

PUPILS who will NOT be returning to Scoil Thomáis September 2019

It is important that parents inform the school immediately if your child/ren will not be coming back to class in our school in September so that we can finalise classes for the coming school year. Please contact Ms Ryan, Deputy Principal if you are planning to move your child/ren to another school or to move abroad.

Sports Days are organised for class groups during this month of May. Teachers have organised fun sports events for the pupils to make this day enjoyable and active. Hopefully the classes will be lucky with the weather this month for their Sports Days!!



SCHOOL TOURS 2019

Tours have now been organised for all classes.

Tours will take place on various dates in June. Letters were sent home with pupils in each class before the Easter break with tour venue details and payments due. Thank you to parents who have paid the tour money via the Aladdin online email link sent to you.

Tour fees are now overdue and must be paid immediately as the school is confirming tour bookings and the numbers of pupils going on each tour.

Junior Infants Tour to Imaginosity & Marley Park on Wednesday 5th June.

Senior Infant Tour to Newgrange Farm on Friday 21st June

First Class Tour to Tayto Park on Friday 14th June

Second Class Tour to Malahide Castle & Gardens on Thursday 20th June

Third Class Tour to Explorium Science World, Sandyford on Tuesday 11th June

Fourth Class Tour to National Sports Campus on Friday 7th June

Fifth Class Tour to Causey Farm on Thursday 27th June

Sixth Class Tour to Lough Crew Adventure Park on Friday 21st June

Any parent who has difficulty with the school tour payment should contact the school office

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GAA News: The Girls' Senior Camogie Team played in the Corn Oily Quinlan Quarter Final v Holy Cross NS Dundrum this Wednesday 15th May. The Junior Boys' Hurlers have a game against St John Bosco SBS next Tuesday 21st May in Glendhu Park.

Training continues for the Junior Hurling boys on Fridays at lunch time with Mr Ryan & Mr Brooks. The Senior Girls' Camogie train on Wednesdays during lunchbreak with Mr Ryan, Mr Brooks & Mr Bracken. The school based GAA league for Boys from 3rd- 5th Class is reaching its final stages with Mr Gurhy and Mr O'Mahony over the coming Mondays. Well done to all the teams involved.

Best wishes to our wonderful Lollipop lady Maura O'Reilly who will be retiring at the end of May. Maura has given dedicated service as a school warden to the pupils and parents of Scoil Thomáis for the past seven years. Her kindness and care for all the children is much appreciated. The school community wishes Maura well for her retirement



Relationships & Sexuality Education

During this week 13th—17th May all classes will be taught the relevant RSE lessons for their class level. Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Information Meeting on Friday 3rd May. Teachers Ms Kelly & Ms Farragher gave an overview of the Infant lessons and Ms Egan, SPHE Co-ordinator showed parents the RSE teaching resources.

All parents received advance written notification of the lesson themes and content to be taught to each class in accordance with the school RSE policy.



Fun Summer Camp in Scoil Thomáis week of JULY 1st—5th

organised by teacher Ms Lenihan will take place from 10am—1.30pm

Camp is open to children aged 6-12 years
Cost €70 with a €10 discount for siblings

Application forms and details of the camp are now available from Ms Lenihan.

Book early to secure a place on the camp.

Scoil Thomáis, Laurel Lodge, Castleknock, Dublin 15

Nuacht Litir - May 2019

Upcoming School Closures to Note

There will be no school for pupils on Friday 24th May as the school is requisitioned as a polling station for the Local & European Elections. **June Bank Holiday Weekend: A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 3rd June (Bank Holiday) and on Tuesday 4th June and will re-open on Wednesday 5th June at 9am.**

Summer Holidays: School closing on Friday 28th June at 12noon. The School Calendar for 2019/20 is available on www.scoilthomais.ie



