



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



7th October 2019

Rule of the Week

I have respect for people and property

Board of Management

The term of office for the present Board of Management will finish on 30 November 2019. Thank you to the present parent nominees Rachel Barker and Hugh Farrelly for their dedication and commitment during their terms of office. Please see overleaf for details re: meeting to elect parent nominees for new Board of Management which will take up office from 1st Dec 2019 to 30th Nov 2023.

Even though Parent Nominees are elected by parents, they do not represent the parent body. Parent Nominees are elected by parents to bring "a mother's view" and "a father's view" to Board of Management deliberations. To this end, their contribution to the board is a very important one, and they are not required to consult with the wider parent population, take instruction from them or report back to them.

Book Rental

A number of parents have yet to pay for the book rental. This is not fair on those who do pay. If you have a problem with payment please come and meet Ms O'Shea.

Attendance

The average attendance for the month of September was 92%.

Any absence brings down the average attendance for the class. Children must come to school every day. As a school we must report poor attendance to the NEWB.

If your child is absent for any reason it must be explained—please send in a note explaining absences.

We are obliged to send letters to parents when children have missed 15 or 20 days of school whether absences are explained or not.

When a child misses 20 or more days of school there must be a meeting with the Principal.

The winners of the class attendance for the month of September 2019 are:

- A. 3rd Class Winner of the Cup—96.1% Mr Watson Room 6
- B. 4th Class Winner of the Cup—93.75% Ms Gill Room 22
- C. 5th Class Winners of the Cup—95% Ms Connolly Room 10 and Ms Murphy Room 12
- D. 6th Class Winner of the Cup—97.5% Ms O'Reilly Room 17

Uniform

Pupils are expected to wear their school uniform or school tracksuit every day.

Students of the Month

Due to the weather on Friday the Students of the Month (who are listed overleaf) went to the Natural History Museum—they had a great time.

Parish News

GODLY PLAY SACRED STORIES We are delighted to invite you all to enjoy three more Tuesdays of new Godly play stories from the Old Testament!

Adults 11:00am-12:00pm, Children 3pm-4pm

Dates are: 8th, 15th, 22nd and of October.

JUNIOR CHOIR We are continuing practises with this new season with many blessings, new voice warm ups, new games, songs and friends! We are meeting in our Parish Church on **Wednesdays at 2:45pm until 4:00pm**. Led by Olivia & Saule

WOMEN'S GROUP We are delighted to announce the return of the Women's group to the Pastoral centre. The group is meeting every **Monday at 7:30pm until 9:30pm**.

Group is led by Liz Murphy

THURSDAY DROP IN MORNING Come for a chat, for a cup of tea/coffee, meet new people, reconnect, Every Thursday in the Pastoral centre **from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm**. Facilitated by Liz Murphy

School News

- A. **Music Generation** are working with 4th classes today.
- B. **Swimming** for 4th classes tomorrow—don't forget towel, hat and togs (2/8)
- C. **Football**: All matches were cancelled last week due to Storm Lorenzo
- D. **Senior Football**: Good luck to the boys when they play Rathcoole in a home match tomorrow.
- E. **Transition Programme**: As part of the transition programme, Ms Griffin's class will visit MSCC today.
- F. **Shared Reading**: Transition year students will do shared reading with Mr Daly's class on Wednesday (1/4)
- G. **Home School Liaison**: All Parents are welcome to join in our Coding Class in Citywise Mondays at 9am—contact Lisa for more information.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may be aware the current term of the Board of Management will expire on 30/11/2019 and a new Board of Management takes up office on 01/12/2019.

Two parents of children enrolled in the school (one being a mother and the other a father) must be elected by the general body of parents of children enrolled in the school.

A meeting will be held at the school on **TUESDAY 22nd OCTOBER @ 7pm**.

At this meeting:-

1. Nominations will be sought from parents for persons to stand for election as parent nominees on the Board.
2. A ballot will be held at the meeting to elect the nominees. If there is only one nominee for either panel, the nominees shall be deemed to be elected.
3. If more than one nomination is received for either of the panels, a secret ballot shall be held at the meeting.

Please note that you may self-nominate at the meeting. Whether or not you self-nominate, or are nominated by another parent/guardian, you must be seconded by a person attending the meeting.

Mise, le meas,

Mary Dalton, Patron's Representative

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 rd Class	4 th Class	5 th Class	6 th Class
Matt Morrison	Brodie Murphy	Brandon Nong	Paddy McDonagh
Stacey McDonagh	Lionel Kiala	Katelyn Higgins	Shivon Mesembe Tekumu
Lily McCarthy	Kareemah Adediran	Tori Shortt Gray	Aylssa Bowes
Kayla Moorehouse	Mia Masterson	Kaylum Ryan	Sophie Smith
	Cayden Brennan	Jack McDermott	Grace Egan
	Shakira McGinley		

Sportstar of the Month

3 rd Class	4 th Class	5 th Class	6 th Class
Jayshawn Barrett	Layla Hall	Phelim Condren	Corey Byrne
Casper Nazimek	Mickey Wall	Makayla Heapes	Caoimhe McCarthy
Ben Byrne	Dean Shortt	Will Njoku	Cian Sheridan
Aliim Owolabi	Anthony O'Gorman	Daniel Healy	John Farrell
	Aoife Ennis	Aoife Johnson	Cody Redmond
			DJ McNamara

Gaeilgeoir ni Miosa

3 rd Class	4 th Class	5 th Class	6 th Class
Sophia Duffy	Nathan Roberts Byrne	Melody Ekombola	Lavinia Marin
Shauna Williams Mooney	Taylor Grant	Halfrida Haloui	Ethan Walsh
Reece Laffan	Princess Kamara	Olamide Orekoya	Kaylee Farrelly
Danish Skorijs	Jamie Shiel	Shifau Agbona	Precious Williams
	Brooklyn Boyo	Troy Killeen	
	Shakira McGinley		

