



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



26th September 2016

School Rule

I behave in a proper manner around the school

3rd Class Meeting

Meetings of parents of children in 3rd class will take place next week and the following week. Invitations will be issued shortly.

Rainbows

We are very lucky in that a number of staff members have been trained to offer the Rainbows Programme to children who have suffered separation or bereavement. If you feel your child would benefit from the Rainbows Programme please let your child's teacher know.

Swimming

Swimming starts next week for 4th class pupils. There will be 8 sessions in total at a cost of €4 per session. This covers the cost of the bus, pool hire and swimming tuition. This is exceptional value and is based on all 4th class pupils being involved in the swimming programme. Swimming takes place during school time and is organised by Ms O'Leary.

Anti Bullying Policy

As part of our Anti Bullying Policy all pupils will complete a questionnaire this week about bullying. They will be asked two questions—if they know of anyone having a hard time and if they would like to talk to someone about bullying. Any issues identified will be dealt with. The questionnaire is completed at the end of every month in school.

School News

- A. 6th Class pupils will visit a Planetarium in the hall on Thursday.
- B. Sports: Both the Junior and Senior football teams have gotten off to a flying start with clean sheets and 2 wins under their belts. They are representing the school again this week with the Junior Team Wednesday at 3.00 and the Senior Team Thursday at 2.30pm, both matches in Dodder Valley Park.

Student Council

The Student Council consists of 14 members in total. They have a very important role to play in being the voice of the student body. The members are:

Chairperson: Ali Habeeb **Vice Chairperson:** Wealth Ime Kadiri, **Secretaries:** Brandon Finnegan; Leah Halpin **Treasurer:** Jordan Joseph **PR:** Caitlin Lawlor, Emma Harcourt, Josh Duke, Sophie Howe **Members:** Kayla McCormack, Sean Deegan, Jay Kumar, Siobhan McKillion, Tania Whelan

Parents

- A. Adult Art Classes continue each Tuesday 9.00-11.00 in the parents room, all are welcome to attend.
- B. Pranic Healing starting this Thursday (29th September) 9.00-10.30am in the parents room. Everyone is welcome to attend what promises to be a worthwhile session.
- C. Informative talk on Autism Spectrum Disorder on Thursday 13th October, 9.30—11.00 in Parents Room. All welcome
- D. Informative Talk regarding the supports available to people seeking refuge will take place in the Parents Room on 14th October (9.00-10.00am).

Reminders

- A. Confirmation: There will be a meeting this Thursday (29 Sept) for parents of 6th class pupils making their Confirmation. This will be held in the Church at 7.00pm. There is no need for children to attend. If you have not already done so, please send a copy of your child's Baptismal Cert to the Pastoral Office.
- B. Uniforms/Tracksuits: Please write your child's name on their jumpers/tops/jackets so they can be reunited if misplaced. The school does not accept responsibility for items lost or stolen.
- C. Phones: Children should not bring mobile phones to school, however, in the event that they will need them after school they must be handed in to the office at 9.00am and can be collected at 2.40pm.