



# St Thomas More Catholic School Parents' Newsletter

10th July 2020

## INTRODUCTION

Online lessons have been continuing this week for all pupils in the school. The attendance to lessons has been very good, and we would ask parents to support their children by ensuring they continue to attend all the lessons timetabled until the end of term (Friday 17th July). A reminder that any questions or issues should be emailed to: [parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk](mailto:parents@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk)

Summer school will be taking place during the first two weeks of the summer break for those who applied in Years 7 & 8. Letters confirming your child's place have been emailed out – the deadline for responding is today. Please see the article opposite for details.

End of term letters have also been emailed out today to all Year groups. These are available on the school website. A reminder that the exam board allocated grades will be available for collection by pupils on the following dates:

**Thursday 13th August:** 8am to 10am - Level 3: A level, BTEC and AS level.

**Thursday 20th August:** 9am to 11am - Level 2: GCSE and BTEC.

Grades for Year 9 & 10 pupils will be available at the start of term in September.

The annual reports for pupils in Years 7 to 9 have been sent out this week, along with an Amazon voucher for the pupils. The voucher is a replacement for the small gift that would have been given after our annual feast day service, which sadly we were unable to have.

This is the last Parent Newsletter for this academic year, as well as the last one from me before I retire. I have written letters to all parents and pupils, which you should have received this week. These are available on the school website also. I wish you all a good and healthy rest during the summer break and look forward to hearing about all the successes and results for the school in the future.

You will all be in my prayers.

God Bless,  
Mark Rowland  
Head of School



## NESSY: LEARNING TO READ AND SPELL WELL

The Nessy programme consists of 100 lessons of 10 sessions over three terms. It has been continuing over the lock-down. Special mention goes out to Naheem Campbell in 7KL3 who has completed 77 of the 100 lessons. Congratulation Naheem for your continued hard work and perseverance. Sister Frances and Ms Cornwell

## SUMMER SCHOOL

If you received the offer of a place in Summer School, please confirm your child's attendance by emailing: [summerschool@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk](mailto:summerschool@stthomasmoreschool.org.uk)

Please also provide a contact telephone number for emergencies, and confirm whether your child will be collected or will make their own way home (as per the offer letter).

The deadline to confirm your child's place is Friday 10th July.

## GRASSROOTS RISING STAR AWARD

We have received notice that Nicholas Clark-Cuenco (8BK1) has won The 'London FA & McDonald's Grassroots 2020 Rising Star of the Year Award' for his extensive charity work through football. He will also be considered for National awards by the Football Association.

The Grassroots Football Awards recognise and celebrate the work of individuals and groups to instil the FA's PRIDE values (Progressive, Respectful, Inclusive, Determination and Excellent) and make a positive difference at grassroots football in their club, league or local community.

The London FA CEO (Paul Bickerton) & Chairman (James Middlehurst) hope to personally present Nicholas with his trophy & certificate once football is up and running again.

Congratulations to Nicholas on this fantastic achievement!



## AMAZON VOUCHER WINNERS

The winners of £10 Amazon vouchers for this week are:

**Year 7:** Nahom Fekade, Jeremy Nzekwe, Itunuoluwa Ayanbadejo

**Year 8:** Priscilla Smith-Mensah Armah, Wisdom Uche Osuji, Sonia Suntoo

**Year 9:** Ivan Bandeira Angelico, Blessing Moke Musese, Maliha Munir

**Year 10:** Daniel Esegibe, Kimberley D'Souza

**Year 12:** Mayowa Awofadeju

Well done to all the nominees. Congratulations to the winners! Vouchers will be emailed.

## RE

### Gospel Reflection

15th Sunday in ordinary time Year A:

(Matthew 18: 21-22, 35)

#### The Parable of the Sower:

Jesus often told simple stories called 'parables' to help people to understand something important. Today we hear the parable of the sower. God will forgive us just as we forgive others. The number of times he will forgive us cannot be counted. In the following reading Jesus reminds Peter of this. When Peter asks how many times he should forgive, Jesus answers, 'Not just seven times, but more than seventy times seven, for you must forgive from your heart'.

