

Sports Activities in Scoil Thomáis

GAA: The boys' and girls' football teams have nearly completed all their Fingal League games. Both teams were in very difficult groups which made it hard for them to get a win. They children have trained very hard and we praise them for their effort on the pitch representing their school. Well done to all the boys and girls involved on the school teams and to our teachers who have been training the teams.

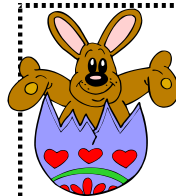
Cricket: Pupils in 5th class are enjoying cricket lessons as part of their PE programme. The lessons provide a chance for pupils to experience a new sport in school.

Tennis: Our Boys tennis squad is involved in the Schools Tennis League with recent games in Clontarf & Castleknock Tennis Clubs. The squad is doing very well with good results at each venue. Well done to Tom Maher, Edgar & Sebastian Rozenbergs, Roman Lakhman, David Glingeuanu, Niall Walsh, Joseph McNally, Giulio Iepure. Thank you to Lana Rozenbergs (parent) and Ms Ryan for managing the squad.



The cycling training for 5th Classes is continuing each Tuesday. Pupils are having their training on bikes on the school playground. Parents (with small children) who are collecting Infant pupils at 1.40pm are asked not to cross onto the basketball courts. Please remain outside of the yellow court markings whilst the bike training is in progress. This is for the safety of all.

Parents: Please ensure that young children are fully supervised at pick-up time particularly at 1.40pm.



Junior & Senior Infant classes are hoping for a visit from Easter Bunny next week. Scoil Thomáis Parents' Association will sponsor the Easter Bunny basket again this year.

SUMMER PLANT SALE in Castleknock Community College will take place on Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th May 2014.



Scoil Thomáis School Journal for next School Year 2014/15

Our school journal presents an opportunity for parents/local shops and business interests to purchase advert space in the journal for a small fee. The journal will be going to print soon after Easter. Please let the school know if you are interested in taking an advertisement space— or you may contact Caroline Behan at scoilthomaisparents@gmail.com

SCHOOL TOUR—6th CLASS

A tour for 6th Class pupils has been organised for Monday 23rd June to Xtreme Adventure Centre. A note has been sent to parents with details of the trip and payment arrangements via the school online payments system. Parents can pay the tour fee of €35 in one or two instalments before 15th May. Thank you to those parents who have paid already. To pay online please log onto www.scoilthomais.ie and click on the payments icon and follow the prompts. If you have any difficulty using the system please contact the school office.

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Scoil Thomáis, Laurel Lodge, Castleknock, Dublin 15

Nuacht Litir - Easter 2014

School Closures : Please Note

EASTER HOLIDAYS: Scoil Thomáis will close at 12 o'clock on Friday 11th April for Easter holidays and will re-open on Monday 28th April at 9am.



Scoil Thomáis Parents' Association and the school have organised a **BAKE SALE** in school hall on the morning of Friday 11th April from 9.30am until 11.30am.

All donations of cakes, buns etc will be welcome from school families and can be left into the school hall from 8.50am on Friday morning.

Do come along and support the BAKE SALE.

All funds raised go towards the purchase of sport bibs and ICT equipment for the classes. Parents helpers are needed to help set up the hall and sell the cakes and bakes.

Please volunteer by contacting Anne Marie Boles, Chairperson P.A or scoilthomaisparents@gmail.com

All classes will have an opportunity to come to the hall during the morning to purchase some of the lovely goodies.

RAFFLE FOR ONE DIRECTION TICKETS for pupils :

Scoil Thomais Parents' Association has organised a very special raffle for a pair of ONE DIRECTION tickets for the band's upcoming concert in Croke Park in May.

Representatives of the Parents Association will be in school on the morning of next **Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th April** with raffle tickets priced at €2

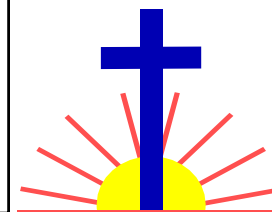
each or 3 tickets for €5. The raffle will take place at the BAKE SALE on Friday 11th April.



Holy Week/ Easter Ceremonies in Laurel Lodge Church

Palm Sunday 12th April : Blessing of Palms
Holy Thursday: Mass of the Last Supper at 8pm
Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at 12noon
Solemn Good Friday Ceremony at 3pm
Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil Mass at 9pm
EASTER SUNDAY: Masses at 10am, 11am, 12.15pm
No evening Mass on Easter Sunday

Happy Easter to
all our pupils & their
families





The Service of Light

Ceremony for our 6th class Confirmation pupils took place on Thursday 20th March in the Church with Fr Mick.

The ceremony was enhanced by lovely music from the Parish Teen Choir directed by Marie King & Therese Flynn. Thank you to teachers Ms O'Boyle, Ms Steen & Ms Keogh for their work in preparing the children at school. We also acknowledge the support and great work undertaken by the Confirmation Preparation team led by Marie King, Gonne Barry & Therese Flynn.

Confirmation Preparation Mass : Sat 5th April.
Confirmation will take place on Friday 9th May 2014 at 11am in Laurel Lodge Church with Bishop Field.

