

ST. DAVID'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

September Newsletter

I hope the children have enjoyed their first month back in school. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the pupils. St. David's has been very welcoming and I am proud to work with such a friendly, hard working school community.

The pupils and staff have been working exceptionally hard since returning. Please see below what we have achieved, thus far this academic year.



World Peace Sports Day

The pupils and staff all participated in World Peace Sports Day. We all wore yellow or blue and completed a number of sporting activities including silly races, penalty shoots, soccer match and cat and mouse tag. We all greatly enjoyed the day and raised €88.90 in aid of Ukraine.

Music Generation

The children have begun music generation classes. 3rd and 6th are learning to play the ukulele while 4th and 5th are completing a music production programme.

Playball

The junior classes have begun playball lessons. They are greatly enjoying this and it is lovely to see their smiles and excitement every Friday morning when the coaches arrive.

Transition Year Students

We are very lucky to have two transition year students attending St. David's every Thursday to help the teachers and pupils in all classrooms.

Religion Classes

Mark and Zoe have returned this year and are providing religion classes to all pupils.

Harvest Assembly

Luke Hawkins, the School Chaplain at Wilson's Hospital School and the Diocese Youth Officer visited St. David's and presented a special harvest assembly. This was greatly enjoyed by pupils and staff.

School Garden

We have begun creating a school garden. If parents/ guardians would like to donate flowers or plants, we would greatly appreciate it.

School Policies

Please familiarise yourselves with our new and updated school policies. The following are particularly important;

1. Healthy Eating
2. Mobile Phone
3. Code of Behaviour
4. Anti-bullying
5. Child Safeguard Risk Assessment and Statement

Junior and Senior Infants

Junior infants have settled in brilliantly. We had lovely smiles for our photographers who came to visit. We are looking forward to seeing ourselves in the newspaper. Senior Infants have been working hard, and we are doing really well with our writing and our sounds. We have all been having lots of fun at Playball too.

First and Second Class

We have been really active this month. We are enjoying playball and we really enjoyed World Peace Sports Day.

Third and Fourth Class

We have enjoyed being outside in the yard all together again. We have enjoyed welcoming our new Principal, Mrs Rankin. We have learned about Sa Bhaile in Irish, Vincent Van Gogh in Art and Fionn and the Salmon of Knowledge in History. We are working on our pictures for the Credit Union competition.

Fifth and Sixth Class

This month we all completed a science experiment. We made a model of a heart. First, we filled half a cup with dyed red water. Next, we put a balloon over the tip of the cup. After that we stuck a stick into the balloon and made a hole big

enough to stick a straw through. We put tape over one of the straws and left the other one open. Then we pressed down on the balloon and the water came out. It was super cool!

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.