



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



27th May, 2019

Rule of the Week

I come to school on time and prepared



Confirmation News

Thank you to all those who attended the beautiful Ceremonies of Confirmation on Friday and Saturday which were so respectful and special for the pupils being Confirmed. We all hope you had a lovely day afterwards with family and friends. Thank you most especially to the school choir who sang beautifully on both days and to all the teachers involved.

Digital STEM Showcase Event

We are very proud to be in a cluster with three other schools in West Tallaght involved in a Digital Project entitled 'Integrating VR into 21st Century Teaching, Learning and Assessment'. We have been invited to send four teachers and a number of children to attend the Digital STEM Showcase Event in Athlone on Thursday. Substitute teachers will be available to cover for Mr Carroll, Mr Campbell, Ms Gill and Ms Graham. Activities for the children will include workshop by STEM solutions, a Microbits Workshop and the SEF digital evaluators H2 Learning will also engage with the children.

End of Year Reports

End of Year reports will be posted in June. We would appreciate if you could send in €1 to cover the cost of a stamp.

Parents of 6th Class pupils

Please make sure to return the 'My Child's Profile' which was sent home last week. 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

Book Week

We celebrate Book Week this week. The Literacy Focus Group have organised a range of great activities for the pupils to enjoy including visits to Tallaght library, author visits to the school, librarian visits, storytellers, magician, quiz, reading buddies and much more. The Celtic Book Fair will be in the school for the week—all pupils will be given opportunities to buy a book from the fair. Any commission received will be in the form of books which will be used as class novels for each standard or library. Please support the Book Fair by giving your children money to buy a book. Pupils may, if they wish, dress up as a character from a book on Thursday.

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? /

Ar aghaidh leat... - On you go... Go on...

Tá sé in am dul ag lú—It's time to go to bed

Tabhair é seo do - Give this to...

Cas amach an Teilifís—Turn off the TV

Stop ag troid! - Stop fighting!

Píoc suas é sin—Pick that up.

An bhfuil... agat? -Do you have...?

Tá/Níl...agam—I have/have not....

Tá duine ag an doras—There's somebody at the door

Tá pian I mo bholg—I have a pain in my tummy

Tá pian I mo cheann—I have a pain in my head

And our Seanfhocail (old Irish saying)
translates to "Silence is Golden"

Is binn béal ina thost



School/Sports News

- A. **Athletics:** Best of luck to the athletes travelling to Santry tomorrow. Thank you to Ms Flynn and Mr Mangan who voluntarily organise the athletics in the school.
- B. **Boxing:** Week 3/4 takes place on Wednesday.
- C. **Active Schools Week:** ASW takes place from 17th June. If you are in a position to help out please let us know.
- D. **Music Generation:** Aoife from Music Generation will work with 4th classes today.
- E. **Garden:** Geraldine will be planting and weeding with pupils again this week.

There will be NO school this Friday 31st May, Monday 3rd June or Tuesday 4th June due to the Bank Holiday weekend.

School will re-open on Wednesday 5th June.

Summer Camps

There will be 3 camps running out the St Thomas SNS this summer including the School Completion Programme camp, the Campa Samhraidh (as Gaeilge) and some teachers are also offering a private camp (details below)

Summer Days Camp

From: 1st to 5th July

10.00am to 2.00pm each day

Join Ms Guinan, Ms Graham and Ms O'Reilly for a fun filled week of sports, art, cooking, experiments, computers, treasure hunt and a surprise trip.

Permission slips are available in the school

Price: €50 (€10 deposit required by Thursday 30th May)

