

Calendar

March 7th to March 16th	Coicís na Gaeilge
March 17th and 18th	Closed
April 8th	Closing at noon for Easter Holidays.
April 25th	Re-opening at 9.10am
May 5th	Induction for new Entrants at 1pm.
May 11th	Confirmation at 3pm
May 14th	First Holy Communion
June 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th	Closed
June 20th	Internet Safety talk
June 21st	School Tour
June 28th	Closing at noon for Summer Holidays.

Our blog address is

www.stthomaspeterswell.blogspot.com

Our web site is www.peterswellschool.com



ST. THOMAS' N.S.

MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER



The school will close for the Easter Break
on Friday April 8th at 12.00 noon.

*Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig
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AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE MONTH—FEBRUARY 2022

Congratulations to Charlotte, Aveen and Róisín.

AWARD WALL—FEBRUARY 2022

Congratulations to Keeva, Anna and Ciara.

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

Congratulations to Tom, Sadie, Donagh, Katie, Holly, Sarah, Síomha, Emer and Aengus.

GAELGÓIR NA MÍOSA

Comhghairdeas do Emíle, Árón agus Maye.

ENROLMENT 2022/23

Enrolment packs have been sent to all new entrants. Please return Appendices, documents at your earliest convenience to the school. A link for enrolment fee will be sent later. Induction Day will be held on Thursday May 5th from 1pm-2pm.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2022

GCS have informed us that they will have to be guided by Public Health Guidelines on when or if they can schedule this CAT4 Assessment for incoming 1st years.

SCHOOL TOUR

School Tours will take place on June 21st. 3rd-6th class will be travelling to University of Limerick to take part in Adventure World Camps. Students will be leaving for Limerick at 8am on the day and returning to Peterswell at 6pm. Cost is €41 and link for payment will be sent shortly. Details on tour for Junior Infants to 2nd will be finalised shortly.

<https://www.adventureworldcamps.com/school-tours/venues/>

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of management met at the school recently. The Board would like to thank the parents and staff who have worked so hard to maintain learning during the recent periods where students were absent from school. The Board would like to thank everyone who cooperated with the Covid-19 Voluntary Testing Program. The Board would like to wish Ms Moloney and Mr Mulkerrins well in the sacramental preparation that they are undertaking with their class. The Board would like to thank Ms Marren and Fiona Buckley for their support in preparing our school choir for these special occasions. The RSE talk for 6th Class is to be confirmed later this year with the hope that it can be carried out on a face to face basis. The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all their volunteers who give so freely of their time. The Board would like to thank all our parents and students for their adherence to our many school policies such as our healthy eating policy in school. The Board was happy to sanction a return to the school of our annual Induction Day for new entrants and are happy to see a resumption this year of traditional school tours and inter school activities. Finally, the Board would like to sympathise with all members of our school community who have lost loved ones in recent times.

CHILD PROTECTION

We updated our Child Safeguarding Statement and our Child Safeguarding Risk Assessment. (See notification below). If you have any suggestions/comments please contact the school. These may be found on our Weebly site—www.peterswellns.com.

6 This statement has been published on the school's website and has been provided to all members of school personnel, the Parents' Association (if any) and the patron. It is readily accessible to parents and guardians on request. A copy of this Statement will be made available to Tusla and the Department if requested.

7 This Child Safeguarding Statement will be reviewed annually or as soon as practicable after there has been a material change in any matter to which this statement refers.

This Child Safeguarding Statement was adopted by the Board of Management on 28/2/22 [date].

This Child Safeguarding Statement was reviewed by the Board of Management on 28/2/22 [most recent review date].

