

DATES TO NOTE:

June 8th	1st-2nd class blitz St Thomas pitch
June 13th	6th class Graduation
June 14th	2nd-4th blitz in Beagh
June 15th	2nd-4th blitz in Ballinderreen
June 16th	Family Fun Day
June 22nd	School Tours
June 23rd	Closing at 12 noon for Summer Holidays!
August 30th	Reopening for new school year.



ST. THOMAS' N.S.

JUNE 2023 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.

It has been a year of some change here in Peterswell NS. We have welcomed the students and staff of Peterswell Montessori and Afterschool to our grounds this year and what a wonderful addition they have been. We have seen a return to school life as it has always been and it has fantastic to see our students benefit from a number of educational trips and visitors throughout the year.

Well done to all our students who represented our school in extracurricular activities this year. A special mention to our Olympic Handballers who went all the way to the All-Ireland finals in their first year playing this sport.

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. A special word for the Dooley-Glynn and Kennedy 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 Cillian, Niall and Paudie to St Thomas NS for the 2023/24 year.

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 2023/24 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 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.

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.



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 12th.

Teachers e-mail addresses are :

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Insurance Premium

Insurance premium €8 due by Sept. 9th 2023. (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

Our Summer Growing programme is in full bloom. All classes have planted a variety of vegetables including potatoes, lettuce, chives, turnips and carrots and also some strawberries. Students are taking care of these raised beds, ensuring they are weeded and watered. The Green Schools Committee have planted some wild flowers in the corner of the pitch near the bug hotel. Our window boxes are also encouraging the bees to come and visit. Ms Nolan's classroom had a Healthy Eating Teddy Bears' Picnic. We encourage everyone to 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 first year.

Awards

Student of the Month — May 2023

Congratulations to:

Sadhbh Devine, Patrick Deely and Méabh Stanford Kilkenny.

Award Wall—May2023

"Progress and Persistence" - were presented to :

Keava Lynskey, Noah Curley and Grace Mulkerrins.

Random Act of Kindness—May 2023

Certificates were presented to:

Emily Broughall, Vincent Ramanauskas, Chloe Mulkerrins, Oisín Reilly, Caitlin Mulkerrins, Darragh Gillard, Culann Piggott, Manus Mulkerrins and Jonathan Quinn.

6th Class Graduation

A Tour of the Parish will be held for our current 6th class students on June 13th 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 22nd. Senior tour will be leaving at 9am and returning at approximately 5:30pm.

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. A special mention for our 5th and 6th class boys and girls who were successful in the Garda 7 a side tournament.

In-school leagues for 1st-6th are up and running currently with lots of great skills being developed in a fun environment.

It will be the turn of our younger classes to represent the school during the month of June and 1st-4th will be taking part in blitzes in St Thomas, Beagh and Ballinderreen. Good luck to all.

New Junior Infants

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new Junior Infants to St Thomas NS for the 2023/23 school year. Please note that Junior Infants should be collected at 12pm until September 8th and then can be collected at 2pm from the start of the following week.

Swimming

Swimming lessons are ongoing for 1st-5th classes with the last session on June 7th.

Sacraments

Our 2nd Class received their First Confession and First Holy Communion this month. Congratulations to Amber, Amy, Caitlin, Cillian, Conall, Oisín, Oran, Patrick, Sadhbh and Sadie.

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' 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:

Tomas Ó Nialláin, Mánas Ó Maolchiaráin agus Ciarán Ó Brádaigh
Gaelbhratach: An mhi seo rinneamar tionól as Gaeilge. Chauigh na páistí amach sa chlós ina mbeirteanna aga múioneadh Gaeilge dá cheile. Fuaireamar dea scéal faoin nGaelbhratach—Bhíomar in aithne 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 mbuíochas a ghabháil libhse, na tuismitheoirí as an tacaíocht a thugann sibh don bhfeachtas seo.

Táimid ag súil go mór leis an lá mór seo.