



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



13th May, 2019

## Rule of the Week

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

## Attendance

The average whole school attendance figure for the month of April was 93%. Winners of the Attendance Cup per standard are:

**3rd Class** winner: Ms Graham's class @ 95.1%

**4th Class** winner: Ms Quirke's class @ 96.9%

**5th Class** winners: Mr Daly's and Mr Bacon's classes @ 94.3%

**6th Class** winner: Mr Watson's class @ 94.6%

## Food Dudes

All pupils will take part in the Food Dudes programme. This healthy eating programme is designed to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables at school and at home. It encourages children to change their attitudes towards healthy eating and develop a liking for fresh fruit and vegetables. Over 8 days starting on Wednesday, all pupils will receive fruit and vegetables delivered each day to school.

## Standardised Testing

All pupils will sit the MICRA-T standardised test of literacy skills on Tuesday and the SIGMA-T standardised test of mathematical skills on Wednesday. **It is very important that pupils are in school on these days.** The results of these standardised tests will be provided to you at the end of the year and will also be submitted to the Department of Education and Skills and reported to the Board of Management.

## Confirmation News

- A. Confirmation Mass for pupils in Mr Kilbride's and Mr Watson's classes on Thursday at 10.00 in the Church. Parents/guardians are welcome.
- B. For Confirmation day itself next week please remember that space in the Church is very limited. **We cannot guarantee seating in the Church.** As per the last few years we have asked that only those that need to be there attend—child/sponsor and a maximum of 2/3 guests.

## Athletics

We are delighted that over 40 athletes will take part in the SDCC Athletics final in Corkagh park on Thursday. Transport will be provided. Thanks to Ms Flynn and Mr Mangan on their commitment to the development of athletics in the school.

## 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 lú—Its 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!

Píoc suas é sin—Pick that up.

An bhfuil...agat? -Do you have...?

Tá/Níl...agam—I have/have not....

Tá duine ag an doras—There's somebody at the door

And our Seanfhocail (old Irish saying) translates to "Silence is Golden"  
*Is binn béal ina thost*



## Fun Day

6th Class pupils are eagerly awaiting the annual Fun Day which will take place this Friday in Mount Seskin **weather permitting**. The Fun Day is part of the Transition Programme. Pupils will be accompanied there and back by school staff. They will take part in a number of fun filled activities/events—we hope they will have a great day. Pupils will return to the school at 12.00 and will go home at the usual time of 2.40pm. **All of the events are outdoors. If Fun Day does not go ahead because of weather conditions, pupils will have a normal day at school.**

## School/Sports News

- A. **Boxing:** South Dublin County Council in partnership with IABA are offering 4 weeks of 30 minute sessions of 'non-contact' boxing to our pupils. This will start on Wednesday and will be offered to the 5th classes and Ms Murphy's, Ms Kiernan's and Ms Flynn's classes.
- B. **Boys Football:** Congratulations to the team who finished their campaign with a 4.2 win against St Killians last week.
- C. **Camogie:** Best of luck to the camogie team who play away in Lucan today.
- D. **Girls Football:** Well done to the girls who came 3rd in the league. We are proud of your hard work in training and excellent attitude in the game.
- E. **Music Generation:** Aoife will work with 4th classes today.
- F. **Our World Irish Aid Awards 2019:** Mr Carroll and some of his pupils will attend the awards in the Department of Education & Skills tomorrow. We wish them the very best of luck.
- G. **Students of the Month:** Well done to all the pupils listed overleaf.

## 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.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Class**

Chloe Brogan Graham  
Troy Carney Fegan  
Ciaran McCabe  
Damian Afenkhená  
Nathan Roberts Byrne

### **4<sup>th</sup> Class**

Samara Cooney  
Alex Dunne  
Abigail Osamede  
Tori Shortt Gray  
Kaylem Qinlan  
Sarah Barker  
Luke Ellis

### **5<sup>th</sup> Class**

Ava Banks  
Casey Redmond  
Evan Ennis Waris  
Dolapo Habeeb  
DJ McNamara

### **6<sup>th</sup> Class**

Erin ODriscoll  
Grace Cullen  
Julia Walek  
Kayla McCormack  
Nadine ODonohoe

## Sportstar of the Month

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Class**

Lionel Kiala  
Aoife Ennis  
Abi Burns Henderson  
Mia Masterson  
Dylan Heapes

### **4<sup>th</sup> Class**

Ciara Rogers  
Halfrida Halaoui  
Ava Lawlor  
Daniel Healy  
Troy Killeen  
James McCabe

### **5<sup>th</sup> Class**

Andrew Bennett  
Jimmy Wall  
Ayaan Idle  
Kayleigh Murphy  
Calum Dowman

### **6<sup>th</sup> Class**

Kyle Elliott  
Katie Enright  
Mary Donoghue  
Jessica Byrne  
Sean Samson

## Gaeilgeoir ni Miosa

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Class**

Johnny Doran  
Jessica Fitzpatrick  
Tyler Waters  
Luke Daly  
Jaylyn Smith

### **4<sup>th</sup> Class**

Luke Kelly  
Joseph James McCarthy  
Brooke Leonord  
Holly Donovan

### **5<sup>th</sup> Class**

Abi White  
Maggie Wall  
Callum Kelly OConnor  
Jamie Leigh Lawlor

### **6<sup>th</sup> Class**

Chloe Murphy  
Leah Leddy  
Casey Fox  
Niamh Kelly



On 15<sup>th</sup> of May from 10am -12.30pm an event to celebrate Collaboration and Family Support will take place in Tallaght Library.

The event will be a collaborative effort between Tusla, the Child and Family Support Network, and the Drugs Task Force to celebrate collaboration and family support on the UN International Day of Families. The key themes of the event will be families, parenting supports, support through recovery, cyber safety, keeping well, and services that are accessible to all when they're needed.

There will also be a chance to catch a rest and relaxation presentation by SWAN (Southside Womens Action Programme).

