



1st October 2024

Dear Parents / Guardians,

A very warm welcome back to St David's! Our first newsletter of the year. It is hard to believe we are back 4 and half weeks!

We would like to start our newsletter by congratulating Ms Yvonne White on welcoming her baby boy earlier this month. Mum and baby Robert are doing really well.

We warmly welcome our new Junior Infants into the school, as well as others who have joined us over the last while.

We also welcome Ms Megan Murphy (3rd and 4th Class), Mrs Rachael Bramhall (Job sharing Learning Support with Mrs Hickey), Ms Veronica O' Driscoll (SNA 1 day a week). We welcome back Ms Naomi Forrest (Special Class) and Ms Sarah O'Brien (1st and 2nd Class) following her maternity leave. Ms Kelly Delaney continues to teach Junior and Senior Infants and I continue to teach 5th and 6th class.

The children have been busy getting settled back into school. Junior Infants to 2nd class have been enjoying Playball with Big Dave this month, which will continue up until Halloween break.

1st to 6th class are back to their Music Generation lessons, with 1st and 2nd class doing music foundations, 3rd and 4th continuing to learn the ukulele and 5th and 6th continuing to learn the violin. Junior and Senior Infants will join in later in the year.

We are looking forward to October and continuing with lots of learning and fun activities

Junior and Senior Infants:

Junior and Senior infants have settled back into school really well. We have made lots of new friends and learned so much already. We have had Play Ball which is so much fun. We have learned all about ourselves and even looked at baby photos! We have read lots of stories, painted, sang songs and learned some Irish phrases! We are looking forward to October!

1st and 2nd class:

We have settled well in our new classes. We have been doing lots of learning and hard work. We have started our Playball classes and Music Generation classes. We celebrated SNA Appreciation Day. Garda Mo came into our classroom for a visit. In Art, we drew Picasso-inspired portraits. In Science, we measured how much sugar are in drinks. In Gaeilge, we learned the song 'Ag an Zú'. We have had great fun in September.

3rd and 4th class:

This month 3rd and 4th class have been settling into school very well. We have been working hard using our maths eyes and learning about 2D shapes that are all around us. We have been learning to describe rooms in our houses, as Gaeilge and we have also looked at some of Van Gogh's famous paintings, like his famous sunflower painting.

5th and 6th class:

This month we had hats day to appreciate the SNAs in our school so we all got to bring in a hat. We also have Ms Barrett a student teacher teaching us. We are learning about the famine. We are reading a novel Wonder, which we are really enjoying and we did some art work based on this too.

Ms Forrest's class:

We have had a very busy September! Our theme at the start of the month was all about Pets. We read 'the three little pigs' story and completed activities based on this lovely story. The junior boys have really been enjoying playball. The senior boys have been working very hard this month. We have been working on recount writing in English. We started a read aloud called the 'boy at the back of the class'. The boys have really enjoyed completing experiments with mixing colours and liquid reactions.

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 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,
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