

DATES TO NOTE:

June 8th	4th-6th Class Visit to Peterswell Water Tower
June 9th	4th-6th Class Camogie and Hurling Tournament in Ardahan
June 10th	Coiste Gaelach trip to Maynooth
June 10th	Camogie Cumann na mBunscol in Kinvara
June 14th	2nd-3rd Class Blitz in St Thomas GAA
June 16th	6th Class RSE Talk on Zoom
June 20th	4th-6th Class Internet Safety Talk on Zoom
June 21st	School Tours
June 22nd	3rd-4th Class Blitz in Ballinderreen
June 22nd	6th Class Graduation at 6:30pm
June 28th	Closing at 12 noon for Summer Holidays!
August 31st	Reopening for new school year.



ST. THOMAS' N.S.

JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER



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WWW.STTHOMASPETERSWELL.BLOGSPOT.COM

OUR WEB SITE IS:

WWW.PETERSWELLSCHOOL.COM

Dear Parents,

As we move towards the end of another school year, I would like to thank you all for your support this year.

It has been a year when we have seen a resumption in recent months of many of the school activities that were restricted during the previous school years. It has been very heartening to see students again representing our school in hurling, camogie and athletics. We were also delighted to be able to welcome many parents and extended families back into our school building for this year's First Holy Communion Party. We look forward to our Family Fun Day resuming in 2023 and we hope you will all be in a position to attend.

Above all, our school thrives on the great relationships between all our students and it has been a real pleasure to see the older students being afforded the chance to mix with our junior room in recent months and to see the caring relationships that are developing between these students.

I would like to wish our 6th class students every success in their future education in Gort Community School. It has been a pleasure to be their teacher over the past two years. A special word for the Fahy, Flannery, Mulkerrins and Prendergast families who will not have students with us next year. Thank you for all your support over the years.

As one group leaves, another enters and we are looking forward to welcoming our new Junior Infants Ava, Daithí, Fiadh, Grace, Nathan, Robyn and Stephen to St Thomas NS for 2022/23 year.

Thank you to all our staff and Board of Management who have worked so hard right throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated.

I would like to wish all members of our school community a safe and happy summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming you all back for the 2022/23 school year.

Míle Buíochas, Michael Mulkerrins

6th Class Graduation

A Tour of the Parish will be held for our current 6th class students on June 22nd leaving the school at 7:15 approximately.

A route will be emailed to all parents in advance and your support for our graduates would be greatly appreciated.

Please spread the word!

Gael Bhratach

Comhghairdeachas le Ms Marren agus an Coiste Gaelach (Ciara, Síomha, Maye, Sam, Aengus, Jake, Caitlin, Oran, Anna, Noah, Ronin, Evan, Méabhagh agus Manus) as Gael Bhratach a fháil le déanaí. Is onóir ollmhór é seo dár scoil mar is beag bunscoil in Éirinn a fuair an bhratach seo. Maith sibh na scoláirí ar fad sa scoil a rinne sár-iarracht an Ghaeilge a úsáid i mbliana.

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 weebly site peterswellns.com or there is a link on our blog. If you have any suggestions/comments please contact the school.

Indoor Shoes 3rd to 6th

When purchasing black plimsolls shoes 3rd-6th for the coming year, we would ask parents to ensure that the shoes have non marking soles.

Ellemenopea Ltd

Samantha Geraghan-Ward from Ellemenopea Ltd gave a very informative talk recently on the childcare services that her company will be offering in St Thomas NS from September 2022. Thank you to all families who attended and should anyone require further information, please contact Samantha on 091-485332 or by email to ellemenopealtd@gmail.com

Alternatively, booking forms for places can be collected from the school.



School Reports

Parents who wish to talk to Teachers regarding the school reports may contact class teachers via email to arrange.

School reports will be posted on June 13th.

