



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



20th March, 2017

School Rule

I have respect for people and property

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.

Summer Days Easter Camp

The camp will run during the Easter Holidays from Monday 10th—Thursday 13th April from 9.30am to 2.00pm. The cost is €45 per child with a discount of €5.00 for brothers/sisters attending. There will be lots of fun activities including Arts & Crafts, Cooking, Computer Programming, Easter Egg Hunt, Sports and Athletics and Novelty games. The Sunny Days Easter Camp is run by Ms Farrell and Ms Surlis. If you are interested, application forms are available from Ms Surlis Room 15 or Ms Farrell Room 17.

Ceremony of Light

Ceremony of Light for pupils making Confirmation will take place on Wednesday week, 29th March for pupils in Ms Murphy's and Ms Surlis' classes and on Thursday 30th March for pupils in Mr Watson's and Ms Farrell's classes. The ceremony will be held in the Church at 7.00pm. Sponsors should be in attendance. There is no need to bring candles as they will be provided for pupils being confirmed. Please see overleaf for information for your sponsor.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We had a wonderful week last week for Seachtain na Gaeilge. The atmosphere was great with lots of fun activities taking place during the week. The highlight was the Ceili Mór on Thursday which included a performance from the school choir, mandolin performance from Ms Farrell, Irish dancing from pupils and the Ceilí. Thank you so much to our parents who did the face painting for the Ceilí and sold the tricolour bands and ribbons.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Glen McAuley who scored the winning goal for the Ireland U17 soccer team against Slovakia on March 17th, qualifying them for the UEFA U17 Championship Finals. Glen is a past pupil of St Thomas' Junior and Senior Schools. He is a great role model for the pupils.

School News

- A. Mass: Ms Surlis' class will attend Mass on Thursday as part of their preparation for Confirmation.
- B. School Trip: Ms Fleming's and Ms Barry's classes are going to visit the National Museum on Thursday.
- C. Biodiversity: The 5th classes will take part in Biodiversity Workshops today.
- D. Good luck to the Quiz Team: 8 pupils from 6th class will take part in a table quiz in Tallaght library on Thursday. They will travel by public transport.

Sporting News

- A. **Swimming** for 3rd class pupils tomorrow (5/7)
- B. **Basketball**: Best of luck to the Basketball teams who play Scoil Caitlin Maude on Wednesday at 2.30pm.
- C. **The Chess Team** are in demand this week with 2 league matches, on Wednesday they play Scoil Santain and on Friday they play Our Lady of Good Counsel.
- D. The **Boys Football team** have a match on Thursday against St. Marks.

Students of the Month

Apologies to the Students of the Month for this month as the wrong list went out on last weeks Newsletter. The correct one is printed overleaf. Well done again to all the pupils.

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.

3rd Class

Katie McKenna
Conor Hickey
Kelsey Nolan
Adam Kourtiche
Alicia Murphy

4th Class

Mercedes Okoh
Emma Downey Marshall
Taighe McEnroe
Sean Guerrine Deegan
Abbey Cullen Byrne
Keith Joyce

5th Class

Shauna Griffith Williams
Abbie Brunell Brophy
Leah Martin
Alisha Quinn
Lee Quinlan

6th Class

Emma Keenan
Cain O'Driscoll
Harlem Boyo
Noah Bradley
Amy Courtney

Sportstars of the Month

3rd Class

Jimmy Wall
Ceili Finnegan
Warren Carkery
Emily Howe
Hadassah Kadiri

4th Class

Darragh Laffan
Corey Sheridan
Cillian Petcher
Aoife O'Connor
Sean McCarthy
Cian Nagle

5th Class

Yasmin Idle
Stephanie Nwigwe
Alimat Smith
Joseph Adebiyi
Darren Nolan

6th Class

Shaun Hyland Burke
Megan Lockhart
Heidi Stokes
Marvellous Omoregie
Chloe McNamee



SPONSOR'S GUIDE



As a Confirmation sponsor, you do have specific functions.

As part of The Confirmation Commitment you will be asked **to attend the service of light or services arranged specially for sponsors and make a commitment to the young person.** This commitment will consist of the following:

- The Commitment you will make to the young person will consist of you being a **positive role model in their lives**, after confirmation they will go through many challenging stages beginning with starting secondary school. This can be a difficult time for the candidate to adjust to and as a role model you could use any positive experiences of your own to help their coping skills improve.
- Standing with the candidate before the bishop and the community helping the candidate live as a follower of Jesus

As a Confirmation sponsor, you could enrich the experience for the candidate and yourself if you consider the following;

- The sponsor who presents a candidate for confirmation could take a role for assisting them in preparation for The Confirmation Commitment
- Developing a faith relationship with the candidate
- If you live close by, make plans to participate in the Eucharist (Mass) together especially preparation services

Some of the following suggestions will not be possible if you live away from the area but be creative and think of ways to be in contact with the candidate.

- Arrange opportunities to spend time with the candidate and to enjoy being together. Some of these times can relate directly to the Confirmation programme.
- Discuss with the candidate the efforts, progress and problems experienced in preparing for the reception of Confirmation.
- See if there are any questions or concerns they have about confirmation & the challenges of moving to Secondary School
- Offer suggestions and encouragement, as they are needed.
- Keep in contact with your candidate either in person or on the telephone.

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We pray that your role as a sponsor will be an enriching one.