



St. Thomas' S.N.S. Newsletter



7th March, 2022

Rule of the Week

I have respect for people and property

Arrivals/Dismissals

All pupils will be starting school at 9.00am and finishing at 2.40pm. It is very important that when pupils arrive at their lines in the morning that they stay in their stream area and avoid moving to other sections. Please say this to your son/daughter. Parents can drop their children and leave. There will be teachers/SNA's supervising the yard from 8.50am onwards.

Lifting of Covid Restrictions

Please remember the measures that NPHET has recommended:

- **Masks Optional**—there is no longer a requirement for either staff or pupils to wear masks in school
- **Cleaning regimes** will continue as they are.
- **PODS/Bubbles**—there is no longer a requirement for PODS/bubbles in school.
- **Visitors** are allowed back in the school by appointment
- **If a staff/pupil is sick or showing any symptoms of Covid** they should remain at home. The HSE will continue with the supply of antigen testing where necessary. Please see the following link <https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/60083-covid-19-reframing-the-challenge-continuing-our-recovery-reconnecting/#if-you-have-symptoms-of-covid-19>
- **Hand Hygiene** will continue with the sanitising and hand washing procedures.
- **Singing** can take place indoors. There will be a return to PE in the hall.

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.

Parent App

So far 132 parents/guardians have installed the Parent App on their phones to keep up to date with their child's progress and receive updates from the school. We have postponed the €50 raffle so that we can help those who are having difficulty installing the app on their phone.

If you need help installing the app on your phone please email

helpdesk@stthomas.ie

International Women's Day

International Women's Day is a global day of celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements. Marked annually on March 8th, International Women's Day (IWD) is one of the most important days of the year to:

- Celebrate women's achievements
- Raise awareness about women's equality
- Lobby for accelerated gender parity
- Fundraise for [female-focused charities](#)

The theme for International Women's Day 2022 is 'Break the Bias':

*Imagine a gender equal world
A world free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination
A world that is diverse, equitable and inclusive
A world where difference is valued and celebrated
Together we can forge women's equality
Collectively we can all #breakthebias*

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: 337,425 views (841 views since before mid term)



Twitter Account: 435 followers (13 new followers since before mid term)

Scoil Naomh Thomáis: Seanfhocail

Aithníonn ciaróg eile (takes one to know one)

