

Book Rental

Most pupils are taking good care of their books. Please do not write or underline the books. All Books are the property of the School and all books should be returned in the condition they were received. However if a book is lost or damaged it must be replaced by you.

Attendance

September 93.6% October 95.8
November 94.2% December 91.8%
January %

Dates to Note:

February 6th	Bank Holiday
February 9th	U-11 Olympic Handball Tournament
February 16h and 17th	Mid Term Break
March 1st-17th	Seachtain na Gaeilge
March 2nd	Girls Soccer 5 a side
March 8th	Boys Soccer 5 a side
March 17 th	Closed for St. Patricks Day.
March 31st	Closing at 12 for Easter Holidays
April 17th	Reopening at 9.10am
May 1st	Bank Holiday
May 6th	First Holy Communion
May 15th-19th	Literacy Assessment
May 22nd -26th	Numeracy Assessment
June 5th	Bank Holiday
June 23rd	Closing at noon for Summer Holidays.

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Our web site is www.peterswellschool.com

ST. THOMAS' N.S.

FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



Mol an Óige agus tiocfaidh sí

Dear Parents,

In the opening newsletter of a New Year, I would like to welcome all our staff and students back to school. It has been a busy school year thus far with the children mixing their ongoing academic work with a range of extracurricular activities and community events. We were all delighted with the success of our Christmas Show and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who worked so hard to make it a success.

Our school raffle was again a tremendous fundraiser for our school this year. Thank you to all who bought tickets, sold tickets or contributed to our prizes.

We are looking ahead now with optimism to the coming months and look forward to seeing all of our school teams back on the field of play in the coming weeks and months. This year, we will be entering a range of teams in GAA, olympic handball and soccer events.

I would like to finish with a special congratulations to our 1st class student Emily Broughal who recently raised over €3000 for LauraLynn. She undertook this fundraiser in memory of her granny Mary, a former member of our school's Board of Management, and we are all very proud to have such a role model like Emily amongst our students.

Is mise le meas,

Michael Mulkerrins

Heritage in Schools

Our school has begun work with Heritage in Schools and BurrenBeo to explore the community of Peterswell under the following headings: Nature, Landscape, Culture and History. Children in 4th-6th are working on this project and we hope it enables them to have a detailed knowledge of what makes our locality so special.

Thanks from the SVP

The President of the St Vincent de Paul Johnny Kelly sent a letter expressing his thanks for supporting the recent Food Appeal. **One hundred** plus hampers were distributed in the community. Without your help they would not be able to do this. **Thank you.**

Thanks also for your contributions to our shoebox appeal.

Green Schools

On 22nd March 2022 we will have our Renewal Visit from Caitriona Cunningham Travel Officer from on Taisce. She will meet with Ms Nolan and the Green Schools Committee and hopefully will approve the renewal of our Green Flag Global Citizenship Travel.

On this day also Caitriona will run a Road Safety workshop with the Junior Classes and a Climate Change workshop with the Senior Classes.

In the meantime, continue to reduce, re-use and recycle and be aware of sustainable travel. Remember 'No idling!' The Middle and Senior Classes are working on Food Miles - how far has our food travelled? Let's try to buy local when we can.

Education

Christmas Art Competition and Quiz Winners 2022

Congratulations to all our students who partook in our in-school Christmas Art Competition. A special mention to our class winners who were presented with selection boxes in honour of their outstanding work. Well done Emily, Caitlin, Oran, Katie, MJ, Aveen, Ciara and Maye.

Quiz Team

Our senior and junior quiz teams recently took part in an inter-school quiz hosted by Killeeneen NS. Both teams scored extremely well on the night and we were delighted to see our senior team finish in 3rd place. Well done to Ciaran, Joe B, Ciara, Evan, Manus, Jack, Joe O and Méabh.

We also took part in the Credit Union Quiz in Sullivan's Hotel recently. Well done to Ciaran, Joe B, Alex, Evan, Pádraig, Manus, Jack and Finn for their performances in this event.

