



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



2nd March 2020

## Rule of the Week

**I behave in a proper manner around the school**

## One Good Idea

Well done to our amazing Plastic Packaging Pirates who were awarded 2nd place last week in the "One Good Idea" competition. Following a viewing of their film, they presented their Powerpoint Presentation and responded so well to the judges questions in the Omniplex Cinema in Rathmines. 140 primary schools entered the competition and to our immense pride and joy, our wonderful students at St Thomas Senior National School came in 2nd place.

A huge thank you to Ms Kiernan and her class, to Ms Rohan and the Green Schools Committee and to Marion Ferris for all their work with recycling in our school.

## Solar Schools Competition

It just keeps getting better. Our efforts to get the most votes from the public in the Solar Schools Competition were successful with a total of 1,673 votes. The competition is organised by Friends of the Earth. Thank you so much to all of you who voted and spread the word to your families and friends. We are thrilled that our film about the use of Ecobricks in our school got the most votes out of 14 primary schools in the Dublin Region (Dublin City and County). The independent judging panel will be judging each of the competitions across the four regions in the country over the next few days and the winning schools will be chosen from a combination of the public vote and the judges vote. Fingers crossed that we are successful and will win Solar Panels for our school.

## Recycling Tip

**How to recycle more effectively:**

1. Recycle plastic bags separately
2. Try not to shred paper
3. Flatten plastic bottles and put the lid back on
4. Keep cardboard and your other recyclables clean

## World Book Day

World Book Day is being celebrated on Thursday. Every child in the school has received a Book Token which can be swapped for a free book in participating bookshops. If you are heading to the Square this week don't forget to claim your free book.

As part of Book Week in the Junior School, our 5th class students will visit Junior/Senior Infants for Shared Reading on Monday and Wednesday. Their 2nd classes will also visit our 4th classes on Wednesday.

## Students of the Month

Students of the Month for January were named at the February assembly and went bowling last week. They had a great time. Students of the Month for February will be announced at the March assembly this week and will go bowling on Friday. Thanks to Joanne from Dublin Bus for the transport.

## Dublin Bus

Last week Joanne from Dublin Bus and the Community Guard visited all classes in the school to talk to the pupils about the trouble on and around the buses. They said that young people are throwing stones at the buses which is extremely dangerous behaviour.

## Online Safety Courses

Barnardos will be providing Online Safety Workshop for 5th/6th class pupils this week. The workshop has been developed based on research, current thinking and best practice in relation to promoting online safety among children. The workshop for children is highly interactive and the aim is to promote online safety and positive behaviour online.

## School News

- A. **Stay Safe Programme:** This is Week 8 of the 13 week programme.
- B. **Swimming:** for 3rd class pupils on Tuesday (week 6/8)
- C. **Assembly:** on Tuesday and Wednesday
- D. **Ombudsman:** Ms Kelly's class will visit the Children's Ombudsman's Office on Wednesday
- E. **Music Generation:** Colleen will work with 4th classes on Wednesday
- F. **Reading Buddies:** Transition Year students will visit Ms Collins on Wednesday for Shared Reading (4/4)
- G. **Mass:** Ms Lawlor's class will attend Mass on Thursday as part of preparation for Confirmation.
- H. **K'nex Workshop:** One lucky 6th class will visit Tallaght Library for this on Thursday.
- I. **Soccer:** FAI Soccer Coaching for 4th classes on Thursday.
- J. **Heritage in Schools:** Owls will work with 5th classes on Thursday.

## Parent Room Activities

1. Spheros Workshop (Robotic Balls) starting this Monday 2nd March from 9.00am to 11.00am in the Parents Room
2. Story Sacks: Classes for parents that want to learn how to make reading fun and meaningful for our children—every Tuesday from 9.00am to 11.00am in the Parents Room
3. Knitting Classes: Learn to knit with your child, every Friday from 10.30am to 12.30pm (parents room)
4. Internet Safety: If you want to learn more about your child's safety online please come to our Internet Safety Talk in the Parents Room this Wednesday March 4th at 9.30am.



## Easter Camp

EASTER CAMP FOR 3rd, 4th and 5th CLASSES ONLY

Join Ms Flynn, Ms Guinan and Ms Seagrave for a fun-filled week of Sports, Art, Cooking, Experiments, Computers, Easter Egg Hunt and a SURPRISE TRIP!

Time: 9:30am - 2:00pm

Price: 50 euro (can be paid two instalments)

\*Siblings deal available

Dates: 6<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> April

APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE FROM MS GUINAN—PLACES ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS



