



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



14th February, 2017

School Rule

I have respect for people and for property

Internet Safety

The Department of Education and Skills (DES) issued Anti Bullying Guidelines to all schools in 2013. These guidelines state that 'placing a once-off hurtful message, image or statement on a social network site or other public forum where that message, image or statement can be viewed and/or repeated by other people will be regarded as bullying behaviour' (DES, 2013 p9)

Last week all classes had lessons on Internet Safety. Garda Darren Rooney also visited 4th/5th/6th classes to talk to the pupils about keeping themselves safe online.

The family E-Safety Kit on www.saferinternetday.ie has a range of fun activities that you can do with your children while teaching them about staying safe online. The kit was created to help parents to share the benefits and risks of the internet with their children (6-12 year olds).

It is worth checking out as it is **the responsibility of parents/guardians to know what their children are doing online.**

Mental Health Awareness Initiative

There will be a talk in Dublin West Education Centre on **Tuesday 28th February at 7.00pm** for parents/guardians interested or concerned about the Mental Health & Wellbeing of Young People. If you would like more information about this contact Irene on 01 4526555 or come to the Parents Room on Wednesday at 9.00am.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

- A. Tuesday 14th Feb from 2.45–5.15pm. **Pupils will go home at 2.25pm on Tuesday**
- B. Wednesday 15th Feb from 2.40pm. **Pupils will go home at normal time of 2.40 on Wednesday.**
- C. We look forward to meeting you and discussing your child with you. It is really important that you attend the meetings at the appointed time in order to minimise delays.
- D. If for any reason you are unable to attend the meeting please let the teach know as soon as possible

After School Activities

Due to the Parent Teacher meetings this week, there will be NO after school clubs tomorrow or on Wednesday

School News

- A. **Transition Programme:** The mini transfer programme takes place today.
- B. **Swimming** for 3rd class pupils continues tomorrow
- C. **Green Flag** As part of our effort to get our **5th GREEN FLAG**—this time for Biodiversity, representatives from SDCC will be carrying out an inspection on Wednesday. Thanks to Ms Rohan and the Student Council for their work with Green Schools.
- D. **Mass** Ms Surlis' class will attend Mass on Thursday as part of their preparation for Confirmation
- E. **Student Council** are busily preparing for their Mid Term Radio Show which will be transmitted in the school on Friday.

Students of the Month

Students of the Month nominated by their teachers this month and 3rd/4th class students from last month will be taking a trip on Wednesday to the Animal Rescue Centre run by the DSPCA in Rathfarnham. This is a reward for excellent behaviour etc. Thanks yet again to Joanne (Dublin Bus) for providing transport. Teachers also choose a Pupil of the Week each week and their photograph is displayed on the classroom door. It is a very difficult decision to choose just one pupils every month as we have so many fantastic children in every class.

Mid Term Break

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK AS IT IS MID-TERM BREAK. SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY 17TH FEB @ 2.40pm AND RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 27TH FEB @ 9.00AM

Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following pupils who were nominated by their teachers as Students of the Month. It is always a very difficult decision to make and we are proud of all the children.

3rd Class

Elena Posse Oliver
Kacie Twyford
Aylssa Bowes
Ayaan Idle
Daniyal Shahzad

4th Class

Niamh Kelly
Victoria Adejumobi
Hollie Leigh Morgan
Kyle Elliott
Nika Blazak
Goergia OKeefe

5th Class

Adam Duke
JR McCarthy
Kathleen McDonagh
Ben Edeaghe
Amy Hyland Burke

6th Class

Quedesh Diba
Scott Browne
Jamie Campbell Prendergast
Amy Donovan
Mary Connors

Sportstars of the Month

3rd Class

Lavinia Marin
Tighe Murphy
Tomas Borovsky
Ann Donoghue
Caoimhe O'Reilly McCarthy

4th Class

Ryan Farrell
John Bergin
Sarah Lambe
Jordan Muse
Moya Bradley
Calum Dwyer

5th Class

Jakub Kubicki
Evan Daly
Martin Duarte
Brandon Finnegan Loftus
Shannon O'Keefe
Darragh McCrossan

6th Class

Marcio Pinho
Emma Harcourt
Thomas Burke
Jorja Bellew
Amy Courtney

Class Attendance for the month of January 2017

3rd Class—Winner of the Cup—Ms Hayes (Room 6) 95.5 %

4th Class- Winner of the Cup—Mr Crosbie (Room 26) 97.8 %

5th Clas—Winner of the Cup—Ms Graham (Room 12) 95.2 %

6th Class-Winner of the Cup- Ms O'Reilly (Room 13) 96 %

Whole School Attendance for January 2017 93 %

Vacancy

CE Scheme Vacancy for Security Officer in St. Thomas Church/School Complex

Position is Security/CCTV/19.5 hours per week. Full training will be provided

Gain qualifications and valuable work experience/CE rates apply

Must be eligible for CE

Contact Mary/Nicola on 01 4528714 for details and to arrange an interview.