

20th December, 2022

# ST THOMAS SNS NEWSLETTER



## Happy Holidays

Happy Holidays to everyone in Jobstown: Holidays on Wednesday. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the whole school community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that you all manage to enjoy some restful time together during the Christmas period.

What a term it has been!! We were delighted to welcome our wonderful third class students and other new pupils to our school in September. They seem to have settled in very nicely. They are an amazing group of pupils and a real credit to you all. Thank you all for your support over the last term.

We had great fun at Halloween (as did the children) when we all got dressed up once again. Everyone made a great effort and the sight of the yard on that morning is always a sight to behold. An amazing effort was put in by parents and teachers for the day..

5th classes have been hard at work with Music Generation throughout the term. Swimming lessons were back this term for 6th & 5th and I know Ms O'Leary was delighted with all the progress the children made over the eight weeks. 4th & 5th & 6th classes also took part in Marathon kids and had the privilege of meeting David Gillick. It was amazing to hear the children speak about the benefits of fitness and keeping healthy.

Boxing lessons for 3rd were a huge success and Mags was delighted with all the boys and girls. We have achieved so much as a school this term and you should be so proud of your children.

Personally, I want to thank the parent community for your continuous kindness and support. All staff adore working in the school and with all of the children. It is indeed a very special place.

I hope that you have a lovely break over the holidays and are ready to come back ready for more work and fun in January! Nollaig Shona gach duine. Stay well and safe

## Thank You

Christmas shows were amazing and there was a great buzz around the school for the two days. Everything ran so smoothly and this was down to the teachers/pupils efficiency and organisation. It was great to have them back after such a long absence.

Thanks to Ms O'Reilly and Ms Guinan for their work with the school choir. Performances were held at the JADD (Jobstown Assisting Drug Dependency) centre on Thursday and the Citywest Shopping Centre on Friday! They also performed beautifully at the Christmas Carol Service.

## Christmas Quiz

A massive thank you to our parents who ran a brilliant quiz on Tuesday. The children had great fun and kick started their Christmas celebrations the best way possible.



## Holidays

**School will close on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 12.00pm and will reopen on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 9.00am.**

## **Enrolment**

Applications for admission to 3<sup>rd</sup> class will start on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January and finish on 4<sup>th</sup> February. Please see the school website for more information.

## **Winter Solstice**

On the winter solstice on December 21st, the sun travels its shortest path through the sky giving the longest night and the shortest day of the year. The solstice marks the gradual lengthening of days. Hallelujah. It is a time about celebrating the return of the light after a time of increasing darkness and it's fair to say that we need as much light as possible in these current times. The winter solstice is also a time to "go within" too. It's a time when we slow down and take stock of what is important. It's a time to check what you have achieved and to go forward with what you want to achieve in the early parts of the next year. It is a chance for the pupils to reflect on their achievements so far this year and look to build on them,