Best wishes to the sixty four 2nd Class pupils from Scoil Thomáis who will receive their First Communion this Saturday 18th May. Ms Moran's Class attend the 10am Mass and Ms Travers's/Ms O'Sullivan's class & Ms Murphy's Class attend the 11.30am Mass. Communion pupils and their

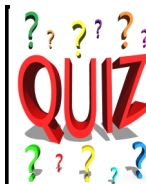
teachers are busy with their final Communion preparations this week. Special thanks to Sr Christina who co-ordinated the 'Do This In Memory Programme' since last September and to Fr Brendan, Parish Priest for his visits and preparation with the children. Scoil Thomáis Parents' Association will host a reception with refreshments and treats for First Communion families in the school hall after each Mass. Eamon will be on duty looking after car parking and caretaking on Saturday. School photographer Philip Murray will be available in the Community Centre for family photographs on Saturday morning. This service must be prebooked via the P.A.

Philip will also be in school on Monday 20th May to take individual and class photos of First Communion pupils and their classmates

Castleknock GAA Club: Calum Farrell Memorial Cup : 9th June 2019

Following the sudden death of our pupil Calum Farrell in March, Castleknock Hurling and Football Club 2012 Boys' Mentors supported by Calum's parents, the GAA and the local community are holding Charity Football Blitz in aid of Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin and Temple Street

Children's Hospital on **Sunday 9th June 2019 from 1-5pm in Somerton GAA grounds, Castleknock.** All Dublin 15 GAA clubs have been invited to take part in this blitz. There will be lots of fun activities for all the family including a DJ, magician, face painting, garden games and food stalls. Everyone is very welcome to attend this event. Please come along, bring family/friends and support this fundraiser in memory of Calum RIP



Scoil Thomáis Parents' Association thanks all the parents & friends who attended the PA Table Quiz & Social Night last Friday 10th May in the Carpenter Pub. The event was a great success with a large turnout at the event. Well Done to the quiz winners 'Team Pretezzels'. There were also many lucky winners of Raffle prizes on the night. Funds raised from the quiz event go to the Sensory Project.

Santry Schools' Athletics Finals take place in Morton Stadium on Tuesday 28th May for Track & Field Races.

Scoil Thomáis pupils will compete with many Dublin schools at this event.

Santry Athletics Day is always an enjoyable day for the pupils involved and we wish them the best of luck in their races. Thank you to Mr Doherty, Athletics Co-ordinator and to the teachers involved in training and managing the squad over this past school year.



Confirmation was celebrated on Thursday 2nd May in Laurel Lodge Church for Scoil Thomáis pupils. The celebrant was Bishop Raymond Field assisted by Fr Brendan PP.

Well done to 6th Class teachers Ms Boyce, Ms Sloyan & Ms Glynn/Ms Flynn who prepared the ceremony with the pupils and to Pauline SNA for her help with the preparations. Pupils participated very reverently in the ceremony and were involved in reading and singing and musical accompaniment. Pupils from 5th Classes sang beautifully as the choir for Confirmation Mass. Special thanks to 5th Class teachers and Mr O'Mahony for preparing the choir and to Mr Kelly for conducting the choir with organist Sinéad O'Donnell. After the Mass the newly confirmed children and their families enjoyed tea and cakes in the Community Centre organised by Scoil Thomáis Parents' Association.



SCHOOL BOOKS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

Book lists will be sent home by email to parents this week with school supply fees due and the list and prices for school books needed for next school year's classes.

The school supplies fee must be paid online and will cover book rental, copies, art supplies, photocopying, school supplies and ICT expenses. Parents will be sent an email link to make this payment via the Aladdin payments system. Please pay this fee before 12th June. Parents are reminded that BOOK HAVEN, school book suppliers will be in the school hall on **Thursday 13th June from 1pm to 4.30pm.**

This will give parents the opportunity to purchase all necessary new school books for September. Pupils are expected to have all their school books for back to school day, 29th Aug. Parents who may have difficulty with school book bills/school supplies fees may contact the Principal and a flexible payment plan agreed.

