

16th May, 2023

ST THOMAS SNS NEWSLETTER



Rule of the Week

I do my best in class and allow others do the same

Yard Rule of the Week

I keep my hands and feet to myself

Dublin Bus/Citywise Trips

Pupils who were Students of the Month for Feb & March went on two trips last week. As ever, Dublin Bus and Joanne continue to support the school with a great trip to Marley Park and the team in City Wise provided a day of fun for all. Big thank you to staff members who went on the trips. January, April, May and June winners will have their rewards over the coming weeks.

School Tours

Tours will take place in June and closing dates for deposits are fast approaching. Buses will have to be booked and numbers will be dependent on deposits being in. If your child has not paid their deposit then they will not be able to go due to bus numbers. Attendance on school tours will also be dependent on behaviour

Standardised Testing

Last week and this standardised tests were carried out in the school with all pupils from 3rd to 6th 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).

Please see the letter sent to parents last week.

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- Confirmation/ Graduation/ 40th Birthday celebrations/ Active week/ school tours- so it is very important that the children are in everyday.
- All pupils must wear their school **uniform** every day. **Unfortunately too many pupils are not wearing their uniform on Fridays in particular.** 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. Information on this will follow later in the week.

April Anti Bullying

Our pupils have completed another Anti-Bullying survey this week. These surveys are carried out every 2 months so that we can ensure all of our pupils feel happy and safe in school

April Assembly

Assembly will take place this week for April winners. There will be a special assembly on Friday for 4th/5th/6th standards. Connect 4 Project will present to the pupils on Friday to discuss the different services and projects they are running now and throughout the summers.

Connect 4 is a pilot project which uses street work to engage young people aged 10-24 in Tallaght. Our target group would be young people who are disconnected from community, family, and themselves, often due to drug use, poverty, poor mental health, or trauma. We are really looking forward to listening to what the guys have to say.

40th Anniversary Messages

The school is celebrating its 40th anniversary. We would love it if you could share some of your fondest memories or add some celebratory messages on our online message board using the following link: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/53jqjAZu> Please let us know if you wish for any parents/pupils who have passed to be included in our remembrance table.

GAA

This will start on Wednesday for our 4th classes for three weeks. Ken King from St Marks will continue his excellent work with our boys and girls.

Parents Eolas App

So far 125 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

Contact the school/HSCL

You can make contact with us by e mail info@stthomas.ie, by ringing Mairéad on 01 4526555, by ringing Julie (HSCL) between 9.00-2.40p.m. on 083 009 2792 or you can also send in a note with your child.