



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



6th June, 2018

Rule of the Week

I behave in a proper manner around the school

End of Year Reports

End of year reports will be posted on Friday 22nd June. Thank you to those who have sent in the €1 for the stamp and a gentle reminder to those who have not yet sent it in. Included with the report this year will be information regarding the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and what that means for you as a parent.

Book Week

Book Week was a great success again this year thanks to Ms Devine who coordinated the week with a group of interested teachers. We had two storytellers and a magician during the week. 3rd classes visited Tallaght Library, the 4th and 5th class did some Buddy Reading with pupils from the Junior School. Thank you to our wonderful group of parents who brought the Story Sacks to the 3rd classes. Dress up day was a great success. Thank you for supporting the Book Fair. We sold almost €1000 worth of books and will have 60% commission in books for the library.

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.

Parents of 6th Class Pupils

Please make sure to return the 'My Child's Profile' which was sent home the week before last. This profile will form part of the Education Passport which will be sent when requested to the Post Primary school your child will attend. For further details about the Education passport go to www.ncca.ie/transfer

Dublin Bus

Well done to the Dublin Bus Art Competition winners: Margarita Charlamenkova, Ali Juma Khan, Sophie Burns and Keren Diba. Dublin Bus will host a presentation for all the winners on the 21st June (details to follow).

Cyber Safety

Cyber Safe Ireland will present workshops this week to pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th classes. They will show them all about navigating the online world in a safe and responsible manner. Pupils have had an opportunity to take part in an online questionnaire—the results from this will form the basis of a report which will indicate the online use by our own pupils. **Cyber Safe Ireland workshop for parents will take place in the school on 19th June at**

Education Welfare Services

Every school must notify the Education Welfare Services if pupils miss 20 or more days from school during the year. If your child misses many days from school **we must** let you know and will notify you usually by letter.

Pupils who miss 20 **consecutive** days from school **MUST** be taken off the roll in accordance with Circular 28/2013 (p3) from the Department of Education and Skills which states: "a pupil must be struck off the Roll Book (Leabhar Rolla) as soon as (i) the teacher becomes aware that the pupils has left the school or (ii) on the first Monday following an absence of 20 consecutive school days. However, Section 20 of the Education (Welfare Act) 2000 requires that a child's name must remain on the school Register (Clárleabhar) until such time as the Principal receives the required notification from another school (or from the NEWB) in accordance with the Act".

School News

- A. **Glendalough Hermitage Centre:** 6th classes will visit Glendalough Hermitage Centre this week—Ms Guinan's and Ms Graham's classes will go tomorrow and Mr Daly's and Mr Campbell's on Friday. As with all privileges it will be dependent on behaviour as per our Code of Behaviour.
- B. **Hurling:** Dotsie O'Callaghan will be working with the 3rd classes again this week.
- C. **Chess:** Well done to the Chess team who are through to the finals after beating St. Mary's 3/2. Good luck today against Scoil Maelruain.
- D. **Cool Planet Experience:** Pupils in Ms L Seagrave's and Ms Griffin's classes will work again this week with Brona.
- E. **Athletics:** Huge congratulations to Kaylee Farrelly on winning the first ever Athletics medal in Santry for St Thomas Senior National School when she came 3rd against very stiff competition.