

# ST. DAVID'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

## November Newsletter

Please see below our news from November.

### ***Shoebox Appeal***

The pupils, parents and staff of St. David's NS were busy filling shoeboxes for the Shoebox Appeal. We filled 48 shoeboxes which have been collected and are on the way to children less fortunate than us. We hope they make many boys and girls very happy this Christmas.



Shoebox Collection

### ***Welcome Ms. Hickey***

Ms. Arlene Hickey officially started in St. David's NS on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November as our new SET teacher. We hope she will be very happy in St. David's NS.

### ***Rev. Carol Hennessy***

Rev. Carol Hennessy visited St. David's and joined us for an assembly on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Rev. Carol has invited us to join her and the parishioners of St. David's Church on 18<sup>th</sup> December @ 7pm for their Christmas Carol Service.

### ***Book Fair***

Ms. Gillespie organised a book fair in St. David's NS. Pupils and parents visited our school and picked out books to buy. We hope you all enjoy reading your new books! We earned €1006.50. A percentage of this will be returned to the school and spent on new books for each classroom. Thank you all for supporting the book fair. Also, a big thank you, Ms. Gillespie, for organising our book fair and to all the teachers for helping run the book fair, both before and after school.

### ***Junior and Senior Infants***

We have had lots of fun in school. It was Science Week in November. We did lots of experiments. Our favourite experiments were the 'sweetie colour mixing', the volcano, the paper towel rainbow and the cloud in the jar. We also made raisins dance and an egg float. It was so cool! We have also been learning about Antarctica. We have been playing in our igloo during Aistear. Brrrr, it's cold!



### ***First and Second Class***

In first and second class we have been very busy working as scientists. We grew our own crayons! We have also been learning about fabrics and we had great fun making outfits for our minions.

### ***Third and Fourth Class***

We learnt how to play bench dodge ball and the tables game to improve our knowledge of our multiplication tables. We have started practicing for our Christmas play. The book fair came to our school. We have been working on our Weaving Wellbeing programme. Each day, we write down our Rainbow moments (3 times we felt happy during the day). We have researched information all about Italy. We have completed a mini project. We have been working hard to fill our kindness jar with pom poms. We filled it up and got 5 minutes out in the yard.

### ***Fifth and Sixth Class***

Two weeks ago, a scientist named Barry Fitzgerald visited our school and discussed the secret science behind superheroes! It was very interesting. He discussed spiderwebs, freezing people and Iron Man. We also completed a wildlife workshop. We investigated bees, plants, trees and wildlife in our local area. We also got to taste some honey, which was delicious!

We also had a speaker in to discuss the history of Naas. He had a lot of knowledge about Naas. He spoke about the Town Hall, the Court House and much more. He had a great passion for the small town we live in. We had a fantastic time listening and learning. We gave him a great applause and he left us with smiles on our faces.

### ***Important Dates***

- Christmas Concert- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, St. David's Church @ 5:45pm
- $\frac{1}{2}$  day Closure for pupils- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December @12pm
- PTA Christmas Movie Night- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December, St. David's NS @ 6:00pm

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.***

