



## **JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER**

Happy New Year to all! We have had a great start to the new year in St. David's National School. The children are working hard and trying their best. It's hard to believe that we are at the end of January. We welcome Ms. Hannah McGuckin to our staff who is joining as Special Education teacher.

### **Dates for your diary in February 2025:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> February – School is closed due to the bank holiday
- Dance lessons continue in school each Friday
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February – School is closed due to the Mid Term break
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### **Junior and Senior Infants:**

We want to wish everyone a happy new year. We welcomed Ms Bannister (student teacher) to our classroom this month. We are really enjoying having two teachers (Ms Delaney is in the room too). We are learning about food, plants and St. Brigid. We are revising all our sounds and letter names. We are trying our best to be kind. We are so excited to plant some seeds next week. We read the story "Handa's surprise". We are also enjoying dance with Molly. We are also just starting our Music Generation lessons. We hope everyone is keeping safe in the cold and windy weather.

### **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class:**

Happy new year! We have been working hard in January. Ms Beattie is teaching at the moment, and Ms O'Brien is in the classroom too. We are learning about money. We are also learning all about weather. We filled in a weather sheet every day. We spoke about how the weather effects us and how animals adapt to weather. Some animals hibernate. Our school had to close because of storm Éowyn. It was very windy but we were all safe!

### **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class:**

We have been working with our student teacher (Ms Hennessy) this month. We have been learning all about Japan. We getting very good at counting money in Maths. We completed some really interesting science lessons. We do dance every Friday which is great fun. We are looking forward to the Bank Holiday weekend!

### **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class:**

We are back to school after a lovely Christmas and are already looking forward to our midterm break! We started dance with Molly and are enjoying learning a dance routine. We have been learning about the Inuit people in Geography. Did you know they do not go to school or have WiFi! We have also been learning about Cyberbullying in KiVa – which is so important for us. We have started reading our next novel, Holes. We love reading novels and are really enjoying this one!

**Ms Forrest's class:**

Our class have had a lovely few weeks since returning to school after Christmas. Our themes this month were food and sport. The junior boys read The very hungry caterpillar and the Tiger who came to tea, and we completed lots of activities based on the books. We played lots of games to learn about all different kinds of foods on our new interactive. The senior boys have been working on recount writing and have been learning all about rivers and seas. We have had a great time with our dance coach on Fridays. All the boys have really enjoyed movement breaks and activities in the hall.

*As always, my 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](mailto:louise.m.gillespie@gmail.com)*

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

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