



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



29th March, 2022

Rule of the Week

I come to school every day, on time and prepared

Punctuality Week

This is the week to really get the whole school enthusiastic about Punctuality Week and ensure there is 'buy in' from everyone. Being on time is so important, not just in school but in all aspects of life.

Teachers have put together a fun plan for the week of April 4th and hope to ensure all pupils take an active role. Posters are on display throughout the school and our mantra is on repeat:

Be on time, Be on line, Be in for 9!

What we need from you this week is to get the pupils in on time, encourage them to make a huge effort this week themselves so they get into a good habit and praise them for their effort. There will be plenty of prizes available for the week and opportunities for the children to be rewarded.

Lifting of Covid Restrictions

Please remember the measures that NPHET has recommended as mentioned in previous Newsletters. Critical components of the school's response plan in relation to Covid19 will continue to apply—**isolation if systematic 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**

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

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Thanks to all the pupils and parents involved in Seachtain na Gaeilge. There was a lovely atmosphere around the school on the Wednesday before we finished and throughout the week. The pupils were very much engaged and kept on task while at the same time enjoying all the fun activities. A huge thank you to those parents who took the time to face paint for the children on Wednesday.

Anti Bullying Survey

180 out of 352 pupils have completed the March Anti Bullying survey so far. All pupils will complete the survey this week through the school website before Wednesday. This is part of the school's approach to continuously tackle the issue of bullying in the school

Football Season

Our football season has been an amazing success and all players have represented the school with pride, hard work and enthusiasm. Jessica, Elisha and Rose from 6th class are reporting on all the games and uploading them to the website. The last girls game was played in the sun against some very good opponents. After a brilliant first half where we were up by five points they were pegged back and the game ended in a draw.



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.

Tallaght Library

Congratulations to Mr Watson's and Ms Guinan's classes for a very successful morning in Tallaght library. Their classes represented the school extremely well and if it wasn't for their dedication to the entire project then the pupils would not have got as much out of it as they did. The school also received two action cameras and three boxes of lego. Many thanks to all involved.

Website/Twitter Feed

Thanks to Mr Carroll, Mr Watson, Ms Graham, Ms Treacy, Ms Guinan, Ms Bramhall, Ms Lawlor and Ms Connolly for all the fabulous posts on our website and twitter feed last week.



Website: 338,967 views (520 views since last week)

Twitter Account: 461 followers (6 new followers since last week)

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/#>