Signed: [Signature]
Chairperson of Board of Management

Signed: [Signature] Mulkerrins
Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

Date: 28/2/22

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GAEILGE

Tá go leor imeachtaí ar siúl do Sheachtain na Gaeilge. Beidh breis corp oideachais as Gaeilge á dhéanamh againn.. Beidh damhsaí Gaelacha aonair ar siúl ag na páistí. Beidh ceol Gaelach le cloisteáil acu. Déanfaidh siad Amhrán na gCupán. Beidh quiozanna as Gaeilge á dhéanamh ag na meáin agus na hardranganna. Beidh comórtas ealaíne do Sheachtain na Gaeilge á reachtáil againn. Beidh scéalta le cloisteáil agus le léamh as Gaeilge. Déanfaidh na páistí tréan iarracht an Ghaeilge atá acu a úsáid. Beidh cluichí biongó as Gaeilge againn agus beidh cluichí clóis agus cluichí teanga á dhéanamh freisin. Arís cuirfidh sé go mór le Seachtain na Gaeilge má bhíonn seans ag na páistí Gaeilge a chleachtadh sa bhaile freisin. Beidh Lá Glas againn ar an Máirt.

We are having lots of activities for Seachtain na Gaeilge. These include lots of games through Irish, dance, bingo in Irish, quizzes, poster competition, listening to and reading stories in Irish. The children are great at using Irish. If it's possible it would very helpful for the children if they practised speaking Irish at home for Seachtain na Gaeilge

GREEN SCHOOLS

I hope that everyone is continuing to re-use and recycle at home. Some of you have brought in your old Christmas cards that we can use for crafts for Christmas 2021. The Junior Classes are still making wonderful art from items they have brought in from home. Mr Mulkerrins gave the Junior and Middle Classes a presentation on FairTrade. Students have brought in evidence of the FairTrade items their families have bought. We have definitely cut down on travel in the middle of a pandemic - so our carbon footprint is a lot lower this year, as we are all staying within our 5km radius. The Junior Room have planted seeds this week - coriander, beetroot, carrots, thyme, rocket, cress and aubergine in the classroom this week. We are all doing our bit for the planet so keep up the good work!

ATTENDANCE:

January 2022 76.8%

February 2022 87.7%

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly marked in the space provided. This eliminates confusion and helps to prevent loss of same. Reminder to wear sun block and hats if necessary in the last term. Please do not wear "flip flops"-only strapped sandals.

Cumann na mBunscol

We were delighted to get confirmation from the Cumann na mBunscol recently on a return to play for primary school teams. After school training has commenced for 3rd-6th class students for camogie on Mondays and hurling on Wednesdays.

We look forward to our students having the opportunity to represent our school teams in the coming months.

PUNCTUALITY

It is important that we develop, promote and maintain the habit of being punctual for school events and appointments. I would ask everyone to make a special effort to be in time for school this term both **before** and **after** school. Teachers are required to keep punctuality records in relation to children who are frequently late for school.

Breakfast Club, After School and ECCE

Thank you to everybody who took part in our recent survey for this. We are working with the diocese and an approved service provider to finalise the details of putting these facilities in place in St Thomas NS. It is our hope that we will be able to confirm this enterprise in the very near future with a targeted date of September to have it up and running. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact the school.

Ireland's Future is Mine Project

5th and 6th class were delighted to complete this project in February. It has now been submitted and can be viewed at the below link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DazqXAKn-cM&t=11s>

BOOK RENTAL 2022-2023

It is important to keep costs to a minimum and to this end our school runs a book rental scheme. Your child will receive a book rental form shortly and if interested please return before March 24th and pay the required fee with the payment link. Forms received after this date will not be accepted. **Each** child must return their own form in an envelope with their name to the class teacher.

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

The Anti-Bullying Policy was reviewed, updated and ratified by the BOM recently. Please see notice below re :

Notification regarding the BOM annual review.

Notification regarding the Board of Management's annual review of the anti-bullying policy

To: All School Personnel, Parents and all members of St Thomas NS.

The Board of Management of St. Thomas NS wishes to inform you that:

- The Board of Management's annual review of the school's anti-bullying policy and its implementation was completed at the Board meeting of 8/3/21 [date].
- This review was conducted in accordance with the checklist set out in **Appendix 4** of the Department's *Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*.

Signed Francis Walsh Date 9/3/21
Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed Michael McKernis Date 9/3/21
Principal

