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September newsletter:

Welcome back everyone! This month we welcomed 12 new junior infants to St. David's along with some new pupils in other classes. They have settled in well and have made an excellent addition to our school. We celebrated SNA appreciation day this month. We have wonderful SNAs in our school. We hope you all enjoy reading our newsletter.

Dates for your diary in October:

- Parent Teacher Association Annual General Meeting – 7th October
- Go Phone Free Week (More information to follow) – 13th – 17th October
- Maths Week Ireland (Children will be doing maths activities) – 13th – 17th October
- Halloween Dress up day – 24th October
- Midterm Break – Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October



Junior and Senior Infants:

We have had an enjoyable but busy start to our school year. It's hard to believe we have been back over a month now! We have worked on our fine motor skills by doing threading, playdough and the multi links. We have done matching, counting and combining in Maths. We are having Playball lessons every Friday which have been great. We learned all about the people who work in a school and made "thank you" pictures for the SNAs on SNA appreciation day. We listened to the story about Elmer the elephant and created our very own version. We hope everyone has had a great month.



1st and 2nd class:

First and second class have been working really hard since we came back to school. We have enjoyed playball, practicing pointillism art, learning about recount writing and practicing addition and place value in maths. Here are some pictures of a fun maths game we enjoyed as well as characters that we coloured which we saw come to life using a fun app!

We are looking forward to learning lots more in October.



3rd and 4th class

We are so glad to be back at school. We have all been working so hard for the month of September and have been learning lots of new things! We were so excited to have Big Dave back with us for Playball this month. In Science we were doing experiments to try and create boats that would float. We discovered the boats had to have a wide base (and no holes!) to float in the water. It was great fun! We have been learning about Mé Féin (Myself) in Irish and have been listening to Ms Gillespie read aloud *The Twits* by Roald Dahl as part of our English lessons. We had great fun last week in Maths learning about 2D shapes and we explored around our classroom and the library to find 2D shapes in real life. We have also absolutely loved our new playground and have had great fun playing with it!



5th and 6th class:

During September the pupils of fifth and sixth class learned about Ancient China and Ancient Ruins of Ireland. The children drew pictures of Chinese dragons, maps of Ireland and marked many historic locations around the island. They have also been learning about data, how to collect it and reading the results of data collected. They then collected their own data in groups and made their own graphs which are displayed in their classroom.



Ms McGuckin's class:

We have had a lovely few weeks and we have all settled back to school! We have been learning all about autumn recently. We painted leaves using autumn colours and made wreaths out of them. We have been using our new playground, we have been working on our numbers during circle time and we have been working on our reading and phonics.



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.m.gillespie@gmail.com

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

Kind regards,

Louise Gillespie

Acting Principal