



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



6th December, 2021

## Rule of the Week

I behave in a proper manner around the school.

## COVID

With just over two weeks to go until the Christmas Holidays, we are very aware of the continued (and unfortunately increasing) threat that Covid-19 presents to our school and community. It is the principal aim of everyone at St Thomas' SNS that all children are welcome and safe here. We want to work with families so that the best possible environment is created so that your children can learn, feel safe and be the best version of themselves. This is always the main objective of the school.

In relation to the Covid measures of the last two years the school has implemented them to the highest standard possible. We want to reassure you all that no child will be refused entry to the school for not wearing a face covering. Having the children in school happy and learning is our main aim while trying to follow HSE/Government guidelines to keep the children and our community safe. We will be taking an understanding approach to helping you and your children overcome any difficulties you may have.

We will be respectful and mindful of all pupils and parents and would be grateful if you could be patient with the school as we continue to navigate through this difficult time.

## Covid HSE Advice

Please see a quick summary of the updated Quick isolation Guide from the HSE. This may prove very helpful for parents/ guardians when determining the course of action you should take in lots of different situations:

- If your child has any symptoms of Covid please keep them at home.
- If there is a positive PCR test in your household, your kindly asked to contact me to inform me (this is not obligatory). You can call/ email the office and I'll get back to you as soon as possible. With your permission, I will contact the parents/ guardians of the children in your child's pod to let them know there has been a positive case at that pod. I will do so via a text and a letter which will be emailed to you shortly afterwards. Please ensure your contact details are up to date. If I contact you it will be to share details with you as to how you can order 3 free antigen tests. If your child is not showing any symptoms, they may come to school. However, if they develop symptoms, they must stay at home and you should book them a PCR test. If another child from a different pod in the class receives a positive PCR test, all parents/ guardians will be notified by text and email.

## Admission Policy

Applications for enrolment to 3<sup>rd</sup> class and special classes will take place from 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 until 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021. See website for additional information [www.stthomas.ie](http://www.stthomas.ie) Reminders will be sent out during the month of December.

## School Website/Twitter



Thanks to Ms Connolly Ms O'Reilly and Mr Carroll for contributing to our website and Twitter feed last week. Website: 332,022 views (457 views since last week) Twitter Account: 326 followers (8 new followers since last week)

All school information can be accessed via Email: [info@stthomas.ie](mailto:info@stthomas.ie) Website: [www.stthomas.ie](http://www.stthomas.ie) Twitter: @SaintThomasSNS.

## Christmas 2021

The Christmas tree and the Crib are up in the hall. Classes and corridors will be decorated for Christmas and there will be lots of Christmas cheer in the school throughout the month. As you are all aware this Christmas will continue to be different to our normal Christmas. We must do everything we can to ensure the safety of the whole school community. While we appreciate that you might like to send in Christmas cards or small gifts we are asking that this year on the grounds of health and safety you do not do so. The Christmas spirit will be very much alive in school. Santa might be making a visit too!! We are going to ensure that the pupils thoroughly enjoy the run up to Christmas so keep an eye out for the next Newsletter

## Students of the Month

Well done to the pupils of the month. These pupils have been chosen by their teachers - it is not an easy decision to make when there are so many excellent pupils. Please see attached sheet for the successful pupils. Some of the words to describe the pupils in the school are: amazing effort, sportsman, kind, a ray of sunshine, excellent manners, a role model, team player, motivates everyone, improved attitude, fantastic writer....." We are very lucky to have such wonderful pupils in the school

## Seanfhocail

Please keep in mind this Seanfhocail for December which is very apt:

"Ní neart go cur le chéile"-  
There is no strength without unity

## November Awards

Name	Student of the Month	Sportsperson of the	Gaeilgeoir na Míosa
Mr Daly	Sienna Brennan	Carly Fitzgerald	Alaoise Morone
Ms Dillon	Favour Osmende	Artem Sikora	Kourtney Zola
Mr Carroll	Oran Scully	Macey Hennessy	Jodie Byrne
Ms Murphy	Ava McAuley	Larissa McDonagh	Nikita Panaghiu
Ms Connolly	Brigid Shakira	Sean Kelly	Onorina Bakari
Ms Daly	Jamie Morrison		
Ms Sargent	Geraldine Connors		
Ms McLoughrey	Lara Carkery		
Ms Gill	Anwar Daahir	Lexie Cooney	Wisdom Kamara
Ms Graham	Sophia Malone	Jayden Byrne	Eoin Talbot
Mr Murphy	Lara Heapes	Isaiah Zola Ndongala	Lee Kinsella
Ms Quirke	Aleia Ryan Farrell	Lennon Glynn Petcher	Ollie Tynan
Mr Mangan	Aoife Kenny		
Ms Kelly	Tylor O Donohoe		
Ms Collins	Shauna Mooney	Darragh Daly	Jake Obamwonyi
Mr Watson	Bianca Tepordei	Joshua Nosa	Charlie Sharpe
Ms Treacy	Shreya Kumar	Kerrie Murphy	Shakirat Akande
Ms Guinan	Karson Finn Ryan	Amaz Olaniyan	Lexi Finnegan
Mr Campbell	Chloe Delaney		
Ms Glasheen	Daniel Cooper	Ger Donoghue	Molly McCarthy
Ms Griffin	Jack Kenny	Paula Cesnaite	Sophia Fitzgerald
Ms Wilson	Elisha Karanja	Jessica Fitzpatrick	Yasser Chadley
Ms Lawlor	Michael talbot	Brooklyn Boyo	Cole Hoey
Mr Brennan	Abi Burns Henderson		
Ms O`Reilly	Reece Murphy		
Ms English	Jamie Moran		
Mr McGrory	Brandon Kielthy		
Mr Kilbride	Tony Cassidy	Ashley Quitamuca	
Ms Seagrave	Alex Kelly O Connor	Dillon Kiernan	