Teachers e-mail addresses are :

teachermsnolan@gmail.com

teachermsmoloney@gmail.com

teachermrmlukerrins@gmail.com

Insurance Premium

Insurance premium €8 due by Sept. 9th 2022. (WILL NOT be collected until after the Summer. Payment link will be sent out at that time)

(24 Hour Pupil Insurance Cover €8)

Green Schools

Congratulations to Ms Nolan and her Green School's Committee (Oran, Sadie, Davis, Isibéal, Aoife, Ella, Eve, Emer, Alex and Jack) on being awarded the school's 8th Green Flag. The theme for the last two years has been Sustainable Travel and Global Citizenship. Thank you to all the families who supported our initiatives this year including reducing emissions from cars left idling and bike to school days. Our bus driver, Eamon Hansberry, did us the honour of raising our latest Green Flag and Eamon has been a huge part of travel to Peterswell school for over 20 years now.

Thank You

The staff would like to take this opportunity to thank pupils, parents, Board of Management, Committee Members and all others involved in the life of the school for the help, support and co-operation we have received in the past year.

Board of Management

The Board of Management wish the present 6th class, every success and know that they will be a source of pride to us in the future.

We are very conscious of how fortunate the school is to have such committed and hard working volunteers who have supported the school over the years. We thank all our volunteers. A special word for Mary Creaven who has been volunteering in our school for over 20 years now.

We wish Samantha Geaghan Ward and her team in Ellemenopea Ltd every success in their new childcare venture in St Thomas NS.

Awards

Student of the Month — May 2022

Congratulations to:

May 2022: Conall Mulkerrins, Ella Quinn and Jake Fahy

Award Wall—May2022

"Progress and Persistence" - were presented to :

May 2022: Emily Broughal, Grace Mulkerrins and Andrea Kennedy

Random Act of Kindness—May 2022

Certificates were presented to:

Michael Glynn, Amber Kelsey, Caitlin Connors, Méabh Stanford-Kilkenny, Gracie Orford, Culann Piggott, Daniel Glynn, Ciara Dooley-Glynn and David Egan

Gaeilge

Bronnadh teastaisí Gaeilgeoir na Míosa ar na páistí seo a leanas an mhí seo caite:

Tomas Ó Nialláin, Mána Ó Maolchiaráin agus Ciarán Ó Brádaigh

Tour

Tours will take place on June 21st. Senior tour will be leaving at 8am and returning at approximately 6pm.

Junior Tour will be leaving the school at 9:20am and returning at 3pm.

Sport in the School

Hurling and Camogie

Congratulations to the boys and girls who represented our school in our recent school league. Congratulations to our winning team of MJ, Aaron, Ciara, Aengus, Jack and Róisín. Well done also to our Player's of the Match Sam and Jake. Thank you to our referee Jason

Well done to our 1st and 2nd class students who played an excellent exhibition match on the day.

Well done to our senior boys team who defeated Ballyglass, Labane and Ballinderreen to reach the final of the Garda hurling tournament recently where they were beaten by a very strong Craughwell team. This team also took part in a Cumann na mBunscol blitz recently where they defeated Coldwood and Doorus.

Classes from 2nd up will be very busy with more blitzes in the coming weeks and dates for these can be found at the end of the newsletter.

New Junior Infants

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new Junior Infants to St Thomas NS for the 2022/23 school year. Please note that Junior Infants should be collected at 12pm until September 9th and then can be collected at 2pm from the start of the following week.

Sacraments

Our 5th and 6th class received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 11th in St Thomas' Church. We would like to thank Bishop Duignan, Fr Roche and Fr Callanan for presiding over the ceremony. Well done to our wonderful students, Emer, Andrea, Ciara, Síomha, Isibéal, Jonathan, Joe, Ciaran, Aoife, Maye, Ciara, Róisín, Roslyn, Sam, David, Jake, Daniel and Aengus.

Our 2nd Class also received their First Confession and First Holy Communion this month. Congratulations to Anna, Gracie, Ella, Daragh, Noah and Katie.

Thank you to all staff and families who helped in preparing the students for these important occasions and thank you to the 1st class parents who organised a fantastic party in the school hall after the First Holy Communion.

Thank you to Fiona Buckley and our choir for the beautiful music at both ceremonies.

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).
- 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.

Attendance May 2022 93.8%

Swimming

Our last two swimming sessions will take place in The Lady Gregory Hotel for 1st-5th classes on June 13th and 20th from 1-1:45pm.