



# St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



1st November, 2021

## Rule of the Week

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

## Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a well deserved break and turned off for the week. Everyone worked so hard so it was very much welcomed. You all deserved the break for the amazing work you do day in and day out. After the fun of Halloween it's very important that we get everyone back into a routine as soon as possible. Teachers will be reminding the children of the school rules and our expectations (manners, respect, etc) of them over the next seven to eight weeks. As with the return in September, keeping the children on task and in a routine is essential over the next number of weeks. As well as being an exciting time it is also an important time in the pupil's learning.

## School Uniform

Having a full school uniform is an area we will be working on a lot this term. Having the children coming to school in their full uniform is very important for them and their approach to a school day. We really appreciate your support in this and if there are any issues please let us know.

## Halloween Dress Up Day

Halloween Dress up day was a great success and thank you to all for the wonderfully imaginative costumes that created such a fun and warm environment for the children. They all left the school smiling which is the main thing. Thanks to Ms O'Reilly for facilitating the Art and Writing competitions and Mr Murphy for organizing the Athletics week before the break and pushing it through every day. Without your support the day would not have been a success so thank you.

## COVID19

The school will continue to operate under the same procedures as before in relation to Covid. There seems to be very mixed messages regarding close contacts/ antigen testing at present. If there is any change to the HSE guidelines we will contact the whole school community immediately. Please refer to the school website for more information.

## November Attendance Drive

This month there will be a big push on attendance. Each pupil will receive an Attendance Passport and this will be stamped daily. The Citywise fun day for the best class attendance for October will be announced today. Positivity and constant encouragement at all times is very important. Having your child in school is the single most important thing that you can do. Here they will learn, have fun, develop and grow with their peers. If there are any issues please don't hesitate to contact the school.

## What to look forward to!

There are loads of activities planned for the pupils between now and Christmas. Sixth classes will continue going to Citywise for CS Makers and learning from Tony with Shamrock Rovers. Fifth class will be going on a trip to Kilmainham Jail to learn about its rich history as part of the hugely successful Tallaght Library Project they have been embarking on over the past number of months. As part of Irish Heritage Week trees will be planted in the school grounds on Wednesday for 3rd & 4th classes. Music generation will continue to enthuse the 4th class pupils with a love for music. Mr Brennan has organised Futsal ball activities for the third classes and so much more.

## Swimming

Swimming will continue this Thursday for 5th and 6th classes this week. It is great to see the children back swimming and learning such a valuable life skill. Please remind the children to bring a towel, their swimming hat and togs. A big thank you to all the teachers and especially Ms O'Leary for organising the sessions. We will be getting around to 3rd & 4th classes in the new year.

## WEBSITE

Please check out all the new updates regarding the school on the website and Twitter. Both are a fabulous showcase of learning that we should all be proud of, activities taking place and information regarding policies. To date our website has been viewed a whopping 327,590 times and our Twitter feed has 265 followers! Email: [info@stthomas.ie](mailto:info@stthomas.ie)

Website: [www.stthomas.ie](http://www.stthomas.ie)

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## New HSCL

This role will be filled in the coming week. In the meantime any issues can be directed to Mr Rennick.