



23rd May, 2022

## Rule of the Week

**I come to school every day, on time and prepared**

## Inspection

We are delighted to welcome two inspectors from the Department of Education to our school on Tuesday and Wednesday. They are coming to see the fantastic progress that all of our pupils are making. Thanks to the pupils, teachers and Inclusion Support Assistants for all their hard work and to the parents for their continued support.

## Girls Soccer Team

Last Thursday our Girls soccer team took to the field for the first time in nearly two years. It was brilliant to see them all kitted out in the Shamrock Rovers gear eager to get on the pitch.

A Lot of work has gone into the soccer team since September. A big thank you to Donal, our SCP leader, the team of coaches in Jobstown Celtic who have been training a group every Monday and Ms Quirke, the school manager.

The game ended in a 1-1 draw with St Thomas' playing all the football. They represented the school brilliantly and once again showed the array of talent that there is in St Thomas' SNS.

We are very confident with the standard of girls soccer in the school. More games will be coming with home/ away games against our neighbours St Aidan's SNS in Brookfield and again Templeogue UTD under 13s. Thank you to Mr Brennan for refereeing the game and for his support as well.

## Congratulations

A massive congrats to all the pupils who contributed to the One Book One Community project that was held in the community centre on Friday.

The contributions from St Thomas SNS, the Junior school and Mount Seskin made for a fantastic display. All three schools displayed their many talents and once again showed that Jobstown is an area brimming with artistic, musical and IT talent.

I would like to extend my thanks to Ms McKenna for all her hard work in putting this project together with her fellow HSCL colleagues, the pupils and their teachers for the amazing projects that were created and parents who took the time to visit the community centre.



## Standardised Testing

This week standardised tests will be carried out in St Thomas SNS with all pupils from 3rd to 6<sup>th</sup> classes in **English Reading, Spelling and Numeracy**. For 4th, 5th and 6th Class pupils, the Department of Education and Skills (DES) requires that results must be reported to parents. This will be done through the annual end-of-year Report Card. These tests are only one of a number of ways that we monitor and measure a child's progress. They are not an "end of year" test (in some schools they are carried out in autumn).

## Punctuality, Attendance, Uniform

- Keep encouraging the children to keep to the slogan we had from punctuality week- **Be on time, Be on line, Be in for 9!**
- There are six weeks left in the school year and there is lots of work to finish as well as fun activities to be had- Book week/ Active week/ school tours- so it is very important that the children are in everyday.
- All pupils must wear their school uniform every day. *Pupils must have a note from home if they are not wearing their uniform.*
- Shorts are now available for parents to purchase with the St Thomas crest on. Please check out [www.schoolwearhouse.ie](http://www.schoolwearhouse.ie) to buy online

## Website, Twitter

Thanks to Ms Connolly, Mr Carroll, Ms McKenna, Ms Dillon, Ms Treacy and the Student Bloggers from Ms Wilson's class for the fabulous posts on our school website and Twitter feed last week! We even received a personal video from the author David O'Doherty on

our Twitter feed! 📺

**Website:** 342,148 views (423 views since last week)  
**Twitter Account:** 497 followers (5 new followers since last week)

## Dates for your Diary

- **Friday 27th May**- half day closure at 12.30 for Primary Language Curriculum training
- **Book week** 30th May - 3rd June
- **Bank Holiday Weekend** Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th June school closed
- **Friday 10th June**- half day closure at 12.30 for Primary Language Curriculum training
- **Active Week** 13th June-17th June
- **30th June**- school closes for summer holidays