

Calendar :

Dates to Note:

School will close at 12 noon Wednesday 21st December 2022

Re-open on Thursday 5th of January 2023 at 9.10am.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Management I wish you a peaceful, healthy and safe Christmas.

**Nollaig Naofa, Beannachtaí Íosa,
Nollaig Chroíúil,
Is Bliain Nua
maith.**



Michael Mulherrins

ST. THOMAS' N.S.

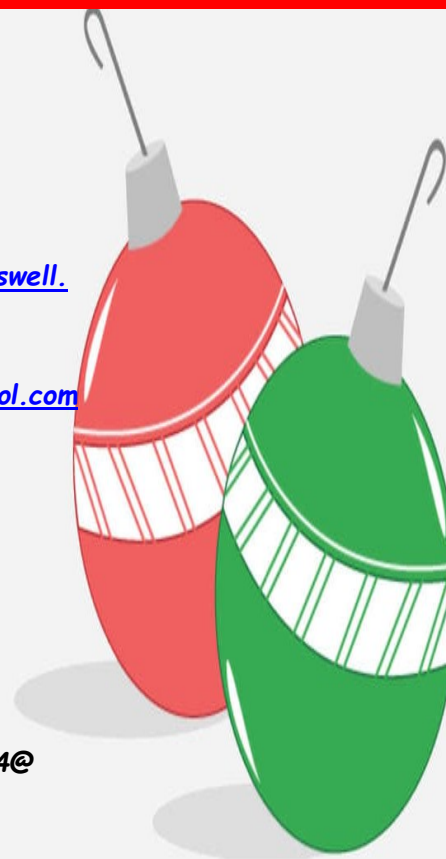
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Merry Christmas

Christmas Performances

All classes are very busy preparing for our Christmas Show. It will be wonderful to be back having an in-person show this year. The show will take place in the Cooley Hall on December 14th with our Montessori children getting things underway at 6pm with some Christmas songs. We will be hosting our Christmas Raffle on the night also.

Book Fair

The Book Fair raised €1,233 so our school got €616.50 worth of books. Thank you so much to all our generous parents who are giving your children the gift of reading and helping our school library grow.

St Thomas'

A huge congratulations to the St Thomas' senior hurling team on winning the Galway Senior Hurling Championship for the 5th time in succession. We are very proud of the hurlers you all are and also, the role models you are for our students. We can't wait to cheer the team on in the All-Ireland semi-final this month.

Olympic Handball

It was with some trepidation but lots of excitement that our 4th-6th students travelled to Knocknacarra recently to take part in our first Olympic Handball tournament. The teams performed brilliantly on the day with the girls suffering two narrow single goal defeats and the boys recording Peter-swell's first win in this exciting sport. Well done all!!

Healthy Lunchbox Policy

St Thomas NS operates a healthy lunch policy.

Each child should have a lunch which is substantially healthy in nature

The following items are not permitted: crisps, cheese strings, fizzy drinks and chewing gum

Please be aware that quite a lot of lunch items available are 'dressed-up' as healthy, nutritious foods but which in reality are laced with sugar and other additives. We appeal to your common sense in this regard.

Important Dates to note

December 9th — School Closing at 12:00 to facilitate Staff Training in the new Primary Language Curriculum

December 14th—Christmas Show at 6pm

Feb 16th-17th—Closed for Mid-Term

Sat 6th May 2022 First Holy Communion



Attendance: Oct 94.7% Nov 95.8%

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 pupil's 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.

Green Schools

We recently had a visit from our Green Schools Senior Travel Officer from An Taisce to offer us support with our Global Citizenship Travel Flag. We are working on Sustainability Goals 3, 10, 11 and 13. Goal 3 is Good Health & Wellbeing, Goal 10 is Reduce Inequalities, Goal 11 is Sustainable Cities & Communities and Goal 13 is Climate Action.

The Senior Room are working on a Minecraft project on sustainability. In the meantime continue to reduce, re-use and recycle and have a safe, sustainable and green Christmas.

Coole Park

Our 4th-6th class students recently had an educational trip to Coole Park. The children were treated a presentation on the history of Coole Park, got a guided tour of the museum and were brought on an informative nature hike through the forest. This was a very beneficial visit incorporating Local Studies from our History curriculum and Natural Environments from our Geography curriculum.

Awards

Student of the Month — November 2022

Congratulations to: Caitlin Connors, Sadie Neylon and Emer Curley.

Award Wall—November 2022

"PERFECT PENMANSHIP AWARDS" - Tom Burke, Patrick Deeley and Jack Lynskey.

Random Act of Kindness—November 2022

Certificates were presented to:

Daithí McMullan, Vincent Ramanauskas, Sadhbh Lynskey, Anna Burke, Katie Mulkerrins, Joe Orford, Aveen McMahon and Pádraig Neylon.

Gaeilge

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

Michéal Mac Floinn, Oisín Ó Raghallaigh agus Seosamh de Búrca.

Gaelbhratach

Bhí mí gnóthach againn. Scríobh Iníon Ní mhaoldomhnaigh dhá ráiteas Gaeilge, sé sin, Labhair Gaeilge Linn agus Is Aoibhinn Linn an Ghaeilge ar an mballa taobh amuigh, Chuaigh gach rang amach agus phéinteáil gach dalta litir amháin i ndathanna Naomh Thomáis. Phéinteáil na bunranganna na sliotair agus na comharthaí poncaíochta. Bhí an- lá againn á dhéanamh. Chuir mé pictiúr ar aghaidh chuig an bhean atá i bhfeighil (don Ghaelbhratach) agus bhí sí an tógtha leis an obair.

Food for the Needy

We have started a box of non-perishable food for those in need in the local area. Please give an item or two to your child to bring into school for this very worthy cause. This box will be collected from the school on Friday December 9th.

Test Copies

All students from 1st-6th class complete Friday tests. Please ensure that these copies are signed by parents when students bring them home on either Friday or Monday evenings.

IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Board Games:

www.familyeducation.com/fun/board-games/best-classic-board-games-kids

Educational Apps:

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/lifestyle/arid-30824758.html>

Books

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-primary-school-pupils/>

Dismissal

Classes 1st to 4th please collect at 2.58pm

Classes 5th & 6th please collect at 3.05pm.

Pupil Safety

Pupils need to be reminded of the need to be safety conscious when out and about during the winter period. If dark, please wear a Hi Vis jacket in the morning.

Sensory Walkway

A huge thank you to everyone who helped erect our new fence and base for our Sensory Walkway. We will be re-suming this work in spring and would love some new volunteers to come on board to help with designing and fitting surfaces for the walkway.

Christmas Fundraising Raffle

Thanks to all our pupils and their families who have brought in items/prizes for the Christmas hampers/raffle. A special thanks to those who sold raffle lines at Gort Mart and Pearse Stadium. All raffle cards will be collected at school on Monday December 12th. The Raffle will take place on Wednesday December 14th during our Christmas Show. Well done everyone and best of luck.

