

DATES TO NOTE:

April 6th	4th-6th Class Blitz
April 8th	Closing for Easter Holidays at 12
April 25th	Reopening at 9:10am
April 27th	First Communion Party Meeting
April 28th	5th-6th Class Blitz at GCS
May 5th	New Infants Induction
May 6th	Garda Tournament
May 9th	First Confession
May 11th	Confirmation at 3pm
May 14th	First Holy Communion at 12pm
May 16th- 27th	Standardised Testing
June 21st	School Tours
June 28th	Closing at 12 noon for Summer Holidays!

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ST. THOMAS' N.S.

MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to the last term of the 2020/21 school year.
We hope you all enjoyed the Easter Break.

Enjoy the last term everyone!

Board of Management

The Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment was recently updated, approved by the Board of Management and may be found on our blog.

The Board of Management would like to wish the best of luck to all classes receiving sacraments in May. We hope these special days are memorable for you and we thank all your teachers for their hard work in preparing for these events. We wish the present 6th class every success as they approach their final term in primary school and know that they will be a source of pride to us in the future. Finally, we would like to acknowledge the support all our parents have provided to our staff members so far this year.

First Communion and Confirmation

First Communion will be held on May 14th at 12pm. First Confession will precede this on Monday May 9th at 7pm.

We are looking forward to again hosting our First Communion party in the school hall immediately after the ceremony. As is tradition, we are inviting the parents of 1st class students to assist with arranging this party. A meeting will be held on Wednesday April 27th at 6pm in the school to discuss arrangements. If you are a parent of a 1st class child, your attendance would be appreciated.

Confirmation will take place on May 11th at 3pm.

Junior Infants 2022/23

We are looking forward to hosting an Induction Day for our new infants on May 5th. Parents and students are invited to visit the school from 1pm-2pm.



Safeguarding of Children in our School

St. Thomas' NS Peterswell is committed to the safeguarding of our children. Our Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment may be found on our blog.

If you have any suggestions/comments please contact the school.

Credit Union Prize Winner

Congratulations to Evan Lynskey on being a prize winner in the Credit Union Art competition. Well done Evan.

School Garden

5th and 6th class have recently planted our raised beds and will be maintaining them in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing what they produce.

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Gaelbhrtach

Tá cluichí á dhéanamh again sa chlós agus sa rang trí mhéan na Gaeilge. Beidh na meánranganna ag déanamh glaoch zoom leis na naíonáin chun ealaín a dhéanamh leo. Tá an coiste Gaelach chun Scéal an Lae a dhéanamh leis na naíonáin taobh amuigh. Tá sraith iománaíochta ag na meánranganna agus ag na hardranganna agus beidh sé á reachtáil i nGaeilge. Tá coiste don Ghaelbhrtach an sásta leis an dul chun cinn atá déanta ag na páistí sa scoil seo. Táimid an bhródúil as iarracht na bpáistí go dtí seo agus bheimís fíor bhuíoch dá mbeadh deis ag na gasúir pé Gaeilge atá acu a chleachtadh sa mbaile.

We are playing games through Irish both in class and outside. The middle classes will be doing art with the infants using a zoom call, The Coiste Gaelach are going to read Irish stories outdoors for the infants. There will be a hurling league run through Irish for the senior and middle classes. Finally, having spoken to the Gaelbhrtach committee, they are very impressed, as are we, with the work done by our students so far. We would really appreciate if parents could encourage their children to practise their Irish at home.

Insurance Premium

Insurance premium €8 due by Sept. 10th 2022.
A link for this payment will be sent via Aladdin.
(24 Hour Pupil Insurance Cover €8)

Indoor Shoes 3rd to 6th

3rd to 6th classes are required to wear plimsolls in class.
Classes Junior Infants to 2nd **DO NOT** need to change their shoes.

Awards - Student of the Month — March 2021

Caitlin Connors, Evan Lynskey and Aengus Mulkerrins.

April 2021

Caitlin Mulkerrins, Alex Hughes and Jake Fahy.

Award Wall—March 2021—"Labhairt naGaeilge"

Dara Ó Raghallaigh, Rónán Ó Ciardha agus Síofra Ní Loinsigh.

April 2021 - "Well Mannered"

Emily Broughall, Joe Orford and Isibéil Stanford Kilkenny.

Random Act of Kindness—March 2021

Tom Burke, Amy Carey, Oran Brady, Alex Hughes, MJ Fahy, Noah Curley, Roisín Gillard, Andrea Kennedy and Joe Burke.

April 2021

Amber Kelsey, Cillian McMahon, Darragh Gillard, Holly Chapman, Grace Mulkerrins, Katie Mulkerrins, Cúlann Piggott, Cathal McMahon, Aoife Flannery and Jonathan Quinn.

Gaeilge

Bronnadh teastaisí Gaeilgeoir na Míosa ar na páistí seo a leanas.

Mí Márta:

Sadhbh Ní Loinsigh, Grace Ní Mhaoilchiaráin agus Ciara Ní Dhuighiolla.

Mí Aibreán

Mánus Ó Mhaoilchiaráin, Oisín Ó Raghallaigh agus Aoife Ní Fhlóinn.

Tour

The Annual Educational Tour will take place on June 21st with JI to 2nd visiting Turoe Pet Farm and 3rd-6th visiting Adventure World Tours at the University of Limerick.

Choir

Fiona Buckley is currently very busy preparing our school choir to partake in our First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies. We are very look to have Fiona's expertise in this area on staff. It would be great if all members of the choir could attend the ceremonies.

Sport in the School

The weather has finally picked up and we are delighted to see so many of our students resume participation in their sporting activities. In school, we hosted a friendly GAA blitz in St Thomas' grounds on April 5th and 5th and 6th class students will be taking part in the Gort Community School blitz on April 28th. All support welcome. Cumann na mBunscol are currently finalising groups for their blitz's later on this year and we are looking forward to participating in these also. A boys 7 a side team will also compete in the Garda tournament on May 6th.

We were fortunate to avail of coaching from Galway GAA for hurling during term 2. Thank you to Lauren Solan for her expert coaching. All classes attended and got great enjoyment from their participation.

School leagues will be held for students from 3rd class up at lunchtime in soccer, gaelic football and hurling during the months of May and June.

Swimming classes in The Lady Gregory begin on April 26th from 1:30-2:30 pm and will run for 8 weeks. Cost is €70 per student.

Sportsmanship is knowing that it is a game, that we are only as good as our opponents, and whether you win or lose, to always give 100 percent.

ICT Investment

The school was fortunate to receive a significant grant in recent months to invest in IT equipment. The Board of Management have approved the purchase of a bank of 16 I pads, a charging/storage unit and staff training in the use of these devices. We feel they will be a great aid to teaching and learning in our classrooms.

Attendance

It is vital for your child's success and progress at St. Thomas's, especially in preparation for Secondary School, that your child's attendance is both regular and punctual.

* Family trips/holidays should be organised to coincide with school holidays where possible, please.

* Absences should be explained in writing to the pupils teacher at the back of the diary. (Medical Certs may be required). We also now require a completed Return to Educational Facility form to be completed after any absences.

* The National Educational Welfare Service is notified in the event of a child being absent for 20 days or more, in the course of any one school year.

To promote attendance we will award Certificates to our pupils for attendance before the Summer and we publish these names in the September Newsletter for attendance before the Summer and we will publish these names in the September Newsletter.

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