



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



23rd January, 2017

School Rule

I do my best in class and allow others to do the same

MSCC Entrance Test

Entrance Test in Mount Seskin will take place this Friday (27th January). Pupils should make their own way to the College for 9.00am. They will be collected from the College at 12.00pm and accompanied back here by school staff. Children will then go home at 2.40pm as usual.

Pupils of the Month

32 Pupils of the Month had a wonderful day out in the Animal Rescue Centre in Rathfarnham on Wednesday. They learned all about taking proper care of pets and saw a range of animals. Their wonderful behaviour was commented on by many people. Check out the school website

www.stthomas.ie

Facebook

Parents on Facebook are invited to join our school facebook group (www.facebook.com/group/stsns) where you will be kept up to date with important school related matters.

Accord

As part of the Social, Personal and Health Education programme we must teach the RSE programme. Personnel from ACCORD will be giving a talk about the sensitive areas of the programme to the pupils of 6th class this week and to 5th class pupils next week. If you would like to know more about the content please come to an informative briefing in the Parents Room this Thursday at 9.00am. The informative talk is open to **ALL parents** but will be of particular interest to pupils of 5th/6th class pupils. We look forward to seeing you there. Any questions you may have will be answered.

Super Troopers

All pupils have received a Super Trooper Activity Journal. It has a range of fun activities the children can do every evening as part of their homework. It's a great way for all the family to become more active together. Check out the diary for loads of activities and information on healthy eating.

Attendance

We welcome your suggestions on how we can improve attendance in school. The trip to the Cinema was very successful but very costly—if you have any ideas for incentives please let us know—a note in the journal; by contacting Irene or Ms O'Leary; or by coming to the Core Group/Parents Association meeting this Wednesday in the Parents Room at 9.00am.

School News

- A. **Transition Programme**—The mini transfer programme takes place today. This is for a small group of 6th class children
- B. **Music Generation** will be working with 4th class pupils as part of an 18 week programme. We are very excited about this.
- C. All pupils will fill in their **Anti Bullying** questionnaires this week as part of our Anti Bullying programme.
- D. **Catholic Schools Week** takes place next week with **Grandparents Day** taking place on the Friday of Catholic Schools Week (**3rd February**)
- E. Best of luck to the School Table Quiz team who represent the school this Friday (27th Jan) in St Marks GAA at the INTO Credit Union Annual Primary Schools Quiz.

Clinical Psychology Services

If you are concerned about or would like advice in relation to your child's behaviour there is a **Drop in Service for Parents and Carers** in Chamber House on the last Wednesday of every month from 9.00am to 1.00pm. This is a free, private and confidential parenting advice service-no appointment needed-it is on a first come first seen basis. For more information contact:

Dr. Ciara McCarthy-Senior Clinical Psychologist
01 4686285

OPERATION TRANSFORMATION



Our very own operation transformation has started. Come along every Friday morning (meeting at back gate at 9.00am). We will begin by walking 3k and build ourselves up to 5k.

ALL WELCOME

PARENTS CORE GROUP/PARENTS ASSOCIATION

We are looking for parents to join us this Wednesday morning in the Parents Room from 9.00am until 10.00am to organise our upcoming Grandparents Day