



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



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Rule of the Week

I do my best in class and allow others to do the same

WELCOME BACK

We hope you all had an enjoyable, safe and healthy Halloween. We are absolutely delighted to be back in school where we will continue with the work of teaching and learning. We had a very exciting run up to midterm break in school—check out the website for more details www.stthomas.ie. We had our second ever St Thomas TV Show which was hosted by Alana Cunningham and Holly Donovan.

Staying Safe

We will continue to follow procedure and protocols to ensure everyone's safety in school. This includes physical distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene and wearing face coverings. **It is very important that the children come to school if they are well.** They are getting an excellent education, they are in a great routine and they are meeting their friends and are happy.

HSE Advice

Do not send your child to school if any of the following apply. Your child has:

- A. a temperature of 38 degrees Celsius or more
- B. any other common symptoms of COVID-19, a new cough, loss or changed sense of taste or smell, shortness of breath or an existing breathing condition that has recently become worse.
- C. Been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
- D. Been living with someone who is unwell and may have COVID-19
- E. Other uncommon symptoms of Covid19 such as sore throat or headaches
- F. Diarrhoea
- G. Returned from another country in the last 14 days.
- H. For more information from HSE website please click: <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/school-and-covid-19/when-you-should-keep-your-child-home.html>

Stay Safe

As part of the SPHE programme, teachers will teach lessons 7 and 8 of the Stay Safe Programme this week.

Break Times

Pupils will be going out for breaks as much as possible unless the weather is really bad. It is important that the pupils get a break from the classroom, get to play with their friends and run around, and we can air the classroom also. Please make sure they bring a warm coat to school now that the weather is getting colder.

Credit Union Art Competition

Congratulations to Megan Burns who came 2nd in her category and to Madison Gorman who came 3rd in hers. Thank you to West Tallaght Credit Union for sponsoring the competition.

Halloween Art Competition

Alana Cunningham in 6th class won a prize for her whole class. Alana won an art competition which was sponsored by Papa Johns in Tallaght and her prize was a Pizza Party for the whole class before midterm.

What a treat—thanks Alana

Ventilation in Classrooms

Following advice from Public Health and Department of Education & Skills windows will be open in classrooms during the day to increase ventilation. Whilst the heating will still be on, some children may feel the cold and so we would encourage them to wear an extra layer of clothing or bring a spare school tracksuit top to pop on during the day.

Online Assembly

Our online assembly for 5th/6th class will take place on Thursday and on Friday for pupils in 3rd/4th class.