The readings for the 15th Sunday tell of how our relationship with God helps us grow, which in turn allows our lives to bear fruit. The first reading (Isaiah 55:10-11) explains that God's Word is like the rain, which makes the earth fertile. And in the gospel (Matthew 13:1-23) Jesus talked about the seed. The seed was God's word, which Jesus brought to share with us. If we listen to God's word and understand it, God's love will grow in our hearts like a strong healthy plant. We will bear much fruit by allowing his love to show in our action, our thoughts and in our words.

#### Prayer:

We pray for all who sow the word of God as preachers, evangelisers and catechists. May their proclamation of the Gospel spread the peace and joy of Christ.

We pray for parents and teachers. May the seeds of love and wisdom they sow in young children bear life-long fruit. We pray for the earth, our common home. May we heed its cry of pain and fulfil our duty of care for the world that has been entrusted to us.

We pray for peoples thrust back into poverty by the coronavirus pandemic. May world leaders pledge their full support for a new international plan of development. We pray for asylum seekers and all who live with the daily uncertainty of temporary visas. May they receive full humanitarian support and a prompt resolution of their claims.

We pray for those most disadvantaged by the economic downturn, especially women, casual workers and the low-paid. May they receive their fair share of government support.

We pray for youth workers serving culturally diverse communities. May they win young people's trust and show them pathways to the future.

We pray for the recently deceased, and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May they enjoy the freedom and eternal glory of the children of God. Hear our prayers and send us out to sow your seeds of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Thought for the Week

Start by doing what's necessary;  
then do what's possible;  
and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

## BIG BANG DIGITAL 2020 - SCIENCE ENGINEERING & COVID 19

The Science Department had plans to take 55 students to Birmingham to take part in the Big Bang Fair however, it was cancelled due to the pandemic.

You can now watch the livestream event on Tuesday 14th July here:

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

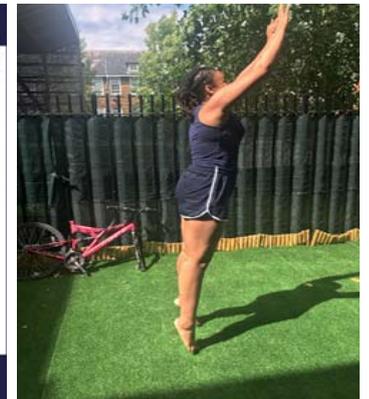
The event takes an inspirational, uplifting look at the amazing work of scientists and engineers in a pandemic, celebrating their achievements. There are interactive polls, live Q&A sessions and prizes to be won.

## PE BINGO CHALLENGE

The PE Bingo challenge continues. Below is the bingo card in case you want to join in and a photograph of student, Aya Johannah Narkwa in 7KL1 showing us all how it's done.



The image shows a 'Jumping Bingo' card for 'Active Learning'. It includes a 'How to Play' section with instructions on marking a board, using dice, and jumping on numbers. A 'Number' board is shown with numbers 2, 17, 13, 3, 7, and 29. There are three star categories: Gold Star (prime numbers and multiples), Silver Star (odd and even numbers), and Bronze Star (numbers 1 and 2 digit numbers). The card also features logos for 'Complete P.E.', 'YOUTH SPORT TRUST', and '25'.



## COMPETITION

The One Show is launching an exciting new playwriting competition giving young people the chance to see their ideas come to life on stage. More information can be found here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1SCK88VmFFGvyggKbqGGyds/as-you-write-it-your-play-on-stage>

## Words of the Week

**Monday- Cosset - (Verb)** - Care for and protect in an overindulgent way.

**Tuesday- Premature - (Adjective)** - Occurring or done before the usual or proper time; too early; (of a baby) born before the end of the full term of gestation.

**Wednesday- Conciliate - (Verb)** - Stop (someone) being angry or discontented; placate.

**Thursday- Paroxysm - (Noun)** - A sudden attack or outburst of a particular emotion or activity.

**Friday- Genial - (Adjective)** - Friendly and cheerful; (especially of air or climate) pleasantly mild and warm.