



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



19th March 2019

## Rule of the Week

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

## Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2019 sa scoil was a huge success—there were so many highlights ... pupils made a huge effort to caint as Gaeilge sa chlos. The atmosphere was great with lots of fun activities taking place during the week. The Ceolchoirm and the outdoor Ceili were fantastic. You can see photos and videos on the school website [www.stthomas.ie](http://www.stthomas.ie). Special thank you to our parents who helped out with face painting on Friday.

## Anti Bullying Questionnaires

Anti bullying questionnaires will be completed by all pupils this week. There are two questions on the questionnaire:

1. Would you like to talk to someone about bullying?
2. Do you know anyone having a hard time?

Pupils should have no fear about reporting bullying behaviour as all pupils fill in the questionnaire at the same time and they are not told where the information has come from. Any issues raised are investigated and dealt with by the relevant teacher. As per Department of Education & Skills guidelines, the emphasis is not on punishment but on getting any bullying behaviours to stop.

## Digital Schools of Distinction Award

As you may be aware, we have been awarded the Digital Schools of Distinction status. The DSoD programme aims to promote, recognise and encourage excellence in the use of technology in primary schools. We will be celebrating this award on Thursday 4th April. You are invited to attend from 11.30—1.00pm and see the wonderful work going on and how we demonstrated excellence in our approach to the integration of ICT in teaching and learning. Huge credit to Mr Campbell who has been leading the way in this regard.

## Concerns/Suggestions

If you have any concerns regarding your child in school please make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher. Please let us know if you think we can improve in any area.

## 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...  
Tá sé in am dul ag lui—It's time to go to bed  
Tabhair é seo do - Give this to...  
Cas amach on Teilifís—Turn off the TV  
Stop ag troid! - Stop fighting!

And our Seanfhocail (old Irish saying) translates to "Silence is Golden"

*Is binn béal ina thost*



## School/Sports News

- A. **GAA** David Ocallaghan will work with 3rd class on Friday (2/5)
- B. **Athletics:** Unfortunately due to the yellow weather warning last week the Athletics trials in Jobstown Park was cancelled by the organisers. It will go ahead on Wednesday of this week—weather permitting
- C. **Girls Football:** Well done to the girls football team who had a great win last week and best of luck at their home match this Friday against St Marys Saggart.
- D. **Boys Football:** Good luck to the boys team in their match on Thursday against St Kevins at 1.30pm.
- E. **Basketball:** The teams will take part in a blitz in Loughlinstown tomorrow.
- F. **Students of the Month:** Thanks again to Joanne from Dublin Bus for providing transport for yet another trip to the Phoenix Park on Friday for our wonderful Students of the Month. It's great to have so many fabulous pupils in our school.
- G. **Mass:** Mr Kilbride's and Mr Watson's classes will attend Mass at 10.00 on Thursday.
- H. **Transfer Programme:** Transition year students are continuing their shared reading with 4th class.
- I. **Standardised Test:** All pupils will take part in Standardised Spelling Test on Thursday.