



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



19th February, 2018

School Rule

I come to school every day on time and prepared

Attendance

There are five weeks to the Easter Holidays. It is really important that children are in school on time every day. We are obliged to inform the Educational Welfare Services in TUSLA when a pupil misses 20 days of school. Please let the school know the reason for any absences.

Diocesan Advisors

Diocesan Advisors will visit all the 3rd/4th classes today to advise about the new Religion Programme called **Grow in Love**.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parent Teacher meetings before mid-term. 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 please contact the teacher/school to make another appointment. The school phone number is 01 4526555.

Mathletics Hall of Fame

Well done to two pupils in Ms Fleming's class—we are extremely proud to announce that Sarah Sasa Botambengo came 7th in Ireland's Top 100 Students while Jessica Byrne came 16th in Ireland's Top 100 Students at Mathletics. This is very impressive and Sarah came 8th while Jessica came 25th in Europe's Top 100 Students at Mathletics. Keep up the good work.

Student Teachers

Over the next few weeks we will have a number of student teachers on placement in our school. We are delighted that they will be on placement with us.

Internet Safety

Did you know that there is now an app you can download on Google Play which allows you to apply parental controls on your child's phone. This means you have control over the content available to your child on their device/phone.

Please check it out:

<https://support.google.com/googleplay>

School Activities

- A. **Swimming** for 3rd class pupils tomorrow (Tuesday) - week 5/8
- B. **Fighting Words:** Pupils from Mr Bacon's class will go to Fighting Words creative writing workshop in Glencree on Wednesday. Before mid term Ms Griffin's class went to Bray for the workshop as the road to Glencree was dangerous due to icy conditions.
- C. **Stay Safe Programme:** This is Week 5 of the 13 week programme.
- D. **Mass:** Ms Guinan's and Ms Graham's classes will both attend Mass on Thursday as part of preparation for Confirmation.
- E. **Music Generation:** All 4th classes are working with Music Generation on Mondays.
- F. **Drumcondra Spelling Test:** All classes will take part in the Drumcondra Spelling Test on Thursday—this is an annual standardised spelling test, the results of which inform our planning.
- G. **Athletics:** Ms Flynn and Ms Scanlon will take 40 Athletes to Butler Magee Park (beside swimming pool) this Wednesday. This is the first of 4 events in the South Dublin Cross Country Series.

Students of the Month

Well done to all the Students of the Month, Sports Stars of the Month and Gaeilgeoir na Miosa's. The full list is printed overleaf. Well done to them all.

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.

3 rd Class	4 th Class	5 th Class	6 th Class
Farida Shonibare	Amani Soltani	Kayla McCormack	Martin Duarte
Nia Usher	Ava Banks	Grace Cullen	Adam Duke
Eddie McDonagh	Warren Carkery	Jay Kumar	William Donoghue
Martha Bakari	Ethan Walsh	Sarah Botambengo	Sean Sherlock
Isaac Adeoye	Sophie Burns	Calum Dunphy	Georgia McGuigan
	Brooke Leeson		

Sportstars of the Month

3 rd Class	4 th Class	5 th Class	6 th Class
Jayden Griffin	Maya O'Faolain	Cian McGregor	Amy Hyland Burke
James McCabe	Brooklyn Hooper Mansfield	Brandon Berney	Ross O'Reilly
Sophie Murdoch Dunne	Laura Olasehinde	Simon Lang	JR McCarthy
Hayden McDonagh	Shivon Tekumu	Nika Blazak	Queen Adamu
Lucy Murphy	Kascey Moran Brennan	Daniel Ajayi	Lee Spillane
	Makayla Heapes		

Gaeilgeoir ni Miosa

3 rd Class	4 th Class	5 th Class	6 th Class
Zahra Khan	Casey Malcolmson	Katie Enright	Naoise Murphy
Cieran O'Connor	Lauren Naghten	Tania Whelan	Kashindi Bakari
Adam Stanley	Rhema Idowu	Niamh Morrison	Sean Clare
Cian McGuigan	Sarah Elliott	Jessica Byrne	Olivia Gorman
Sarah Hyland Burke	Jamie Leigh Lawlor	Promise Kamara	

Class Attendance for December 2017

3rd Class-Winner of the Cup-Mr Carroll, Room 27 94.3%

4th Class-Winner of the Cup-Mr Murphy, Room 26 96.2%

5th Class-Winner of the Cup-Ms Fleming, Room 10 95%

6th Class-Winner of the Cup Ms Flynn, Room 24 94.4%

Whole School Attendance for January 2017 91%

Number of days 18

