



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



23rd September 2019

Rule of the Week

I behave in a proper manner around the school

Inspector Visit

A Cigire from the Department of Education & Skills paid a visit on Friday and spent the day in the school.

This was a follow up visit to our Whole School Evaluation which took place in May 2017. We are delighted to report that the inspector was extremely impressed by the "very effective teaching and learning happening in this school". She also spoke about the "very respectful interaction s" she observed in our school. The WSE report from 2017 is on the school website. You can find it under Parents Zone/School Documents. The Inspector will write a follow up report which will also be published on our website when we receive it.

Green School

As part of being a Green School, we also collect used batteries. If you have any at home please send them in to the school and we will dispose of them for you. Ms Kiernan and her class are making furniture from single use plastic that cannot be recycled. Thank you to the Green School Committee, Ms Rohan and Ms Kiernan for teaching all of us about recycling. We must all do our bit to save the planet.

Anti Bullying Questionnaire

As part of our Anti Bullying Policy, all pupils will complete a questionnaire this week about bullying. They will be asked two questions—if they know of anyone having a hard time and if they would like to talk to someone about bullying. Any issues identified will be dealt with. The questionnaire is completed by every pupil in the school at the end of every month/6 weeks.

Mount Seskin Community College

MSCC are holding an Open Day tomorrow. Our own Transfer Programme with Mount Seskin Community College also starts tomorrow. During the day 5th and 6th class pupils will have an opportunity to sample two subjects available at post primary level. Pupils will walk to MSCC and back accompanied by school staff.

Parents of pupils in 5th/6th classes are invited to attend the Open Evening from 4.15pm—6.45pm in Mount Seskin CC. There will be a raffle held for parents during the open evening. Tickets are free and available during this time.

3rd Class Meetings

A reminder that meetings take place this week from 9.00—10.00am. If you cannot attend a meeting on the day appointed you are very welcome to attend any of the meetings during the week. Meetings are as follows:

- A. Tuesday 24th September - Room 2—Mr Daly
- B. Wednesday 25th Sept—Room 4—Ms Guinan
- C. Thursday 26th Sept—Room 5—Ms Collins
- D. Friday 27th Sept—Room 6—Mr Watson

Swimming

Swimming starts next week for 4th class pupils. There will be 8 sessions in total at a cost of €5 per session. This covers the cost of the bus, pool hire and swimming tuition. This is exceptional value and is based on all 4th class pupils being involved in the swimming programme. As aquatics is part of the PE curriculum, swimming fulfils the PE requirement for the 8 weeks. Swimming takes place during school time and is organised by Ms O'Leary. Pupils will need to have a towel, swimwear and a swim hat.



School News

- A. **Personal Insurance**—Date for taking out personal insurance has been extended until Friday. If you wish to take out Personal Insurance on your child send in the form and money to Lisa by Friday 27th September.
- B. **Colleen Heavey** from Music Generation is working with 4th classes.
- C. **Junior Football**: Hard luck to the Junior Boys GAA team who had two narrow defeats last week—it was tough playing two days in the one week.
- D. **Senior Football**: Well done to the senior footballers who had a great win again last week when they played St Dominics. We are all hoping for 3 in a row when they play Scoil Santain on Thursday in Dodder Valley Park. Pupils will travel there and back by private bus.

GAEILGE

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?

And our Seanfhocail (old Irish saying) translates to "Friends are better than Gold"



UPCYCLING

A parent is looking for old CD's DVD's for an up-cycling/recycling project. If you have any you want to get rid of please drop into the office.

