

St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter

21st October 2019

Rule of the Week

I behave in a proper manner around the school

Board of Management

A reminder of meeting tomorrow evening at 7.00pm to elect a Mother nominee and a Father nominee for the Board of Management. The term of office is from 1st December 2019—30th November 2023. Parents must be nominated and seconded at the meeting. If more than one nomination is received for either panel, there will be a ballot held at the meeting.

Mount Seskin CC Enrolment

If your child is in 6th class and you want them to attend Mount Seskin Community College next year they must be enrolled. Enrolment day for the College takes place on Wednesday 6th November from 9.45am to 12.00.

An enrolment form for each 6th class child has gone home with them today so please check their bag.

Hot Lunches

We are delighted that the hot lunch scheme will be **starting on Monday 4th November**—the Monday after Halloween break. The meals are really delicious and of top quality.

There is a choice of up to 10 Hot Meals daily. Menus have been given to the pupils to bring home today. Please decide with your child what meal they would like and tick your choices for each day.

Forms must be returned to the school by 10.00am on Wednesday. If the form is not returned that child will have a Vegetable Curry with Rice as a default until such time as someone edits it online. Changes can be made online up to midnight on any given Friday to take effect the following Monday. If there are any queries—just ask.

Fundraising

Don't forget to send in any unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, hats, scarves or soft toys. Bags can be sent to Lisa's room on **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday ONLY** of this week (21st to 23rd October).



Maths Week



Our Athletics drive was very successful with a big increase in participation. Eamon O'Callaghan (Ms C Kelly), Daniel Cooper (Mr Murphy) and Damian Afenkhen (Mr Murphy) all reached the top of the leaderboard in Ireland, with Daniel reaching the top 3 in the world. For our school competition, the prize winners were:

- 1st Prize Daniel Cooper (Mr Murphy) 32737 points
- 2nd Prize Eamonn O'Callaghan (Ms Kelly) 23352 points
- 3rd Prize Damian Afenkhen (Mr Murphy) 20961 points
- 4th Prize Carlos Kiala (Ms Connolly) 18947 points
- 5th Prize Cieran O'Connor (Ms Kelly) 18484 points
- 6th Prize Mia Masterson (Mr Murphy) 17590 points
- 7th Prize Thomas Higgins (Mr Daly) 12232 points

Our 4th, 5th and 6th classes took part in Maths Trail, there was a Maths Quiz for 6th classes and there will be Maths for Fun for our 3rd classes.

School News

- A. **Music Generation** will be working with our 4th classes on Wednesday.
- B. **Swimming:** Session 4 of 8 swims takes place tomorrow for 4th classes.
- C. **Transition Programme:** Mr Bacon's class will visit Mount Seskin today.
- D. **Shared Reading:** TY students will do their shared reading with Mr Daly's class on Wednesday (2/4)
- E. **Tallaght Library:** Ms O'Reilly's class will visit Tallaght Library tomorrow for a workshop on Ecosystems and Habitats. They will use public transport to get there and back.
- F. **Science Workshop:** Mr Murphy's class will go to UCD for workshop 2 of 6 on Thursday
- G. **Recycling Workshops:** Ms Kelly's and Mr Carroll's classes will take part in recycling workshops organised by South Dublin County Council on Thursday.
- H. **Girls Football Blitz:** Will take place in St Mark's GAA club on Thursday, weather permitting. Pupils will walk there and back.

Mid Term Break

School will close this Friday (25th October) for mid-term break and will reopen on Monday 4th November—first day of the Hot Meals Programme.
We hope you all have an enjoyable and safe Halloween.

Halloween

Halloween is almost upon us:

- A. Bonfires and fireworks are dangerous. Please explain the dangers of illegal fireworks and bonfires to your children.
- B. South Dublin County Council ask that you do not leave any material lying around that can be taken for a bonfire, that you keep pets inside as they are sensitive to noise. They have additional information on their website on Spooky Halloween Stuff for Kids to Do.
- C. Thank you to our wonderful parents who are giving their time on Thursday for Story Time and to play Literacy Games with 3rd classes.
- D. Ms Griffins class will visit Tara Street Fire Station on Friday for the launch of the Halloween Safety Initiative by the Lord Mayor of Dublin.
- E. All pupils should wear their school uniform or school tracksuit to school on Friday. There will be NO dressing up for Halloween in the school. This is to ease the financial pressure for parents.



