



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



24th February 2020

Rule of the Week

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

Anti-Bullying Questionnaires

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

- i. Do you know anyone having a hard time?
- Ii. Would you like to talk to someone about bullying?

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

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who attended the meetings before the mid term break. These are very important meetings as it allows you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with the teacher. If for any reason you were not in a position to attend your meeting, you can make another appointment by ringing Mairead in the office on 01 4526555.

Plastic Packaging Pirates

We wish our PPP's the very best of luck on Friday as they represent the school in the Dublin Regional Finals of the **One Good Idea project** for schools. They made a 1 minute film which will be shown on the **BIG SCREEN** in the Omniplex in Rathmines on Thursday. Good luck to Thomas McCarthy, Lovleen Kumar, Ayaan Idle, Carlos Kiala, Danish Skorijs and Lionel Kiala who will also make a 2 minute Powerpoint Presentation. Ms Kiernan and her class, Ms Rohan and the Green Schools Committee have been very involved in helping us all to focus a little bit more on recycling and also on driving the reuse of Single Use Plastic throughout the school.

Solar Schools 2020

Our fantastic 1 minute video has also been entered into the Friends of the Earth 'Solar Schools 2020 Competition'. To vote for our school please go to our website www.stthomas.ie and follow the link which will bring you directly to the site. Our video is number 6 and you can vote by pressing the **THUMBS UP** at the bottom of the video.

Suas Maths Menoring

We are delighted to be part of the Suas Maths Mentoring programme this year—4 trained and Garda Vetted volunteers will work on developing maths skills with a total of 8 children from 3rd class twice a week for seven weeks.

Confirmation

If your child is being confirmed this year and was baptised in a Church other than St. Thomas the Apostle in Jobstown you will need to get a copy of your child's baptismal certificate and bring it to the school.

Uniforms

Pupils enrolled in the school are expected to obey the school rules. Pupils are expected to wear their school uniform or school tracksuit every day. We thank you for your cooperation with this. We have some spare good quality second hand ones if you need them.

School News

- A. **Swimming:** for 3rd class on Tuesday (week 5/8)
- B. **Stay Safe Programme:** This is week 7 of the 13 week programme.
- C. **Music Generation:** Colleen will work with 4th classes on Wednesday
- D. **Reading Buddies:** Transition Year students will be with Ms Collins on Wednesday for the Shares Reading.
- E. **Mass:** Ms Moran's class will attend Mass on Thursday as part of preparation for Confirmation.
- F. **Soccer:** coaching for Ms Cooney's and Ms Gill's classes continues on Thursday.
- G. **Students of the Month:** They will have their trip on Thursday as a reward for being chosen as Students of the Month. Thanks to Joanne from Dublin Bus for providing transport.
- H. **Operation Transformation:** Come and join Lisa for a walk on Friday as part of Operation Transformation, meeting at the school at 9.00am.