



Saint Thomas More Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Love one Another as I have Loved You
John 13:34



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I know we are happiest when we are united.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Today we met Bishop Patrick at our St Thomas Aquinas Feast day celebration. He has asked all of the schools in the multi academy trust to think about how much time we devote each day to encounter Christ. He has said that ideally about 10% of our day should be devoted to this, it equates to about 15 minutes. In our busy lives could we all just stop and consciously devote 15 minutes each day to pray or give time to reflect on our lives and ask God to help us or guide us? Maybe this is something you can talk about as a family and decide about how you can fit this into your busy lives. It might be something you already do and if so Bishop Patrick would love to hear about it and you can tweet him @BishopPMcKinney.

St Thomas Aquinas Feast day

We have had a wonderful day celebrating this special feast day! All schools had to take a postcard that represented the theme: 'All that is true has its origin in the Spirit.' These postcards were collected by Bishop Patrick and we were presented with our school mission statement. We were then presented with another school's postcard for us to display at school and keep this school in our prayers and thoughts. We are linked with St Peters Catholic Primary school in Hinckley. The Chaplaincy team and School council were excellent representatives for St Thomas More and we all had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Swimming results

Huge congratulations to our swimming team who came 2nd at the East Leicester City Swimming gala! We also won the Spirit of the games award for showing great sportsmanship and encouragement. Well done to Zoe Ellis, Abi Fielding, Ben Lamont, Charlie Bell, Niamh Spriggs, Anna-Maria Rennie, Evan Thornton and Alex Gupta. Miss Kersten and Miss Ball said you all represented the school beautifully and were an absolute pleasure to take on a school trip!

Holocaust art competition

Our Year 6 class entered the Paul Winstone Memorial art competition. The title of the piece of art was 'torn from home' and was part of the Holocaust memorial event. We were delighted to hear that 3 St Thomas More pupils had been shortlisted for the final: Niamh Spriggs, Fintan Quigley and Imouedemeh Jatto. Their pieces of art are being displayed at the Curve Theatre until the 7th February.





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The finalists, their families, Mr and Mrs Rowlinson and Mrs Duddy attended the presentation evening on Sunday where they announced 4 winners, 4 runners up and 2 highly commended. We are thrilled to say that Fintan was a winner and Niamh and Imouedemeh were runners up! This is an absolutely fantastic achievement and as a school we are very proud of them all.

Internet Safety day

This is on Tuesday 5th February. Internet safety is taken very seriously at St Thomas More and with recent articles in the paper and on the news there is even more reason for us ALL to take responsibility for how our children use the internet in a safe and controlled way. Year 6 are conducting some research to try and establish the internet habits of our KS2 children. They have devised a questionnaire with several questions to ask children in Years 3-6. The questionnaires are completely anonymous and will be carried out at school. Year 6 will then analyse the results and I will keep you updated about our findings.

If you need any further advice about how to keep children safe on the internet there are some very helpful websites you can visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Also look out for some information coming home with your child next week.

Playground

Please ensure that children do not play on the playground equipment before and after school. Particularly during the cold weather the equipment could be icy in the morning.

Winter weather

As we are still in the midst of winter, I am hopeful we will not encounter bad weather, but if we do we will send a text to parents. Check the school website or listen to Radio Leicester on 104.9 to inform you of any closures.

Friends AGM

This is on Wednesday 30th January in the parish rooms at 7.45pm. Everyone is welcome.

Driving

Please can parents/carers be sure to drive with care and patience around our school. A couple of incidents have occurred involving vehicles being bumped. Thank you

God bless,

Mrs Crosse



Dates for the diary

Monday 28 th January	St Thomas Aquinas Feast day
Friday 1 st February	2pm Miss Mackow's class assembly 2.30 celebration assembly
Wednesday 6 th February	Height and weight checks F2 and Year 6
Friday 8 th February	2pm Mrs Langham's class assembly 2.30 celebration assembly
Wednesday 13 th February	Dance festival for selection of KS2 at St Pauls
Friday 15 th February	2pm Mr Plant's class assembly 2.30 celebration assembly School closes for half term - school finishes at 3.15pm
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February HALF TERM	