



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



11th November 2019

Rule of the Week

I have respect for people and for property

Hot Lunches

We are delighted that the hot lunch scheme is so successful. Every day the pupils can choose from a menu of 10 different hot meals. The pupils love the food and are very involved in making sure it is so successful. They can change their menu choices online and changes will be made from the following Monday.

Thanks to a suggestion by a 6th class pupil Gwen O'Callaghan, we are working towards reducing the numbers of plastic bags used. The food containers will be recycled and other material will be composted. We would love to hear your thoughts on the Hot Meals.

Green Schools

As part of our Green Schools Initiatives—five classes will take part in workshops provided by Sustainable energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) this week. SEAI will also be providing training to all teachers in the school.

Attendance

Make sure your children are in school every day as **EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS** in our **STRIVE FOR FIVE**. Congratulations to the following classes who won the Attendance Cup at assembly last week.

- A. 3rd class winners: Mr Watson's class R6—94.2%
- B. 4th class winners: Ms Cooney's class R20—94.1%
- C. 5th Class winners: Ms Wilson's class R8—96.9% - **SCHOOL WINNERS**
- D. 6th Class winners: Ms Lawlor's class R15—94.5%

Whole School Attendance for October was 93%, down from 94% last year which is very disappointing.

Congratulations

- A. Dublin Bus Art Competitions: Well done to Aoife O'Connor and Tori Shortt Gray whose Art will feature in the Dublin Bus Calendars for 2020.
- B. Credit Union Art Competition: Well done to Sean Doyle and Bekkie Sheilds who are winners in the West Tallaght Art Competition.

Bullying

We take bullying very seriously in our schools. All reported incidents of bullying are dealt with in line with our Anti Bullying Policy which is available on the school website www.stthomas.ie. All pupils will get an Anti Bullying Questionnaire to complete this week.

Legal Issues

Parents/Guardians are requested to inform the school if there are any legal issues in relation to custody of the children. Copies of legal documentation relating to custody will be kept in the Principal's office and teachers informed on a need to know basis. **The responsibility is on the parents to inform the school if any adult including a parent is not allowed to collect children from school.** Please call to see Ms O'Shea if you have any information, queries or concerns in this regard.

School News

- A. **Monthly Trip:** Students of the Month for October (listed overleaf) have their trip today. Thank you to Joanne from Dublin Bus for providing the transport.
- B. **Transition Programme:** Ms Griffin's class will visit MSCC today—last week's visit was cancelled due to the rain.
- C. **Swimming:** Session 6 of 8 swims takes place tomorrow for 4th class pupils.
- D. **Music Generation:** Colleen will work with 4th classes on Wednesday
- E. **Shared Reading:** Transition Year students will do shared reading with Mr Daly's class on Wednesday (3/4)
- F. **Science Workshop:** Mr Murphy's class in UCD on Thursday (4 of 6)
- G. **IT Tallaght:** Ms Moran's class have been chosen to attend a Science Workshop called 'The Rapper's Guide to the Solar System' in IT Tallaght on Friday. We are delighted to be involved with IT Tallaght. Pupils will travel there and back by private bus.

Parish News

- 1. Annual Autumn Gathering of Parishioners from Tallaght, South Dublin & Blessington Deaneries in Maldron Hotel, Tallaght, on **Saturday 23th November 2019, from 9.15am to 1.15pm.**
- 2. **Remembrance Mass** Will be celebrated on **Sunday, 24th of November at 11.30 am.**
- 3. We invite you All once again to join us for the Liturgical Year Clock & Advent Stories on following **Tuesdays: 12th, 19th, 26th of November and 3rd, 10th of December at 11 am to 12 pm for adults; 3 pm to 4 pm for children.**
Venue - Parish Pastoral Centre

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

Bianca Tepordei
Chloe Delaney
Leigh Graham
Harrison Edem

4th Class

Elisha Karanja
Daniel Donoghue Gallagher
Abi Burns Henderson
Daniel Cooper
Brooklyn Boyo

5th Class

Ulijana Morozova
Glovi Balolo
Megan Sasa Botambengo
Bekki Shiels
Matthew Hyland
Sophie Duff Mansfield

6th Class

Lavinia Marin
Emily Howe
Chloe White
Taylor Harcourt
Saoirse Power
Ceili Finnegan

Sportstar of the Month

3rd Class

Leah Heapes
Seamus OCallaghan
Aoife Dingle
Bradley Earl Paul

4th Class

Regan OLeary
Julia Lipowska
Ciaran McCabe
Aoibha Gorman
Lee Murphy

5th Class

Ella Armstrong
Conor Collins Murphy
Cian Leddy
Lee Dempsey
Cameron Harms
Ryan Pearce

6th Class

Eliel Josh Villeneuve
Thomas McCarthy
Katie Dillon
Alicia Murphy
Troy Fegan
Kelsey Nolan

Gaeilgeoir ni Miosa

3rd Class

Savina Murphy Parks
Keeley Dooley
Lexi Finnegan
Shreya Kumar

4th Class

Ali Janat Daniel
Jasmine Corcoran
Zac Whelan
Peter Bakari
Fareedah Sulaimon

5th Class

Cieran OConnor
Dylan McArdle
Adam Stanley
Abigail Osemede
Aisling Clarke

6th Class

Daniel Kavanagh
Tia Quinn OCallaghan
Jake Laffan
Kascey Moran Brennan

