



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



10th May, 2021

Rule of the Week

I behave in a proper manner
around the school

Music Generation

4th Classes are continuing with the online music lessons given by a tutor from Music Generation.



Enrolment for 3rd Class

If you have not yet enrolled your child and wish to do so, contact Mairead in the office by email
info@stthomas.ie
or call 01 4526555.

Jobstown Running Club

This is a newly established running club set up by Stephen Martin. It is free and open to everyone. If you or your child are interested in getting into a new sport, or just want to get fit, meet new friends or run off some energy this might be for you. Training is on Tuesday and Thursday at 6.30pm and Saturday at 7.30am and 9.30am at Kiltalown Park. Follow the **Jobstown Running Club** on Facebook or contact Stephen via Messenger for more information.

Please note children must be accompanied by an adult.



Child Safeguarding Statement

A reminder that our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Board of Management. They are available on the school website in the Parents Zone under Policies.

If you would like to give any feedback, comments or suggestions you can do so by email to info@stthomas.ie before Friday 14th May.
Thank you

Standardised Testing

The annual standardised testing in Maths and Literacy will take place this year. While standardised tests were not administered during the 2019/20 school year due to the school closures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, these tests will be administered as normal for this school year.

The results can help schools to evaluate progress in literacy and numeracy, can help to pinpoint areas for improvement and will support teachers in ensuring that literacy and numeracy learning experiences meet pupils' needs.

We understand that the school closures have had a significant impact on teaching and learning, which may be reflected in the standardised test results for primary schools this year and **we would like to stress that there is absolutely no need for children to be worried about these tests.**

Testing will take place tomorrow and next week.

Relationships & Sexuality Education Programme

Teachers will be teaching the sensitive lessons of the RSE programme from next week. The curriculum by NCCA will be followed as published, and will be taught from 3rd to 6th class. All resources used will be in keeping with the ethos of the school and the policy, and will reflect the developmental needs of the child. Each class teacher will teach the content for their class level. If a parent wishes to take their child out of the lessons on the sensitive issues they must put this in writing with their reasons for doing so to the school principal.