

DATES TO NOTE:

June 5th	4th-6th Burren Field Trip
June 7th	Closed for Elections
June 11th	Bronnadh GaelBhratach
June 12th	1st-4th blitz in Beagh
June 13th	Cumann na mBunscol County Final
June 14th-15th	80th Reunion
June 17th	School Tours
June 25th	6th Class Graduation
June 26th	Closing at 12 noon for Summer Holidays!
August 29th	Reopening for new school year.



ST. THOMAS' N.S.

JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

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

Well done to all our students who represented our school in extracurricular activities this year. A special mention to our boys gaelic football team who have won the 7-a-side County football competition and will compete in the 9-a-side hurling final this month.

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 three years.

As one group leaves, another enters and we are looking forward to welcoming our new Junior Infants to St Thomas NS for the 2024/25 year.

This is a special year for our school as we celebrate our 80th anniversary on June 14th and 15th. We look forward to welcoming you all over the course of the weekend and I would like to thank all who have contributed to our recent podcast and video recordings.

Thank you to all our staff and Board of Management who have worked so hard right throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to all the parents who have volunteered to help with school projects this year.

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 2024/25 school year.

Míle Buíochas,
Michael Mulkerrins

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

Creative Writing School improvement Plan

Over the last two years, our school has formulated and implemented a School Improvement Plan for Creative Writing. As part of this, our 3rd-6th students entered short stories in the Guaire Magazine Creative Writing Contest. We were thrilled that 3 of our students were shortlisted as winners. Congratulations to Caitlin Mulkerrins, Conall Mulkerrins and Méabh Stanford-Kilkenny.

Indoor Shoes 2nd to 6th

When purchasing black plimsolls shoes 2nd-6th for the coming year, we would ask parents to ensure that the shoes have non marking soles.

County Champion

Congratulations to our 4th class student Manus Mulkerrins who was crowned U-12 County Champion for the accordion recently at the Galway Fleadh.

Best wishes to Manus in the upcoming Connacht Fleadh.

Peterswell Afterschool and Montessori

Services will be available throughout the summer months. Email ellemenopealtd@gmail.com for more details.

Places remain available for Montessori students for September 2024. Please spread the word as it is vital that this service is supported.



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 the week beginning June 10th.

Teachers e-mail addresses are :

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Insurance Premium

Insurance premium €8 due by Sept. 13th 2024. (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

4th, 5th and 6th classes have recently taken part in a Burren Field Trip. The Senior Room have planted a variety of onions and potatoes in the raised beds this year, ensuring they are weeded and watered. The Junior Room planted Summer flowers—cowslips and primroses. near the bug hotel. Ms Maloney promoted eating a rainbow as part of well-being week. Please try to buy some local/Irish fruit and vegetables during the Summer.

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 would like to also congratulate the team in Peterswell After-school and Montessori on a very successful year and look forward to working with them for many years in the future.

Awards

Student of the Month — May 2024

Congratulations to:

Grace Broughall, Sadhbh Devine and Alex Hughes.

Award Wall—May 2024

"Progress and Persistence" - were presented to :

Niall Mulkerrins, Oisín Reilly and Culann Piggott..

Random Act of Kindness—May 2024

Certificates were presented to:

Cillian McMahon, Keeva Lynskey, Stephen McSpadden, Conall Mulkerrins, Emily Broughall, Gia and Cara Cacciapuoti, Aveen McMahon, Evan Lynskey and Eve Carey.

6th Class Graduation

A Tour of the Parish will be held for our current 6th class students on June 25th leaving the school at 6:45 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!

Tour

Tours will take place on June 17th. Senior tour will be leaving at 9am and returning at approximately 6pm.

Junior Tour will be leaving the school at 9:20am and returning at 2pm.

Sport in the School

Hurling and Camogie

Well done to all our teams who represented our school in Cumann na mBunscol competitions in hurling, camogie and gaelic football. There was great excitement as our boys were victorious in their 7 a side Gaelic Football County final against Aillebrack NS. What an achievement for our school. Our 5th and 6th class students were also winners of the 7 a side B Garda Hurling competition hosted in Gort recently.

As if that wasn't enough, our boys have qualified for the 9 a side Hurling County final against Killimor NS on June 13th.

Our younger classes will get the chance to represent the school during the month of June and 1st-4th will taking part in a blitz in Beagh on June 12th.

New Junior Infants

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new Junior Infants Edith, Fern, Fiadh, Iarlaith, our two Jacks, Kayden, Kate and Síomha to St Thomas NS for the 2023/24 school year. Please note that Junior Infants should be collected at 12pm until September 13th and then can be collected at 2pm from the start of the following week.

Class Allocations

Class allocations will remain the same for 2024/25.

JI-1st—Ms Nolan 2nd-4th— Ms Moloney 5th-6th— Mr Mulkerrins
SET—Ms Marren

Sacraments

Our 2nd Class received their First Confession and First Holy Communion this month. Congratulations to Caitlin, Charlotte, Dara, Emily, Gia, Sadhbh, Tom B and Tom N.

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. Attendance for May 93.3%

Gaeilge

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

Ava de Búrca, Ella Quinn agus Manus Ó Maoilchiaráin.

Gaelbhratach: An mhi seo rinneamar tionól as Gaeilge. Chauigh na páistí amach sa chlós ina mbeirteanna aga múineadh Gaeilge dá cheile. Fuaireamar dea scéal faoin nGaelbhratach—Bhíomar in ai9nm is a bheith ag fail teastais I mbliana ach I ngeall ar an méid oibre atá déanta ag na páistí tá said chun an bhratach féin a bhronnadh orainn. Beidh ceiliúradh ar an 13ú Meitheamh I dTu-lach Mhór agus beidh Gaelchoiste na scoile ad dul ann . Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochoas a ghabháil libhse, na tuismitheoirí as an tac-aíocht a thugann sibh don bhfeachtas seo.

Táimid ag súil go mór leis an lá mór seo.