

23rd May, 2023

# ST THOMAS SNS NEWSLETTER



## Rule of the Week

I behave in a proper manner around the school

## Yard Rule of the Week

I play safely and fairly

## Dates for your Diary

- 26th May- Jersey Day
- **June 2nd** full day closure for Primary Language Curriculum training. Pupils will not be in school.
- June 5th- Bank Holiday
- Active Week-6th June to 9th June
- **June 9th** - Half day. Pupils will finish up at 12pm to facilitate teacher training.
- June 14th- 16th- St Thomas' SNS 40 years old celebrations.
- June 28th- 6th class graduation
- June 30th - school closes for summer holidays

## School Garden

There has been a lot of work done on the garden since it was damaged in a recent fire over the last two weeks. The Jobstown Community has really stepped up in helping the school restore a significant part of its identity. The garden has been an integral part of the school for years and to see it damaged was upsetting for all-present and past staff/ pupils and parents.

I've had numerous conversations with parents who spoke warmly of trees they planted, what teachers they worked with on maintaining the garden and much more. What has happened over the past two weeks has been humbling and astonishing. Stephen Brennan from Walk and Talk has worked tirelessly to get a team together to clear the area, obtain a new structure ( that will house a sensory place for our pupils), link in with companies and local businesses.

Stephen and the lads who are helping have deep connections with the school and see it as a place that Jobstown can be proud of.

I'd like to extend my deepest thanks on behalf of the BOM and the school community to Stephen and the team for all their work to date. I would also like to extend my thanks to Eddie Hyland for his generous donation last week. The Hyland Boxing Club has a long and warm association with the school.

I would also like to thank everyone who has played a part (large or small) in getting the project started. Their kind words of support and generosity have shown us all in the school the strength of this community. It may seem different from what was there previously but I believe that this is a wonderful opportunity to show visitors to the area that this is a place we are all very proud of.

If you happen to be walking through the small gate over the next few days please keep children away from the area that is being worked. This will be cleared in the coming days. Work will continue today and more intensely on Thursday & Friday.

## 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.



This will take place on Friday. Pupils & staff are allowed to wear a jersey- GAA/ SOCCER/ RUGBY- to school and bring in 1 or 2 euro for a small bit of fundraising in the school. More information to follow during the week. If your child does not have a jersey then they can wear the colours of their favourite team/ county/ country.

## April Assembly

A massive thank you to Paul from Connect4 Project who spoke to our 5th & 6th classes on Friday about the different projects and programmes that they run for the community. We also had Aaron from Citywise passing on all the wonderful information on the summer courses they will be running during the summer. These are wonderful initiatives for the children so please avail of them

## 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.

## 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](mailto:helpdesk@stthomas.ie)

## Contact the school/HSCL

You can make contact with us by e mail [info@stthomas.ie](mailto: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.