



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



2nd May, 2017

Rule of the Week

I have respect for people and for property

Whole School Evaluation

There will be a Whole School Evaluation in the school on the week of the 15th May. Three inspectors from the Department of Education and Skills will be here for 4 days. They will visit classes to see the work going on and chat with the pupils. They will also meet with representatives of the Parents Association, the Board of Management and the teachers. To get a true sense of the school and the work happening here they will also ask for your opinion on many aspects of the school. At their request, parent questionnaires will be given to parents of classes. Pupils will also have questionnaires to fill in. Following the evaluation the inspectors will meet with the representatives of the Parents Association, the Board of Management and the teachers to present their findings. A written report will then be sent to the school and will be made available on the school website. The parent questionnaires will be sent home when we get them. Please make sure you return the questionnaires.

After School Clubs

Due to staff meetings there will be NO after school clubs on Tuesday of next week or on Wednesday 24th May.

Fighting Words

Another cause of celebration in the school.....Ms Fleming's class had their story printed in the Irish Times last week. Please check out our website for details www.stthomas.ie

Confirmation News

- A. There will be Confirmation Mass for pupils from Ms Murphy's and Ms Surlis' classes this Thursday at 10.00am in the Church. Parents are welcome.
- B. Mass for pupils in Mr Watson's and Ms Farrell's classes takes place next week.

Maths for Fun

3rd classes are really looking forward to the Maths for Fun workshops which will take place over the next couple of weeks. Thank you to our dedicated parents who are involved.

Transfer Programme

- A. Deirdre Doherty from Mount Seskin will address the 6th class assembly this week.
- B. 5th class pupils are invited to the college for a talent show on Thursday.
- C. There will be a meeting for parents of 6th class pupils transferring to Mount Seskin tonight at 7.00pm in the College (Please see overleaf)

Internet Safety

You are all invited to a really important workshop on Keeping your Child Safe on the Internet. It will be held in the school on May 16th for parents from 9.00—10.00am. Professionals involved with internet safety will be giving the workshops. There will be workshops for pupils later on the same day. Pupils have been doing online questionnaires as part of the workshop.

School/Sporting News

- A. **Athletics:** Well done to the Athletes who competed at Butler Magee Park last week. Their next outing will be for the finals which will take place next week on Thursday 11th May in Corkagh Park.
- B. **Football:** There will be a girls football match on Thursday after school
- C. **Chess:** Good luck to the Chess team who have an away match against Scoil Maelruin's in Aylesbury on Friday.
- D. **Green Flag:** Well done to our Green Schools Coordinators and Committee as we have achieved our 5th Green Flag, this time for Biodiversity. Members of the committee will attend the Helix to collect our award later this month.
- E. **Spuds:** 3rd Classes will be planting their potatoes with Geraldine on Thursday—lots of healthy eating to look forward to.

First Year Information Meeting: Tuesday 2nd May 7pm
Mount Seskin Community College

24th April 2017

Dear Parents,

An important information meeting will take place on Tuesday 2nd May at 7pm in Mount Seskin Community College. Information will be provided in relation to uniform, book rental and ensuring that your son/daughter gets off to a good start in first year.

You will have the opportunity to meet the first year Year Head and other staff from the College. Book rental will also be collected at this meeting:

Full book rental: 100 euro

Easy payment scheme: Deposit of 40 euro and remainder in instalments

You may opt to pay the full amount or sign up for the easy payment scheme. The book rental scheme saves parents significant amounts of money as the typical cost of first year books is 350 to 400 euro. Ms Burns will be available to organise Easy Payment Scheme on the night.

We look forward to meeting with you on the night.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Taylor

Principal

ATTENTION : Parents of 6th Class Pupils

St Thomas Senior School will host a 'questions and answers' meeting for parents of 6th class pupils going to Mount Seskin. This will take place in our Parents Room on the 9th May from 10.15—11.00am.

If you require any further information please contact Irene on 01 4526555