

St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



15th October 2018

Rule of the Week

I do my best in class and allow others to do the same.

Child Protection

We all—parents, school and community members have a duty to protect children as the welfare and protection of children is of paramount importance. Please read the letter overleaf which outlines the responsibility of this school in relation to issues of child protection. The Child Safeguarding Statement is on the school website www.stthomas.ie

Halloween Safety

Joanne from Dublin Bus and Garda Gary Duffy will visit pupils from 4th–6th classes on Thursday to talk about anti-social behaviour at Halloween. They did it last year and it was very successful as there was absolutely no anti-social behaviour in Jobstown involving the buses at Halloween which was fantastic.

Green Schools-Action Day

As part of the actions of the school towards our Global Citizenship Green Flag there will be a Green School Action Day on Friday. This involves pupils wearing costumes they have made themselves from RECYCLED materials only. There is already great excitement in the school. There will be a "show" in the hall on Friday. There is NO NEED for parents to buy anything....as this is all about the children using their imagination and creating their own pieces. Shop bought costumes will not be allowed.

Code of Behaviour

Best behaviour is expected from all pupils in our school at all times. The Code of Behaviour (available on school website www.stthomas.ie) is focused on 4 School Rules

- A. I come to school every day on time and prepared.
- B. I have respect for people and for property
- C. I do my best in class and allow others to do the same
- D. I behave in a proper manner around the school.

The Board of Management will be reviewing the Code at its next meeting. Any suggestions regarding the Code from parents are welcome to Lisa (HSCL Coordinator) please.

ASD Information

Come and join us for a cup of coffee at our information meeting for parents of children with ASD this Wednesday October 17th from 1.30 to 2.30pm.

Gaeilge

Each week we are trying to include a sentence(s) in Irish (as Gaeilge) that you might like to use at home with your child

Fáilte romhat—You're welcome



And our Seanfhocail (old Irish saying) translates to 'Birds of a feather flock together'

Teacher Shortage

There appears to be a shortage of substitute teachers in the Dublin area in particular. In the event of teacher absences and there being no substitute teachers available, classes may be split between other classes.

School/Sports News

- A. **School Attendance:** Our whole school attendance for the month of September was 93%
- B. **Reminder** that there is NO school on Thursday Week (25th Oct) for pupils as there is an in-service day for the teachers. There is NO school on Friday week (26th Oct) due to the Presidential Election.
- C. **Swimming** Session 3 of 8 swims takes place tomorrow for 4th class pupils.
- D. **Anti Bullying:** This is Anti Bullying week—the SPHE programme this week will focus on Anti-Bullying lessons in all classes.
- E. **Weaving Through Heritage in Schools** scheme all 4th class pupils will be learning to weave willow.
- F. **Junior Football:** Good luck to the Boys Junior Football team who have a home match against Brittas tomorrow.
- G. **Senior Football:** The Senior Boys Football team were very disappointed to lose their match by only ONE POINT last week. It is difficult to be so close and not win. Thanks to Mr Watson and Mr Kilbride for training, coaching and organising the pupils.
- H. **Transition:** Mr Kilbride's class will visit Mount Seskin Community College on Friday.
- I. **Gaeilgeoir na Miosa:** Congratulations to Kareema Adediran from Room 4 who won the title for her class for September but was not included in the Newsletter



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Re: Child Protection Guidelines

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Department of Education and Skills has issued Guidelines and Procedures for all schools in relation to child welfare and protection. These guidelines "*Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post Primary Schools 2017*" promote the welfare of all children and are to be welcomed. A copy of the guidelines is available to be viewed in the school on request.

The Board of Management of St. Thomas' Senior School has adopted the guidelines as school policy. If there is a matter of serious concern about a child's welfare or protection, we are required to report this to TUSLA who will then assess the case and provide the necessary support for the child and family concerned.

The Board of Management has nominated me as the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) for the school. I will liaise with all parties in relation to child welfare and protection. In my absence, Ms. Maire Moloney will act as Deputy DLP.

We are obliged to inform parents/guardians of the procedures that operate under these guidelines and this letter is simply to do that. The Child Safeguarding Statement can be viewed on our website www.stthomas.ie under School Documents in the Parents' Zone. Should you require any further information about this, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely,

Eithne O Shea
Principal

