



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



14th March, 2022

Rule of the Week

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

Seachtain na Gaeilge

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It's Seachtain na Gaeilge this week—a time when we celebrate all things Irish. There's lots organised for pupils for the next three days—a Ceilí Mór on Wednesday where everyone will face the breakfast club to do the two dances—An Dreoilín and Staicín Eorna and the whole school will finish with Amhráin na BhFiann. There will be face painting for those that want it, Tráth na Gceist and Bingo TG Lurgan song "Waka Waka" le Shakira as Gaeilge.

Teachers will be reading aloud on Monday and Tuesday afternoon—Irish folklore—Myths & Legends. There will be an art competition based on Seanfhocail of the teacher's choice. Encourage your children to use as much Gaeilge as they can! Míle buíochas.

Seanfhocail: Aithníonn ciaróg eile—takes one to know one

Arrivals/Dismissals/Punctuality

Pupils start school at 9.00am and finish at 2.40pm. We will be running a punctuality week from April 4th. This will be a week where our main focus will be punctuality.

The teachers will be immersing the children in the slogan for the week—**Be on time, Be on line, Be in for 9!** There will be raffles and prizes for those with the best attendance. Now is the time to get into the habit so that the pupils will hit the ground running.

Green Day Wednesday

All pupils will be allowed to wear something green on Wednesday. This could be a jumper, t-shirt, jersey, ribbon in their hair etc. **This is not an excuse to wear their normal clothes.** If they do not have anything green then we will be handing out wristbands/ribbons. Face painting will also be supplied by parents. Thanks to Ms McKenna for organising the face painting and thanks to the parents involved.

Anti Bullying

Pupils will be taking the school anti bullying survey this week so we can deal/identify with any issues promptly and sensitively. Please see the following link to an anti bullying webinar that parents can sign up to. This webinar is being held on Tuesday/Wednesday

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Anti-Bullying-March-2022>

Football Season

Our football season has got off to a flying start with all pupils making an amazing effort in all of the games they have played. Jessica and Rose from 6th class are reporting on all the girls games and uploading them to the website. We have some budding Sports Journalists in our midst. Keep an eye out for more reports after the long weekend. The boys had a smashing win last week where they WON BY 19 POINTS!! All the hard training is paying off. Keep up the great work!

Lifting of Covid Restrictions

Please remember the measures that NPHET has recommended and mentioned in previous newsletters. Critical components of the school's response plan in relation to Covid19 will continue to apply—isolation if symptomatic or if there is a positive Covid19 test, hand washing, respiratory hygiene and ventilation. Staff will continue hand sanitising in the mornings. Please see the following link in relation to testing positive for Covid19:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/60083-covid-19-reframing-the-challenge-continuing-our-recovery-reconnecting-#if-you-have-symptoms-of-covid-19>

School Garden

Pupils and staff continue to work on the school garden ensuring that it is primed and ready for the Summer and our garden party. They have done trojan work in weeding, sweeping, planting and trimming the garden. They have taken great pride in the work that they are doing.

Website/Twitter Feed

Thanks to Ms McKenna, Ms Graham, Ms Wilson, Ms Connolly and Ms English for all the fabulous posts on our website and Twitter feed last week!

Pupils are continuing to upload their opinion pieces on a regular basis so please check!

Website: 338,447 views (494 views since last week)



Twitter Account: 455 followers (12 new followers since before mid term)

War in Ukraine

As the war in Ukraine continues to impact so much damage to many families your children may be asking some difficult questions. Please see the link below which may support you in answering these questions. Keep in mind that answers should be age appropriate for the children.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/e003e-supporting-children-and-young-people-in-a-time-of-war/#>

February Awards

Name	Student of the Month	Sportsperson of the Month	Gaeilgeoir na Míosa
Mr Daly	Ethan Reilly	Alan Daly	Arthur Rockert
Ms Dillon	Kayleigh Nolan	Jannah Shazad	David O'Keefe
Mr Carroll	Jodie Byrne	Daniel Njoku	Hannah McCarthy
Ms Murphy	Evie McCabe	Jack Duke	Alex McCarthy
Ms Connolly	Jemima Obamwonyi	Charlie Collins	Amy Rose Rimsa
Ms Daly	Reece Boyne		
Ms Sargent	Aaron Bardon		
Ms Gill	Tylor O'Donohoe	Clodagh Loftus	Anwar Daahir
Ms Graham	Sahil Kunal	Bella O Connell O Toole	Sophie Brennan
Mr Murphy	Sophie Ellis	Rhys Earley Paul	Brodie Gorman
Ms Quirke	Aoife Kenny	Layla Hogan	Harry Dorney
Mr Mangan	Ben Deering		
Ms Kelly	Layla Galvin		
Mr Watson	Joshua Nosa	Thomas Higgins	Kerthyna Diba
Ms Treacy	Harrison Edem	Rukayat Asho	Carly Bolger
Ms Guinan	Hallie Gillespie	Lexi Finnegan	Emanuella Lambe
Mr Campbell	Seamus O'Calla-		
Ms Devine/ Ms Daly	Daniel Akinola		
Ms Glasheen	Emma-Kate Sharpe	Aoibha Gorman	Jamie Sheil
Ms Wilson	Katie Nguyen	Abi Burns Henderson	Darren Stanley
Ms Lawlor	Eoin Doyle	Aoife Ennis	Fareedah Sulaimon
Mr Brennan	AJ Lawlor		
Ms O'Reilly	Michael Talbot		
Ms English	Megan Burns		
Mr McGrory	Aoibha Gorman		
Mr Kilbride	Angel Kelly	Dylan Pearce	

