



# St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



4th February 2019

## Rule of the Week

I come to school every day on time and prepared

## Grandparents Day

A huge thank you to everyone involved with making our Annual Grandparents Day a fantastic success on Friday. Thank you to the most important people—the grandparents for making the effort to share the day with us. We were delighted to see so many of you in the school sharing special moments with their grandchildren. A special word of thanks to Fr. Pat for officiating at the event, to our wonderful Parents Group who looked after the catering and refreshments to well, to our Student Council for connecting pupils and their grandparents and to our organising committee—Ms O'Leary, Ms Flynn, Ms McKenna and Ms Moloney. The success of the day was made possible by teamwork, pupils, parents and staff all working together in the St Thomas SNS way.

## Parent/Teacher Meetings

Appointments for face to face parent teacher meetings will be sent home this week. If the time given does not suit, please let your child's teacher know so that a more suitable time can be organised. Each meeting will last for 10 minutes so please be on time. It is really important that you meet your child's teacher to share information and discuss how your child is getting on in school.

## Safer Internet Day

Tomorrow (Tuesday) is Safer Internet Day. Mr Campbell has organised lots of activities for the classes to promote safer use of the internet among our pupils. An excellent website is [www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie) which offers free expert advice and free internet safety guide for parents. It also explains and keeps up to date with the various apps that your children are using.....apps such as houseparty; fortnite; sarahah; simsimi and lots lots more. Unfortunately we are dealing with more and more issues in school arising from online interactions among pupils outside of school.

## Book Bills

Thank you to those of you who have paid your Book Bills recently. We will be getting in touch with the very small number who have yet to pay. Unlike other schools we do not ask for any voluntary contribution or payments towards photocopying, arts and crafts etc. We can only keep the costs low if everybody pays.

## Gaeilge

Each week we are trying to include a sentence(s) in Irish (as Gaeilge) that you might like to use at home with your child

Go raibh maith agat—Thank you  
Fáilte romhat—You're welcome  
Ca bhfuil tu? - Where are you  
An maith leat? - Do you like?  
Is maith liom—I like  
Is breá liom—I really like  
Cá bhfuil do lón? - Where is your lunch?  
Seo é do lón—Here is your lunch.  
Cuir ort do chóta—Put on your coat  
Maith thú! - Well done! Good for you!  
Brostaigh ort! - Hurry up!  
Cé leis é seo? - Who owns this?  
Ar aghaidh leat... - On you go...Go on...

And our Seanfhocail (old Irish saying) translates to "Friends are worth more than gold"



*Is fearr cairde ná ór*

## RSE Reminder

As part of the RSE programme which will be delivered to the 5th and 6th class pupils next week, facilitators from ACCORD will be in school next Monday at 9.00am to meet with parents—they will provide information to you about the topics they will cover with the pupils and answer any questions you may have. While the meeting is of a particular relevance to parents of 5th/6th class pupils—all are welcome to attend. **One lucky attendee will receive a spot prize.**

## School/Sports News

- A. **Music Generation** for 3rd classes today.
- B. **Swimming:** 3rd class pupils swimming tomorrow (3/8). Make sure they have towe, underclothes.
- C. **Confirmation:** As part of preparation for Confirmation, Ms Lawlor's and Ms Fleming's class will attend Mass on Thursday at 10.00am.
- D. **Transfer:** Mr Watson's class will have a Music Class in MSCC on Wednesday.
- E. **GAA** David O'Callaghan will be coaching GAA with 4th class pupils on Friday. Last week was cancelled due to Grandparents Day.
- F. **Confirmation:** A reminder that Confirmation Ceremonies will take place on Friday 24th May for Ms Lawlor's and Ms Fleming's classes and on Saturday 25th May for Mr Kilbride's and Mr Watson's classes.