



21st January 2019

Rule of the Week

I have respect for people and property

Dates for your Diary

- A. Next week is Catholic Schools Week—we will be celebrating Grandparents Day on Friday week—1st February.
- B. Parent/Teacher Meetings: will take place on the 10th and 11th February—more information next week.

R.S.E.

All classes will be learning about Growing and Changing for the months of January/February. This is week 2 of the RSE Programme.

The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment is currently reviewing the Relationship and Education programme and are seeking the views of parents. Have your say by taking part in an online survey before 15th February. The link to the survey has been forwarded to you via text at the number we have for you. A link to the survey will be put on the school website www.stthomas.ie and on our Facebook page.

Accord

Personnel from Accord will be in school to meet parents on Monday 11th February at 9.00am. They will provide information on the topics/sensitive issues they will cover with the 5th/6th classes. While all parents are invited to the meeting it is of particular relevance to parents of pupils in 5th/6th class. We encourage you to attend. **One lucky parent will receive a spot prize for attending.**

Attendance

We are obliged to notify the Education Welfare Services Tusla, when a pupil is absent for 20 days of school—even when the absences are explained. The school will notify parents when a child is absent for 15 and 20 days.

MSCC Entrance Assessment

Entrance Assessments take place in Mount Seskin on Friday from 9.00—12.00. All pupils who have registered for 1st Year can attend for these assessments. The tests are designed to provide information on your child's ability and skills. They are not used to decide which class your child goes into as they operate a Mixed Ability class setting. Pupils cannot fail any of these tests, they are just to let the College know what stage they are at in their learning. There is NO Irish exam. Pupils will need to bring a pencil and rubber. They will have a short break in the morning. **Pupils will go to Mount Seskin directly from home for 9.00am.**

They will be collected from there at 12.00 and accompanied back to school.

It is a **NORMAL** school day for all 6th class pupils and they will continue with regular class on their return.

Google Classroom

Thanks to Mr Campbell and teachers, all classes are operating their own Google Classroom. We are setting up a 'whole school' Google Classroom for all the pupils in the school. This will allow us to communicate with all pupils and send them important messages, announcements, reminders, competitions, educational websites, polls, surveys, questionnaires, quizzes, tests, challenges, problems to solve etc. at a whole school level. All pupils need to join the Google Classroom is the code **rcc75v8**

School/Sports News

- A. **Music Generation:** Aoife will be working with 3rd classes today.
- B. **Swimming:** 3rd class pupils have swimming tomorrow (1/8). Please make sure they have all that is required.
- C. **OWLS:** 5th class have OWLS tomorrow.
- D. **Transition Year:** The TY students are now working with 4th class—Ms Kelly's and Ms Quirke's classes for a number of weeks.
- E. **Confirmation:** As part of the preparation for confirmation, Mr Watson's class will attend Mass on Thursday at 10.00am.
- F. **Transfer:** Ms Fleming's class will have a maths lesson in MSCC on Wednesday.
- G. **GAA :** David O'Callaghan will be coaching GAA with 4th class pupils on Friday.
- H. **Students of the Month:** Congratulations and well done to the Students of the Month listed overleaf.

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

Go raibh maith agat—Thank you

Fáilte romhat—You're welcome

Ca bhfuil tu? - Where are you

An maith leat? - Do you like?

Is maith liom—I like

Is breá liom—I really like

Cá bhfuil do lón? - Where is your lunch?

Seo é do lón—Here is your lunch.

Cuir ort do chóta—Put on your coat

Maith thú! - Well done! Good for you!

Brostaigh ort! - Hurry up!

Cé leis é seo? - Who owns this?

And our Seanfhocail (old Irish saying) translates to "Friends are worth more than gold"



Is fearr cairde ná ór

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.

3rd Class

Jamie Brennan
Danny Connors
Paula Cesnaite
Ola Habeeb
Ciara Hanley

4th Class

Makayla Walsh
Halfrida Halaoui
Daniel ayandokun
Hayden McDonagh
Wivina Emilson

5th Class

Eliel Josh Villaneuva
Keegan Byrne
Tomas Borovsky
Taylor Harcourt

6th Class

Christopher Daly
Reece Tangara
Paris Sweeney
Kevin Byrne
DJ McNamara
Cody Redmond

Gaeilgeoir ni Miosa

3rd Class

Jack Kenny
Eoin Doyle
Damian Afenkhená
Cole Gilsenan
Ali Janat Daniel

4th Class

Katelyn Higgins
Adam Stanley
Shifau Agbona
Isaac Adeyoe
Eamonn O'Callaghan

5th Class

Amani Soltani
Jonathan Senga
Jessica O'keefe
Corey Malcolmson

6th Class

Ryan Weldon
Grace Smyth
Conor Reilly
Nika Blazak

Sportstar of the Month

3rd Class

Kirsten Metcalfe
Clodagh Dunne
Ger Donoghue
Corey Doyle
Hannah Joyce

4th Class

Makayla Heapes
Dylan McArdle
Casey Seery Gillespie
Abigail Osamede
Cameron Harms
Casey Aherne

5th Class

Kacie Lee Twyford
Ayllsa Bowes
Caoimhe McCarthy
Dolapo Habeeb
Brooke Leeson
James Murphy

6th Class

Jessica Metcalfe
Sean Samson
Simon Lang
Cian Nagle