Incoming Junior Infant parents are invited to attend an Information Meeting this Friday 17th May in the school hall. At this meeting parents will receive important school information for their child starting school including booklists etc.

Incoming Junior Infants and their parents are invited to visit their classroom on Friday 14th June from 2- 2.30pm.



An educational visit to Kilmainham Gaol and Museum for sixth class pupils and their teachers has been arranged as part of their history curriculum. Pupils are learning about the 1916 Rising and related events. **Ms Sloyan's Class visit is on Thursday 23rd May and Ms Glynn/Ms Flynn's & Ms Boyce's Class visit on Monday 27th May.** The tour is free of charge to schools but there is a payment required for bus transport for the day. Please pay immediately via the online link sent by email.



Library News: At this time of the school year there is a lot of work to arrange the return of books for the school library. All pupils who borrowed books from the school library must return them by Friday 31st May—there will be no borrowing of books in June. Class library books will be returned and checked into the library in early June. Many thanks to Ms Steen, Library co-ordinator and to Hardeep and to parent Siobhan Boyle for their work in organising the school library.



The Bags2School Clothes Collection organised by the PA was well supported on Friday 10th May. Many families brought their bags of clothes for recycling to the school that morning. A cheque for €320 will issue to the PA funds by the recycle company. It is planned to hold another collection in the future.



BOOK RENTAL SCHEME
For the upcoming school year Scoil Thomáis will continue to have many school books available on the rental scheme. A fee to cover the cost of BOOK RENTAL will on the book bills which will be issued in May. Parents are reminded that all rented books must be kept in good condition. All rented books currently with pupils will be collected in June. The school will charge a replacement fee for damaged books or those that are not in rentable condition.

Sensory Project Update: Planning is now underway to create a design for the courtyard garden area where the sensory cabin is located. A school committee is currently liaising with Dominic from Sanctuary Synthetics to create a garden area which is fun, child centred and where there will be planting and design features to stimulate all the senses.

Trócaire

There was great news for pupils in Ms de Barra's 5th Class R.25 recently after judging for the Trócaire Game Changers Competition took place over Easter. Ten Games were chosen nationally for the national final and R.25 have two games in the final which is a fantastic achievement for the class. Congratulations to pupils Mia Kelly, Lily Brady and Rebecca Mc Gann for their 'Global Warning' game and to Maria Dholkawala, Nina Turkalj and Daneia Mohammed for their 'Plant Anti-Pollution' game. The six pupils involved, their parents and Ms de Barra are attending the grand final in the Helix, DCU today Wednesday 15th May. Each group will show-case their games to the judges and to the schools represented from all over the country. We wish our Scoil Thomáis teams the best of luck and the school is very proud of their achievement in reaching the final.

Pollination Workshop for 2nd Classes .

Thank you to Mark Nolan, Biodiversity Ireland who gave a day long workshop to each 2nd Class last week. Pupils enjoyed learning about pollinators in Ireland, bee hives and how to help keep our pollinators protected. Part of the learning experience involved pupils finding lots of bees in our school outdoor environment. The school has lots of hedgerows and wild flowers on the grounds which helps the pollination process. The pupils have decided that the school should make a great effort to keep our vegetation to continue to attract bees, butterflies, moths and hoverflies. The pupils and their teachers learnt lots of interesting facts about bees and about their value in the ecosystem today.



The school received a letter from Trócaire acknowledging the collection of €2812.68 from this year's Lenten Appeal.

A meeting of Scoil Thomáis Board of Management will be held on **Tuesday 21st May at 7pm** in the School. Board Members please note

The HSE Medical Team will be in the school on **Monday 10th & Tuesday 11th June** to administer the MMR & DTP/IPV Vaccinations for Junior Infants. Parents do not need to attend but inform teacher if there are particular concerns for your child.