classroom. In Irish, we've been learning all about Oíche Shamhna and using lots of new seasonal vocabulary. In Maths, the children have been exploring fractions and taking part in fun STEM activities that encourage problem-solving and teamwork. We've also been enjoying the last few weeks of Playball, building our coordination and fitness through games. A special highlight this month was joining the Gaelscoil for a shared art activity — everyone had a wonderful time working together and being creative!



3rd and 4th Class:

This month we have been busy! At the beginning of the month Tesco Cooks came to our school and our class got to become chefs and cook a vegetarian pasta dish all by ourselves! We had to weigh our ingredients, cut them and then cook them. We then got to eat our delicious food. In Gaeilge we have been doing the theme of Sa Theach (In the house). We know how to describe our house as Gaeilge and name the rooms inside. We can also talk about the area we live in too. In Maths we were looking at data, and transformations, where we learned about tessellation, symmetry and moving shapes. We made some symmetrical gingerbread men. 3rd class worked on subtraction while 4th class began looking at multiplication.



5th and 6th Class:

October was a busy month for the 5th and 6th class in our school, beginning with the Tesco Stronger Starts Cooks coming to the school to give a cooking lesson to the students. Here they made a vegetarian pasta dish using ingredients provided by Tesco themselves. The pupils also took part in a tour of the local Tesco Extra, seeing how the company operated behind the scenes and shelves and then partaking a challenge to find the best priced meal for their group. For maths week the students were paired with some of the younger pupils in the school to take part in a symmetry challenge to help the juniors and senior infants in their learning and understanding of symmetrical shapes. The 5th and 6th later took part in a social media talk with an outside speaker where they learned about the algorithms, targeted advertisements and how dopamine is created in the brain through the continued use of social media. Lastly the pupils partook in the creation of some Halloween art where they have created clay monsters and painted their monsters. Here they showed their creative side when given their freedom to express themselves through the medium of art.



Ms McGuckin's Class:

We have had a great few weeks in our class. We have really been enjoying Playball. We have been learning all about autumn. We looked at The Colour Monster story and Room on the Broom. This week we had our Halloween party, which was great fun. We also received a new bike in the class, which has been great fun in the yard.



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 Tuesday 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@stdavisnationalschool.ie

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

Kind regards,

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