



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



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## Summer Holidays

Holidays on Thursday. All the children in St Thomas' SNS have worked so hard throughout the school year. They have shown how respectful and mannerly they are on a daily basis. You should be so proud of them all. You can all look forward to relaxing and enjoying the summer months.

What a year it has been!! All the pupils are ready for the jump up to 4th, 5th and 6th. They continuously display what wonderful children they are on a daily basis. I'm very lucky that part of my job involves greeting all the pupils each morning and interacting with them throughout the day. It is very important to me. The smiles, hellos, fist pumps and stories beat any drama!!

The pupils were finally able to celebrate their First Communions and Confirmations. All of the ceremonies were very special indeed and it was great celebrating them together. Halloween, where we all got dressed up will live in the memory as will the wonderful Ceilí and Easter parade. Everyone made a great effort and the sight of the yard on those days will stay with me for a long time.

Music Generation, swimming lessons, GAA, Soccer, Athletics, Boxing, kickboxing, Book week, Active week, school tours and visits were all back after a long time away. The sense of normality returning to school life was welcoming and accepted with open arms. We had for too long suffered as a result of the pandemic. Pupils in 5th took part in the Tallaght Library Project over a 10 week period where they visited many different historical sites in Dublin. They presented their projects to the Dublin Major. Our 5th & 6th classes also took part in Marathon kids in term 1. It was amazing to hear the children speak about the benefits of fitness and keeping healthy which has continued to be enforced by our school teams.

Our school garden has continued to grow and is an amazing addition to our school. Thanks to our green fingered SNA Esther and her crew of gardeners.

Despite the difficulties and strain that people have been under as a result of the pandemic I'm still amazed by the way in which we have all pulled together and shown such resistance. I want to sincerely thank every single member of the school community for the part you play in supporting the school and the staff. Together we have tried to do our best under very difficult circumstances and we do this with the shared aim of looking after the pupils of St Thomas SNS. Well done to everyone.

During the summer months, please continue to enjoy some special reading time with your child. Just twenty minutes of reading each day will help your child maintain acquired skills and can have a great impact on his/her success in the upcoming school year. **Summer Stars:** This is a free national reading programme for children that takes place in all public libraries and online each summer. It will run from 13th June - 31st August 2022. This is a fun reading programme and available free of charge to all children who register for it at their local library. Log on to [www.summerstars.ie](http://www.summerstars.ie) for further information.

## Thank You!

I would just like to extend my gratitude and thanks to all the Jobstown community. Personally, I want to thank the parent community for your kind welcome to the school over the year. I adore working in the school and with all of the children. It is indeed a very

## Extra Curricular

**Girls soccer:** The girls soccer played their final game this Thursday at 12.30 up on the astro. Unfortunately St Aidans were not able to come up to us but a collection of players assembled to play the girls. The game ended in a 1-1 draw. They have been magnificent this year and have set a solid basis for next year's team.

**Boys GAA:** Our boys avenged the narrow defeat against our arch rivals St Aidans in Brookfield on Thursday in comprehensive fashion. They and the supporters were outstanding.

## Online Behaviour

We are currently investigating, monitoring and reporting a number of Tik Tok accounts that are being used to target some of our pupils and staff members. We will be contacting parents directly if we identify that any of our pupils are connected to these Tik Tok accounts in any way. The school is taking this very seriously and would greatly appreciate parents' support in this. Please monitor your child's online activity at all times and encourage them to **REPORT** and **BLOCK** accounts like these.

## Student Awards

Well done to all our students of the month, sportsperson of the month and Gaelgeoir na Míosa.

A big congratulations also to our Students of the Year. We are proud of all our pupils and it is always a hard decision for the teachers choosing.

## Uniforms

If you have a uniform/tracksuit that is in good condition and you no longer need it please send in to the office and we will find a good home for it