

Board of Management

Thank you to all parents who put their name forward for our BOM. It is greatly appreciated. The new board has now been elected and will meet in early December. The board consists of:

Chairperson: Francis Walsh

Secretary: Michael Mulkerrins

Treasurer: Marie Fahy

Teacher's Rep: Geraldine Nolan

Parents Rep: Anthony Gillard

Parents Rep: Sylvia Egan

Patron's Nominee: Josephine Hynes

Community Rep: Mary Cooney

On behalf of the staff and Board of Management I wish you a peaceful, healthy and safe Christmas.

**Nollaig Naofa, Beannachtaí Íosa, Nollaig Chroíúil,
Is Bliain Nua maith.**

Michael Mulkerrins

Principal



ST. THOMAS' N.S.

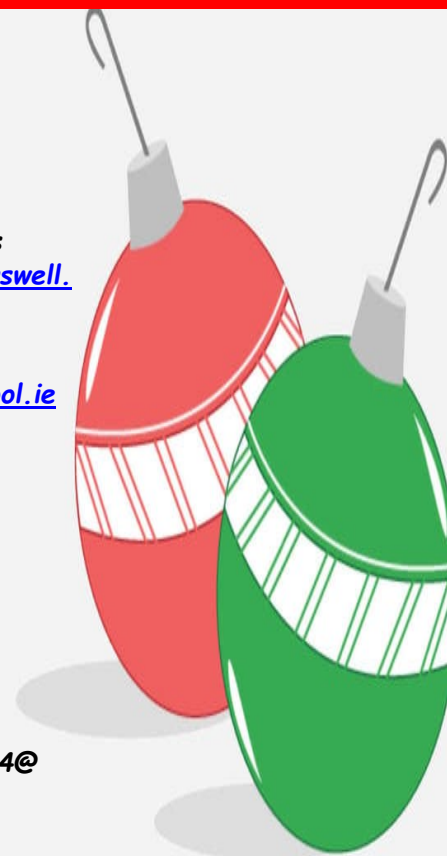
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Merry Christmas

Christmas Nativity

Ms Nolan's classes are very busy preparing for their Christmas Nativity. We are looking forward all their families in to enjoy the show. It will take place on December 15th at 1pm in Ms Nolan's room

Book Fair

The Book Fair raised €918 so our school got €459 worth of books. Thank you so much to all our generous parents who are giving your children the gift of reading and helping our school library grow.

St Thomas'

A huge congratulations to the St Thomas' senior camogie team on winning the Galway Senior B Championship recently. We were delighted to welcome the team to the school on December 1st. They are an inspiration to our young camogie players. The very best of luck to the St Thomas' senior hurling team in the upcoming All-Ireland semi-final. What an achievement to be back in the last four again.

Olympic Handball

Well done to our 5th and 6th classes students who took part in the preliminary rounds of the Galway Olympic Handball competition recently. Both teams were terribly unlucky not to qualify with the girls finishing joint 3rd and the boys losing out on a place in the final match through score difference. These teams have done so well for us in this new sport over the past 12 months and we are so proud of their efforts.

Healthy Lunchbox Policy

St Thomas NS operates a healthy lunch policy.

Each child should have a lunch which is substantially healthy in nature

The following items are not permitted: crisps, cheese strings, fizzy drinks and chewing gum

Please be aware that quite a lot of lunch items available are 'dressed-up' as healthy, nutritious foods but which in reality are laced with sugar and other additives. We appeal to your common sense in this regard.

Important Dates to note

December 18th	—	Christmas Raffle
December 22nd	—	Closing at 12pm for Christmas
January 8th	—	Reopening
Feb 13th	—	First Confession
Feb 15-16th	—	Closed for Mid-Term
April 17th	—	Confirmation
Sat 11th May	-	First Holy Communion



Attendance: Oct 98% Nov 96.1%

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 pupil's teacher at the back of the diary. (Medical Certs. may be required)

* 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.

Green Schools

Our school continues to work on our Green Flag Global Citizenship, Food & Biodiversity. We encourage you to keep your Christmas, to re-use, recycle and reduce waste. We are doing a Christmas Food Appeal our school for those less well off than ourselves. We also hope to have a visit from Barna Waste & Recycling early in the new year to help reinforce the importance of minding our planet. Continue to feed the birds around your homes, particularly in our current cold spell.

Team Hope

Thank you to all families who contributed Christmas Shoeboxes for the Team Hope appeal this year. They will bring a lot of joy to the children who get to open them.

Awards

Student of the Month — November 2023

Congratulations to: Robyn Blake, Oran Brady and Ronin Carey.

Award Wall—November 2023

"PERFECT PENMANSHIP AWARDS" - Ava Burke, Conall Mulkerrins and Finn Hughes.

Random Act of Kindness—November 2023

Certificates were presented to:

Niall Mulkerrins, Nathan Curley, Stephen McSpadden, Anna Burke, Patrick Deely, Amy Carey, Manus Mulkerrins, Jack Lynskey and Méabh Stanford Kilkenny.

Gaeilge

Bronnadh teastaisí Gaeilgeoir na Míosa ar na páistí seo a leanas an mhí seo caite:

Daithí Mac Maoláin. Oisín Ó Raghallaigh agus Aoife Ní Chiardha.

Gaelbhrtach

Bhí mí gnóthach againn. Tháinig Áine ón nGaelbhrtach ar cuairt chugainn. Bhí sí thar a bheith sásta leis an méid oibre a bhí déanta ag na gasúir. Ghlac sí fianaise den obair a bhí déanta go dtí seo agus beidh deontas ar fail again chun achmhainní Gaeilge a cheannach

Food for the Needy

We have started a box of non-perishable food for those in need in the local area. Please give an item or two to your child to bring into school for this very worthy cause. This box will be collected from the school on Friday December 8th.

Test Copies

All students from 1st-6th class complete Friday tests. Please ensure that these copies are signed by parents when students bring them home on either Friday or Monday evenings.

IDEAS FOR CHRISTMAS

Board Games:

www.familyeducation.com/fun/board-games/best-classic-board-games-kids

Educational Apps:

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/lifestyle/arid-30824758.html>

Books

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-primary-school-pupils/>

Dismissal

Classes 1st to 4th please collect at 2.58pm
Classes 5th & 6th please collect at 3.05pm.

Pupil Safety

Pupils need to be reminded of the need to be safety conscious when out and about during the winter period. If dark, please wear a Hi Vis jacket in the morning. We have been in regular communication with our local councillors on the matter of improved lighting and road markings on the approach to our school. It would be great if parents lent their voice to this also by making contact with local representatives.

TAP

Peterswell NS are partaking in a Teacher Artist Partnership project this year. We have paired with the fantastic Rachel Moloney and all classes are working on exciting print projects while learning new skills and techniques.

Christmas Fundraising Raffle

Thanks to all our pupils and their families who have brought in items/prizes for the Christmas hampers/raffle. Thank you to all who have helped and will help with ticket sales. All raffle cards will be collected at school on Friday December 15th. The Raffle will take place on Monday December 18th at 2pm. Well done everyone and best of luck.