Coiste Gaelach

Bhí mí an dúshlánach againn ar scoil ó thaobh Covid de. Bhí Daithí Ó Sé chun teacht ar cuairt chugainn ach shocraíomar ar an gcualaí a chur ar ceal go dtí go mbeadh cúrsaí níos fearr maidir le Covid.

Bhí tionól as Gaeilge againn sa chlós. Rinneamar an Haca as Gaeilge le gach duine, amhrán sa Ghaeilge, Ag Cur Báistí Arís, cluichí clóis trí Ghaeilge agus gluaiseachtaí agus gníomhaíochtaí.

Táimid ag leanúint orainn ag cleachtadh ár gcuid Gaeilge sa scoil, sa chlós agus sa bhaile. Tá ard mholadh ag dul don pháistí as a gcuid iarrachtaí ar fad.

Arís coinneáil oraibh ag labhairt Gaeilge leo sa bhaile. Déanann sé an difríocht dóibh.

Awards

Student of the Month — December 2022

Congratulations to: Emily, Anna and Eve.

Award Wall—December 2022

“Eco Warrior Awards”: Congratulations to: Nathan, Gracie and Culann.

Random Act of Kindness—December 2022

Congratulations to Chloe, Daithí, Robyn Oran, Caitlin, Amy, Aveen, Evan and MJ.

Gaeilgeoir na Míosa

Comhghairdeas do: Séarlait, Sadhbh agus Manus.

Student of the Month — January 2023

Congratulations to: Ella.

Award Wall—January 2023

“Best Starter 2023”: Congratulations to: Keeva, Amber and

Random Act of Kindness—January 2023

Congratulations to: Ava, Emily, Caitlin, Conall, cillian, Darragh

Gaelgóir na Míosa

Comhghairdeas do: Robyn, Noah agus

Events

First Holy Communion

Our 2nd class are working very hard on their sacramental preparation. Our First Holy Communion will take place on May 6th.

Thank you to Fr Roche for visiting 4th, 5th and 6th class recently to share his thoughts during the Advent season.

Student Council

The student council continued to meet on a regular basis throughout the first term and were instrumental in the successful running of our Christmas Raffle which raised a fantastic total of €4791. A huge thank you to Isibéal, Emer, Alex, Evan, MJ and Méabh for all their hard work. We look forward to the Students Council arranging more positive initiatives in the near future.

Sportstars

Congratulations to our past pupil Conor Cooney on being selected as the Galway Hurler of the Year for 2022.

Congratulations also to past pupil William Fitzgerald on his selection on the Ireland U-23 cross country team for their recent event in Belgium.

Gort Community School Musical

2nd to 6th class were delighted to attend the Gort Community School musical 'Back to the 80's' recently. It was a fantastic show and we were particularly proud to see some of our past pupils on stage and in the school orchestra. Well done Rian, Sophie, Hiúdaí, Aengus and James.

Sport in St Thomas NS

Mr Mulkerrins will be taking 1st-2nd class for hurling during this term. Dates for this are January 30th, February 15th, 22nd and 28th.

Our U-11 students will be taking part in the Galway Olympic Handball qualifiers on February 9th in Knocknacarra.

Our senior boys and girls soccer team will be taking part in the FAI 5-a side competition in March. Girls event is in Portumna on March 2nd and boys event is in Newbridge on March 8th.

Website

We are currently updating our school website and hope to be in a position to relaunch by March. Please see our blogspot and Facebook page for up to date school information.

Enrolment

Enrolments for Junior Infants for 2023/2024 are now open. If you are aware of anyone who is interested in enrolling their child, please ask them to email peterswellschool1944@gmail.com to let us know. We are looking forward to welcoming next years cohort of Junior Infants. We will be hosting an Open Day for our new students in May.

Enrolments are also being taken for Peterswell After-School & Montessori. Please email queries to ellemenopeatld@gmail.com