

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 96.3% October 98.1%
November 99.1% December 97.3%

Dates to Note:

February 10th	Cycle Workshops 4th-6th class
February 11th	School Closed for Staff Training
February 24th and 25th	Mid Term Break
March 1st-17th	Seachtain na Gaeilge
March 17 th -18th	Closed for St. Patricks Day.
April 8th	Closing at 12 for Easter Holidays
April 25th	Reopening at 9.10am
May 11th	Confirmation
May 14th	First Holy Communion
May 16th-20th	Literacy Assessment
May 23rd -27th	Numeracy Assessment
June 4th to June 7th	Closed Inclusive
June 28th	Closing at noon for Summer Holidays.

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www.stthomaspeterswell.blogspot.com

Our web site is www.peterswellschool.com



ST. THOMAS' N.S.

FEBRUARY 2022 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. January has been a challenging month in school as we have been faced with the scenario of many students being unable to attend school for sustained periods of time. I would like to thank all of our families for their efforts in keeping our school as safe as possible in the circumstances through partaking in the Voluntary Antigen Testing Program and in being extra vigilant for symptoms of Covid 19. A number of students have now returned to school and we hope to be back to full attendance in the very near future. For any students who are still isolating at home, I hope you are well and I am looking forward to welcoming you back soon.

A special work of thanks to our staff here in St Thomas NS, who have been working extremely hard in preparing and sending work home for students who are isolating while also managing in-person teaching with our students who are in school.

We are looking ahead now with optimism to the coming months and hope that as we enter spring, many of the religious, sporting and cultural activities that were previously the norm for our primary school children will again be an integral part of their school year.

Is mise le meas,

Michael Mulkerrins

Awards

Student of the Month — December 2021

Congratulations to:

Congratulations to Amy Carey, Méabh Stanford-Kilkenny and Ciaran Brady

Award Wall—December 2021

“Eco Warrior Awards”: Congratulations to Caitlin Connors-Moran, Joe Orford and Daniel Glynn.

Random Act of Kindness—December 2021

Congratulations to Oisín Reilly, Chloe Mulkerrins, Sadhbh Lynskey, Maye

Minecraft Education Edition

5th and 6th class have been busy working on their Minecraft Education Edition project. The theme for the project this year is building a more sustainable future for our community so the class have been taking on the roles of engineers, architects, planners, builders and computer coders as they imagine and build a Peterswell of the future. We will be posting a video of our final version during February.

Green Schools

Some Green Tips during Distance Learning

Parents who model sustainable behaviours and get their kids involved at an early age are doing a great service to both their children and the planet. We know that sustainability can encompass a number of things, from recycling to gardening, and in being resourceful with products and items that we use. We can teach these to our children through hands-on activities and by involving them in acting sustainably as well!

Go on a 'green team walk' with your kids and bring along some gloves and a bag. Children will enjoy feeling the impact that they have on the earth as they help clean up their own area in which they live. Remember use less single-use plastic in the home. Planting a small garden is one of the best ways to get your kids thinking about where their food comes from and the impact that the food supply chain has on the environment. Growing your own organic food helps save on the distance food has to travel to get to you. Of course re-use your junk for art. **PLAY OUTSIDE!** This simple activity goes a long way in teaching sustainability. Sharing in and appreciating a love of the outdoors will inspire kids to care for the earth.

HAVE SOME FUN caring for our planet!

Education

Christmas Art Competition and Quiz Winners 2021

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.

Congratulations to our Senior Room Christmas Quiz winners Ciaran, Joe and Isibéal.

Coiste Gaelach

Gaelbhrratach

Athbhliain faoi shéan is faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

Bhí mí an ghnóthach againn Mí na Nollag. D'eagraíomar comórtas ealaíne bunaithe ar an Nollaig. Phiocamar buaiteoir I ngach seomra agus tugadh duais dóibh. Leanamar orainn sna ranganna ag fáiltiú a chéile.

Chanamar carúil na Nollag as Gaeilge taobh amuigh le tionlacan ceoil. Rinneamar iarracht pé Gaeilge a bhí againn a úsáid chomh minic agus ab fhéidir. Bheimís an bhuíoch díobh Gaeilge a úsáid le bhur bpáistí sa bhaile le linn an "lockdown" seo. Tá said ag déanamh go hiontach agus mar sin bheadh sé ar fheabhas dá leanfaidís leis seo.

A very happy new year to all.

We had a very busy month for our Gaelbhrratach in December. We ran a Christmas art competition and a winner was chosen from each room.

We also learnt Christmas Carols in Irish and sang them outside accompanied by our very own musicians.

We continued with our class welcoming committees and we tried to use whatever Irish we had as often as possible. The children have made great progress with spoken Irish and we would appeal be grateful if you could encourage them to continue this at home, during lockdown. This would really build on the progress they have made.

Awards

Student of the Month — January 2022

Congratulations to:

Congratulations to Donagh Burke, Ronin Carey and Ciara Dooley Glynn

Award Wall—January 2022

"Best Starter 2022": Congratulations to Cillian McMahon, MJ Fahy and Andrea Kennedy

Random Act of Kindness—January 2022

Congratulations to Caitlin Connors-Moran, Charlotte Mulkerrins, Emily Broughall, Eve Carey, Noah Curley, Darragh Gillard, Sam Hughes, Emer Curley and Aoife Flannery.

Gaelgóir na Míosa

Comhghairdeas do Tomás De Búrca, Fionn O'hAodha agus Ciarán Ó Brádaigh .

Enrolment

Enrolments for Junior Infants for 2022/2023 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. It is our hope that they will be able to visit the school prior to that and partake in some form of an enrolment day. All decisions in this matter will be taken in line with Government restrictions and we will be keeping the parents of next years Junior Infants up to date as things develop.

Events

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Our 2nd, 5th and 6th classes are working very hard on their sacramental preparation. Our Confirmation will take place on May 11th and our First Holy Communion will take place on May 14th. Thank you to Fr Roche for visiting 5th and 6th class recently and helping with their preparation.

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 €4255. A huge thank you to Roslyn, Daniel, Joe, Andrea, Grace and Aaron for all their hard work. We look forward to the Students Council arranging more positive initiatives in the near future.

County Champions

A huge congratulations to our 4-in a row winning senior hurling team. You are all fantastic role models for our students to aspire to. A special word for our former pupils Adrian, David, Shane, Conor, James, Oisin, Brendan, Donal, Mark and Damien.

Commiserations to the team on their heartbreaking defeat to Ballyhale Shmrocks in the All-Ireland semi-final. What a performance the team gave and everyone in Peterswell is very proud of you.

Sport in St Thomas NS

We recently hosted gymnastics workshops for all students and staff. These were a very enjoyable and informative experience for all. Thank you to the PDST for facilitating this.

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.

Website

We are currently updating our school website and hope to be in a position to relaunch by March. Watch this space!!