



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



29th May, 2017

Rule of the Week

I have respect for people and for property

After School Clubs

This is the last week of After School Clubs. On your behalf we say a huge thank you to all the teachers/staff for volunteering their time free of charge to enable many pupils to take part in after school clubs during the year.

Whole School Evaluation

As you are all aware, there was a Whole School Evaluation of the school recently. Three inspectors from the Department of Education spent four days with us visiting classes, looking at policies, plans and standardised test results. They also conducted questionnaires with pupils in 4th/6th classes, parents and staff. They met with representatives of the Parents Association, the Board of Management and all staff members. They also met with the Student Council, Green Schools Committee, Student Bloggers, Junior Librarians, Junior Referees and Playground Leaders.

The inspectors provided feedback to the Board of Management and Staff last Wednesday. We were thrilled and delighted that their report was very, very positive. They reported that the quality of Teaching and Learning in the school was Very Good; they spoke about the management of pupils being a significant strength in the school and of the exemplary school garden. They said that 100% of parents who returned the questionnaires felt welcome in the school. A written report will be issued and will be available on the website of the Department of Education and Skills and on our school website in due course. We are all very, very proud of the excellent evaluation.

End of Year Reports

End of year reports will be posted in June. We would appreciate if you could send in €1.00 to cover the cost of a stamp or if you prefer, a stamped addressed envelope.

Confirmation News

Thank you to all the parents of 6th class pupils for making sure both Confirmation Ceremonies were extra special. You helped by limiting the number of people you brought with you to the Ceremony, by being very respectful in the Church and by not taking photographs in Church. I know you will all agree that both ceremonies were beautiful and could not have gone better. We all hope you had a lovely day afterwards with family and friends. Thank you most especially to the school choir who sang beautifully on both days. Bishop Eamon Walsh officiated at both ceremonies.

Book Week

There is never a dull moment in the school. We celebrate Book Week this week. Thanks to Ms Keogh for organising lots of activities including visits by authors/storytellers/magician/DSPCA. There will also be Buddy Reading with pupils in the Junior School and Story Sacks by our own amazing parent body. The Celtic Book Fair will be in the school this week—all pupils will be given opportunities to buy a book from the fair. Any commission received will be in the form of books which will be used as class novels for each standard. **Please support the Book Fair by giving your children money to buy a book.**

Sporting News

- A. Football: The boys football team are into the semi finals following their defeat of Swords last week.
- B. The boys basketball team have a league in the Basketball Arena on Wednesday. Thanks to Ms English and Ms Surlis for their involvement in Basketball this year.

Standardised Testing

All pupils will take part in the annual standardised maths test—the SIGMA-T on Tuesday and Thursday. Please make sure all pupils are in school on these days.

There will be NO school this Friday (2nd June), Monday 5th or Tuesday 6th June due to the Bank Holiday Weekend.

School will reopen on Wednesday 7th June.

Vacancy
Community Employment Scheme

CE Scheme Vacancy for Security Officer in St. Thomas
Church/School Complex

Position is Security/CCTV

19.5 hours per week. Full training will be provided

Gain qualifications and valuable work experience

CE rates apply

Must be eligible for CE

Contact Mary/Nicola on 01 4528714 for details and to arrange an
interview.