

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.

DATES TO NOTE:

May 12th	Cumann na mBunscol Hurling
May 13th	Montessori Open Day
May 15th	6th class RSE talk
May 15th-19th	Numeracy Testing
May 19th	Garda Tournament Hurling
May 22nd-26th	Literacy Testing
June 2nd	School closed staff training
June 15th	6th Class Graduation
June 16th	Family Fun Day
June 22nd	School Tours
June 23th	Closing at noon for Summer Holidays

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MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to the last term of the 2022/23 school year.
We hope you all enjoyed the Easter Break.

Enjoy the last term everyone!

Board of Management

The Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment was recently updated, approved by the Board of Management and may be found on our school blog.

The Board of Management would like to wish all of our school staff and children well as they begin the final term of this school year. A special word of our 6th class students who are now in their last term attending Peterswell NS. We hope they enjoy this term and leave with many fond memories of their time here.

Class Allocation 2023/24

The following will be the class groupings for next year:

Junior Infants—1st: Ms Nolan
2nd-4th: Ms Moloney
5th-6th: Mr Mulkerrins
SET: Mrs Marren

6th Class Graduation

An end of year graduation will be held for our 6th class students on Thursday June 15th at 6pm. A tour of the parish will follow after the graduation at 6:45pm. It would be great if as many people as possible could come out and give our super 6th class students a well deserved send off on the night.

First Communion

First Holy Communion took place at 12pm on Saturday May 6th. Congratulations to Amber, Amy, Caitlin, Cillian, Conall, Oisín, Oran, Patrick, Sadhbh and Sadie on a wonderful day. Thank you to Ms Moloney, Fiona and all our staff who helped with preparations. Thank you also to Fr Roche for his work with the class.

Our 1st class parents hosted a party in the school for all of our Communion families after the ceremony.
Míle buíochas!

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 blog.

If you have any suggestions/comments please contact the school.

Stamped Parents Addressed Envelopes

Each pupil is requested to submit one, per pupil to receive their school reports.

School Reports

School Reports will be posted on the week beginning June 12th. Parents who wish to discuss the school reports with teachers may request to do so via email.

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Food and Biodiversity Week

The sun shone in Peterswell for our Food and Biodiversity Week. The children really enjoyed attending webinars on Fair-Trade, Nutrition and the Future of Farming. We had a really creative slogan competition on going throughout the week. Well done to our three winners Sadhbh, Caitlin and Manus and we finished up the week with a delicious nutritious healthy food picnic. Well done to Ms Nolan and all the Green Schools committee for organising all of the activities.

Gaelbhratach

Tá cluichí á dhéanamh again sa chlós agus sa rang trí mhéan na Gaeilge. Beidh na meánranganna ag déanamh glaoch zoom leis na naíonáin chun ealaín a dhéanamh leo.

Tá an coiste Gaelach chun Scéal an Lae a dhéanamh leis na naíonáin taobh amigh.

Tá sraith iománaíochta ag na meánranganna agus ag na hardranganna agus beidh sé á reachtáil i nGaeilge.

Tá coiste don Ghaelbhratach an sásta leis an dul chun cinn atá déanta ag na páistí sa scoil seo. Táimid an bhródúil as iarracht na bpáistí go dtí seo agus bheimís fíor bhuíoch dá mbeadh deis ag na gasúir pé Gaeilge atá acu a chleachtadh sa mbaile.

Tháinig an bhean ón Gaelbhratach. Rinneamar an Hake Gaelach agus an Dreoilín di leis an scoil iomlán. Bhí sí an Tógftha leis an obair ar fad atá déanta sa scoil.

Insurance Premium

Insurance premium €8 due by Sept. 11th 2023

A link for this payment will be sent via Aladdin.

(24 Hour Pupil Insurance Cover €8)

Indoor Shoes 3rd to 6th

3rd to 6th classes are required to wear plimsolls in class.

Classes Junior Infants to 2nd **DO NOT** need to change their shoes.

Awards

Student of the Month — March 2023

Daithí McMullan, Caitlin Mulkerrins, Pádraig Neylon.

Award Wall—March 2023—“Labhairt naGaeilge”

Emíle Ní Bhruachail, Conal Ó Mhaoilchiaráin, Rónán Ó Chiardha.

Random Act of Kindness—March 2023

Tom Burke, Stephen McSpadden, Donagh Burke, Oisín Reilly,

Amy Carey, Noah Curley, Ciara Dooley Glynn, Holly Chapman,

Emer Curley.

Gaeilge

Bronnadh teastaisí Gaeilgeoir na Míosa ar na páistí seo a leanas:

Mí Márta:

Nathan Mac Thoirdealbhaigh, Cillian Mac Mathúna,

Alastar Ó hAodha.

Tour

The Annual Educational Tour for 3rd to 6th class will take place on June 22nd. The class will visit Glengowla Mines and Pearses Cultural Centre Rosmuc with a stop off at Supermacs on the way home.

The Junior Tour for JI-2nd will take place on the same day and they will be visiting The Burren Nature Sanctuary.

Heritage in Schools

As part of our Heritage in Schools project that has been ongoing in the senior classroom, we were rewarded with a heritage trip by BurrenBeo. This took place on May 3rd and 4th-6th classes visited The Cusack Centre. This trip was fully funded by BurrenBeo

Sport in the School

We are right in the middle of a very busy sporting season in school.

Recently our school teams have taken part in county championships in camogie, gaelic football, soccer and Olympic handball with our hurling competition taking place this Friday. A special word for our boys Olympic handball team who won out the county championships defeating Trinity NS in the final. This team went on to represent our school in the All-Ireland finals in Gormanstown Co Meath where they gave a great account of themselves winning two of their four matches.

Thank you to Lauren Solan who completed 6 weeks of GAA coaching with all our students recently.

Congratulations to Ciara Dooley-Glynn who represented the school on the Galway Mini-7's team at half time in the recent Galway vs Wexford match.

1st-6th classes will be taking part in in-school summer leagues for hurling/camogie during the months of May and June and we hope that all children enjoy these activities.

"Sport teaches you character, it teaches you to play by the rules, it teaches you to know what it feels like to win and lose
- It teaches you about life."

6th Class RSE

The 6th class RSE talk will return to an in-person format this year. We are grouped with Kilbeacanty and Ballyturn schools for this and this year Kilbeacanty are hosting on May 15th from 9:30-12:30. If you have a child in 6th class, please arrange for them to be taken to and collected from Kilbeacanty on this day.

Wellness Week

Well done to Ms Moloney and the Students Council on organising a fantastic Wellness Week in the lead up to the Easter holidays. Students got to try out a range of different wellness activities throughout the week.

Attendance

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 pupils teacher at the back of the diary. (Medical Certs may be required). We also now require a completed **Return to Educational Facility** form to be completed after any absences.
- * 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.

To promote attendance we will award Certificates to our pupils for attendance before the Summer and we publish these names in the September Newsletter .

<u>Attendance</u>	March 2023	96.5%
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