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ST THOMAS SNS NEWSLETTER



Rule of the week:

I have respect for people and for property

Weather

The weather is expected to get very cold and wet over the next week. It is very important that the children are wearing jackets, hats/gloves.

Science Week

Thankyou to Ms Flynn and Ms McKenna for organising all the activities and resources for Science Week last week! Thanks also to our wonderful parents group who became scientists for the week and created a great buzz in the classrooms and among the children with their brilliant experiments and demonstrations.

Student Council

Well done to Ms Seagrave and the Student Council for organising all the Christmas events. There will be a Christmas Quiz for all classes, a Christmas door decoration competition and a Christmas dress up day as part of a fundraising for school GAA jerseys. This will take place on December 20th. We will be asking each pupil to bring in 2 euro for this.

It's great to see and hear the pupils expressing their views and opinions on how the school can be improved and coming up with initiatives that will bring some fun leading up to Christmas. Please support them!

Extra Curricular Activities

As always, a massive thank you to all teachers involved with all our GAA, soccer teams, choir, woodwork, spheros and everything else. The effort being put in by all will continue to help the children not only with developing new skills but also with their confidence and sense of responsibility when representing the school/ developing these new skills.

The boys GAA team were very unlucky not to win on Thursday but Mr Bacon says that they are getting very close. They are a fantastic bunch and are continuously wanting to learn how they can get better. Keep working hard lads!!

The girls soccer team had a huge win on Wednesday over our neighbours St Aidans. They ran out 6-0 winners with a display that demonstrated everything that is great about this bunch- hard work, desire, skill and respect. They are an outstanding team and will go very far!!

Our school choir is up and running and will be displaying their singing talents in the Citywest shopping centre in December.

Classes are preparing for their Christmas shows at the moment. Christmas show dates have been picked and parents will be informed closer to the times and dates.

Inspiring the Future

5th and 6th classes will be taking part in the Inspiring the Future Ireland project this week. This project connects thousands of schools with volunteers from the world of work each year. It aims to provide young people with the inspiration, motivation, knowledge, and opportunity they need to realise and achieve their career potential. Volunteers will talk informally about their job, career, and educational route, in order to broaden the horizons and raise the aspirations of young people. Research shows that engagements from programmes such as Inspiring the Future Ireland while in education helps:

1. Excite children and young people about subjects, increasing motivation, confidence, and attitude to learning.
2. Challenges gender and social stereotypes.
3. Improve academic attainment at Leaving Cert level.
4. Increases young people's future earning potential.

Parents Eolas App

So far 120 parents / guardians have installed the DataBiz Parent Eolas App on their phone to keep up-to-date with their child's progress and receive updates from the school. If you need help installing the app on your phone please email: helpdesk@stthomas.ie The App is an important form of communicating with parents and a great tool for parents to:

- Receive messages from the school
- Receive electronic documents from the school
- Access their child's attendance record
- Input reasons for absences
- View their child's standardised tests scores
- View their child's school report(s)
- Make payments to the school
- Book a time for their child's parent-teacher meeting
- Grant or withhold permission for their child to take part in school activities

School Website/Twitter

Thanks to Ms Fleming, Ms Glasheen, Ms McKenna, Ms Daly, MsTreacy and Mr Carroll for all the fabulous posts!

Website Views: 355,891 views (1,828 views since last week)

Twitter Followers: 591 followers (2 new followers since last week)

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