

Provisional School Calendar

October 5th Grandparents Day

October 7th Mini 7's Boys Football

October 13th Garda Football Tournament

October 24th Senior Room trip to Coole Park

October 28th Closing for Halloween @ 2pm and 3pm as usual.

Nov. 7th Reopening

November 14th-18th Parent Teacher Meetings

December 9th Half Day Closure at 12:30 pm for staff training

December 14th Christmas Show at 6:30pm

December 21st Closing for Christmas at 12pm



ST. THOMAS' N.S.

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



Mol an Óige agus tiocfaidh sí

Daily Timetable

School opens at 9.10am (for 9.20am start) and finishes at 2.00pm for infant classes, 3.00pm for 1st to 3rd and 3.05pm for 4th to 6th.

The school will open to receive pupils at the hour of 9.10 am. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time. Classes will commence each day at 9.20 am and the exterior door will be shut at 9.30 am. Pupils and parents can use the intercom to enter school after that time.

Dismissal

Classes 1st to 3rd - Please collect at 2.58pm

Classes 4th-6th - Please collect at 3.05pm

September Events

It has been a very busy and productive first month back to school for all our students and staff. All students have been working very hard in all curricular areas. We have also experienced some excellent extra-curricular activities. Our 4th-6th class boys and girls represented the school with distinction in the recent camogie and hurling Mini-7's competitions.

All 5th and 6th class students visited Gort Community School for a hurling and camogie blitz on September 26th. It was a most enjoyable day and it was very beneficial for our students to meet with children from other schools who they will be attending secondary with.

2nd-6th class visited Thoor Ballylee on September 16th. All students walked to and from Ballylee, covering a distance of over 6kms, where they enjoyed a fantastic guided tour with Yeats expert Pat O' Toole.

Visiting Friends – The Nits!

It's that time of year again. The best advice is to tie back long hair, check weekly for lice and use the conditioner and comb method. If your child has head lice check everyone in your family and alert the school.

Parent Teacher Meetings

These meetings will take place from November 14th-18th. Your child's class teacher will be in touch with a specific time closer to that date. If you have concerns regarding your child's learning, please contact the class teacher via email

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Athletics

20 students from Peterswell travelled to Renmore on September 20th to take part in the Primary Schools Galway Cross Country Championships. All student ran brilliantly and we were delighted to see 3 of our students , Eve Carey, Manus Mulkerrins and Alex Hughes, qualify for the finals. They returned to Renmore the following week and again ran very well in the finals. Well done all!

"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." Billie Jean King

Sport Stars

Congratulations to Ciaran Brady on being selected on the Gort Community School All-Star team at their recent blitz for 5th and 6th class students.

Congratulations to Andrea Kennedy on her recent performances in World Irish Dancing Championships in Dublin.

Congratulations to Grace Mulkerrins and her Coole FC teammates on winning the U-11 Cup in Ennis recently.



Motorists

Please reverse to the path, which will allow the students to make their way into school via the path. As space is limited, there are serious Health and Safety Issues if recommendations are not adhered to.

Green Schools

The members of our Green Schools Committee are:

We are encouraging students and their families to continue to reduce re-use and recycle and to focus on saving energy at home and at school.

Coiste Gaelach

Students Council

Book Rental

Please note that all rented books must be well cared for and returned to the school in good condition at the end of the school year.

School Blog

Please visit our school blog for further updates and pictures of school activities

<http://stthomaspeterswell.blogspot.com/>

Awards



September: Student of the Month

Congratulations to:

September Award Wall : Best Starter of the Year

Congratulations to:

September: Random Act of Kindness

Congratulations to:

Gaeilgeoir na Míosa

First Holy Communion

We will have 10 candidates for First Holy Communion this year. Best wishes to Amy, Amber, Caitlin, Sadie, Sadhbh, Cillian, Oisín, Patrick, Conall and Oran.

We will inform parents of a date for First Holy Communion when we have one.

Events

Operation Christmas Child

The school will again be partaking in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal this year.



We appreciate all of your participation in this activity and please remember the 4 W's when filling your shoebox: Something to Write with, to Wash with, to Wear and to make the children go Wow.

The closing date for receipt of boxes in the school is 8th November 2022

Friendship Fortnight

This has been a major success in the school, children focusing on starting, developing and maintaining friendships. Activities included assemblies, Anti-Bullying Posters, Art, Random Acts of Kindness and Handprint Posters. Students in the senior room identified kindness, honesty and loyalty as the qualities they most look for in a friend.



All students in the school have now signed up to our Anti-Bullying Pledge.