Recommended Board Games For Winter Fun

With the cold winter here, you're no doubt looking for ways to keep your family busy when you're all spending quality time together. What better way to entertain everyone than with a fun, challenging board game! Please add some of these to your shopping list! (One out of each category initially would be great and see how much use you make of it) Here are some recommendations:

Gaeilge

- Liosta Siopadóireacht
- Junior Scrabble as Gaeilge
- Usborne Snap as Gaeilge
- Snap -Nollag

English

- Scrabble (Junior and Original)
- Upwords
- Boggle
- Jenga
- Guess who

Mathematics

- Mathopoly
- Sum Swamp
- Equate
- Head full of Numbers
- Snakes and Ladders

Geography

- ***Discover Europe***
- ***Discover Ireland***

ST. THOMAS' N.S.

NOVEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



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Bingo Night

This year, we will be hosting a Bingo Night on January 29th at 6:30pm in the Joe Cooley Hall. This is a vital fundraiser to help with the running costs of our school. We will be sending home tickets for the event with each student in the coming weeks to sell. In the meantime, we are asking any families who are in a position to donate a prize for our bingo night to do so. Every prize , no matter how great or small, would be greatly appreciated. Prizes can be sent in from now with students or if you would prefer to make a donation later, you can notify us via email to peterswellschool1944@gmail.com. Families will also be provided with tickets to sell. Thank you for your support.

School Sport

Best wishes to our senior Olympic Handball teams who will be taking part in the Galway Olympic Handball championships in the coming weeks.

Christmas Show

Preparations are in full swing for our Christmas Shows. Date for the event is December 10th at 6:30pm in the Joe Cooley Hall. Entry will be €5 for adults on the night. It promises to be a lovely festive occasion and we look forward to seeing you there.

Enrolments

We are now accepting enrolments for the school year 2027/28. Please inform any neighbours who may not receive communications from the school. Enquiries should be emailed to:

peterswellschool1944@gmail.com

Léigh sa Bhaile

Léigh sa Bhaile is an important reading task that students complete as Gaeilge each evening. If necessary to assist with pronunciation, audio files for this book can be online by following the steps below.

Go to www.cjfallon.ie

Click on Parent Student Resources

Select Primary

Select class (First class or Second class or third class)

Select Gaeilge

Select Léigh sa Bhaile

Select page number – for example lch 89 is page 89 and listen to your track.

Infants

It is encouraging to see our Infants becoming happy, well adjusted learners. They have now become established in what is for them, a new place in the world, and are making friends, taking part in activities and learning new skills.

Sacraments

First Holy Communion will take place on May 1st at 12pm. Best of luck to all our students receiving their sacraments.

Green Schools

We are encouraging families to buy local—food that is grown locally and has not travelled long distance to reach your table. We are also promoting growing vegetables at home, even on a very small scale

Gaelbhratach

Bhí mí gnóthach againn. Bhí tionól againn leis an scoil ar fad. Roinneamar an scoil ina dá leath agus chuaigh na páistí móra leis na páistí óga sa chlós agus mhúin said cúpla frása dóibh as Gaeilge.
Bhí na páistí móra an bhródúil as iarrachtaí na bpáistí óga.
Bhí seó faisin na Samhna againn agus rinne na MC'S Cáit Ní Mhaoilchiaráin agusm Conall Ó Maoilchiaráin an jab.
Tá comórtas ar siúl faoi láthair idir ranganna chun an rang is fear ag déanamh iarrachta an Ghaeilge a labhairt a phiocadh amach.Ba mhaith liom na páisti a mholadh as an iarracht atá á dhéanamh acu Gaeilge a labhairt agus sibhse, a thuismitheoirí as cabhrú leo.

Uniforms:

It would be great to see all students wearing their correct uniform in school. Please ensure black tracksuits are worn by all students.

Credit Union Art

All of our students submitted fantastic pictures for this years Credit Union Art competition. The standard was very high and we were extremely proud of all our entries.

Awards

Student of the Month — October 2026

Congratulations to:

Iarla Burke, Ava Burke and Sadie Neylon.

"Friendship Awards" - were presented to :

Ella Hynes, Michael Glynn and Cara Cacciapuoti.

Random Act of Kindness—October 2026

Certificates were presented to:

Fionn Mulkerrins, Chloe Feito Verissimo , Nicolas Santos, Fiadh Lynskey, Niall Mulkerrins, Josiah Donaldson, Caitlin Mulkerrins, Oran Brady and Sadhbh Devine..

Gaeilge

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

Seaic Ó Ceannmúir, Roibín De Bláca agus Tomás de Búrca

Operation Christmas Child

Christmas Shoeboxes should be dropped to the school prior to November 10th please.

Paired Reading:

Every year after Halloween for 6 weeks we ask our parents to take part in the Paired Reading Programme with their children.

What is it?

Paired Reading is a technique that parents can use to help their own child with reading practice. The method involves the parent who is a skilled reader and the child who is learning, reading a book together.

Your child selects a book. It must also be suitable to his/her reading level.

- Discuss the book: What is the title of the book? What does the cover picture tell you? Why did you pick this book? What do you think will happen in the story?
- Invite the child to read along with you.
- You both read together. Pace your reading to the speed of the child.
- If your child fails at a word, or struggles at a word for longer than 4 seconds, pronounce the word clearly for him/her. Then continue reading as before.
- Ask questions occasionally e.g. at the end of a page: What do you think will happen next?
- Make observations about the story: "That's terrible! He must feel very sad".
- Praise the child frequently for his/her effort.
- A period of 15 minutes is recommended for reading together. Always stop at a natural break in the story, if the book is too long to read at one sitting.

Things to Avoid:

Turn off the television, radio etc. - they are obvious distractions.

- Avoid other family members interrupting you while Paired Reading is taking place.
- Avoid negative comments. Do not make comments like "Look at what you are doing" or "Concentrate, you knew that word last week"
- Don't continue with a session if the child is obviously very tired.
- Now that your child is reading himself/ herself don't stop reading to him/her at other times. The more times you read to your child will increase his/her enjoyment of books.

Halloween Fancy Dress

Fancy dress was held on Friday October 23rd and the children had a very enjoyable day. It was great to see such a variety of spooky characters around Peterswell.

Williams Syndrome Ireland

Thank you to all who contributed to our fundraiser for Williams Syndrome Ireland. A fantastic sum of €410 was raised on the day for this worthy cause. It is the policy of St Thomas NS to support one worthy cause each year. If you have a suggestion for next year, please feel free to approach us.