First Penance

First Penance ceremony took place on Thursday 27th March in the Church. Special thank you to teachers Ms O'Leary & Ms Healy for preparing the children and for making the ceremony very special for the children and their families. We also thank teachers Ms Moran & Ms McLoughlin for their help at the Penance ceremony.

We acknowledge the great work of Catherine Coady and Debbie O'Callaghan and the Parish First Communion Team. The Parish Do this in Memory Masses continue for Communion Children each month.



The next meeting of the Board of Management will be held on Tuesday 13th May at 7.45pm in Scoil Thomáis. Board members please note



Please Help Keep our School and Grounds Litter Free

SCHOOL WEBSITE

www.scoilthomais.ie

Useful websites for parents

www.webwise.ie

www.helpmykids.ie

www.scoilnet.ie

Trocaire Lenten Boxes

Trocaire Boxes must be returned to school this Thursday 3rd April only for collection by the Trocaire Office. Thank you for continued support for this annual collection. We will let you know the total amount collected after Easter.

RETREAT for 6th Class Confirmation
Pupils takes place on Wednesday 9th April in the Emmaus Centre. A note about the arrangement for the retreat has issued to all Confirmation pupils recently

This retreat is an important part of the children's Confirmation preparation. **Parents please note:** as the 6th class teachers will be accompanying the Confirmation pupils on the retreat there will be no classes on Wed 9th April. for children who are not making their Confirmation



SCHOOL UNIFORM SURVEY

Thank you to those parents who responded to the online survey. Over 80% of parents wish to continue to have a school uniform and tracksuit.

School Holidays 2014/2015

The BOM has ratified the school calendar for next school year, **Scoil Thomáis will re-open for pupils on Thursday 28th August 2014**
Junior Infant pupils will start school on Friday 29th August.

A full outline of the 2014/15 school calendar will be on our school website soon after Easter.



Seachtain na Gaeilge:

10ú-14ú Márta

The school celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge in Scoil Thomáis recently with lots of events in all classes. Our halla was decorated with the pupils' lovely art work and Irish flags and banners. All classes took part in the Céili sa halla on various days. Over the week pupils had an opportunity to wear their 'green clothes' and there was great fun and excitement as we celebrated our Irish culture and language during Seachtain na Gaeilge. Events concluded on Friday 14th with a traditional music concert with Galway based Áirnéain which was enjoyed by all classes over the course of the school day. Teacher Ms O'Sullivan organised all the events and sourced lots of lovely prizes which were given to pupils in all classes who made great efforts to speak 'as Gaeilge' over the Seachtain na Gaeilge week.



Comórtas Ealaíne

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2014

Comhgairdeas/Congratulations to all our pupils who took part in our SnaG

Art Competition. Winners as follows :

Junior Infants: **Matthew Greydon R.9,**
Diana Serebruskina R 7, Brian Buie, R 8

Senior Infants: **Sarah kettle R 5, Kate O'Dowd R 4**
& Lucy Lynch R 3, Rachael Marshall R 6

Rang 1: **Nina Gavrilas R11, Kate O'Shea R 12,**
Aoife Doherty R 10

Rang 2: **Maeve McCann R 1,**
Khadijh Benrabah Rm 2

Rang 3: **Katie Sheerin R 15, Joshua Evans R 14,**
Grant Endziulis R13

Rang 4: **Afiqah Marzuki R.17, Josh Guinane R 24,**
Melinda Pepiq R 19

Rang 5: **Roland Onuoha, R 23,**
Keziah De Leon Rm 21, Caoimhe Barry Rm 22

Rang 6: **Aishah Benrabah R 20,**
Beatrice Cozma R 18, Andrew Gavrilas R 16

Prizes were presented to class winners at Class Céilís by teachers and art prizes were co sponsored by Scoil Thomáis Parents' Association and the school.



DATE for Your Diary:

Our Annual Fundraising School Walk will take place on **Sunday 11th May 2014 in the Phoenix Park**

We ask all school families to come along and join in the sponsored walk. Sponsor cards will be given to all pupil before the Easter break. Please assist your child in getting sponsorship from friends and family. All funds raised from our school walk go towards the upgrade of our school computers etc for the benefit of all pupils in the school. We will be looking for parent/adult helpers for the day of the walk to assist in the management of the event. More details on the walk shortly.

Good News: Scoil Thomáis has been granted an additional teacher for the 2014//15 school year on the basis of enrolments. The additional teaching post will be deployed in a Junior Infant class in September.

For Parents of 6th Class Pupils:

A Practical Lifeskills six week programme for 11/12 year olds who will be starting Secondary School in September is been run in St Brigid's GAA Club. For further information etc please contact Fionnuala Gilvary at 086/3535393

Cost of the cost is €50 incl snacks.

Scoil Thomáis Parents' Association has organised Confirmation Robe Fittings for the children on this Thursday morning 3rd April .

A note has been given to all Confirmation pupils and pupils should bring in the robe money by this date. It is important that all the robe orders are finalised by Thursday.