

Recommended Board Games For Winter Fun

With the cold winter here, you're no doubt looking for ways to keep your family busy when you're all spending quality time together. What better way to entertain everyone than with a fun, challenging board game! Please add some of these to your shopping list! (One out of each category initially would be great and see how much use you make of it) Here are some recommendations:

Gaeilge

- Liosta Siopadóireacht
- Junior Scrabble as Gaeilge
- Usborne Snap as Gaeilge
- Snap -Nollag

English

- Scrabble (Junior and Original)
- Upwords
- Boggle
- Jenga
- Guess who

Mathematics

- Mathopoly
- Sum Swamp
- Equate
- Head full of Numbers
- Snakes and Ladders

Geography

- Discover Europe
- Discover Ireland

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Christmas Raffle

We will be running our Christmas raffle again this year. This is a vital fundraiser to help with the running costs of our school. We will be sending home raffle cards with each student in the coming weeks to sell. In the meantime, we are asking any families who are in a position to donate a prize for our raffle to do so. Every prize, no matter how great or small, would be greatly appreciated. Prizes can be sent in from now with students or if you would prefer to make a donation later, you can notify us via email to peterswellschool1944@gmail.com.

School Sport

We took part in Mini-7's competitions in hurling, camogie and football and sent a mixed boys/girls team to the Garda football tournament. We had some great wins over the different events against Ballyglass, Kilchreest, Gaelscoil Riabhach, Kilbeacanty, Woodford, Bullaun, Tierneevin, Kiltartan and Northampton and were delighted to be victorious in the Garda Football Tournament. It was also fantastic to see the Tom Callanan Cup visit our school for the 6th year in a row. Please visit our blog to see pictures of a great day.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be visiting our school from November 13th-17th. Children in all classes will be given an opportunity to visit the book fair, choose books they are interested in and then discuss their choices at home prior to purchasing.

Christmas Show

Junior Infants to 1st class will be performing a nativity in school this year. Christmas Shows for the all classes will return in 2024 and will be held on a bi-annual basis in the years ahead.

Léigh sa Bhaile

Léigh sa Bhaile is an important reading task that students complete as Gaeilge each evening. If necessary to assist with pronunciation, audio files for this book can be online by following the steps below.

Go to www.cjfallon.ie

Click on Parent Student Resources

Select Primary

Select class (First class or Second class or third class)

Select Gaeilge

Select Léigh sa Bhaile

Select page number - for example I ch 89 is page 89 and listen to your track.

Infants

It is encouraging to see our Infants becoming happy, well adjusted learners. They have now become established in what is for them, a new place in the world, and are making friends, taking part in activities and learning new skills.

Sacraments

Confirmation will take place on April 17th at 3pm and First Holy Communion will take place on May 11th at 12pm. Best of luck to all our students receiving their sacraments.

Credit Union Art

All of our students submitted fantastic pictures for this year's Credit Union Art competition. The standard was very high and we were delighted that 3rd class student Caitlin Mulkerrins was chosen as one of the overall winners. Congratulations Caitlin.

Green Schools

Our flag for this year is Global Citisenship, Biodiversity & Food. We have completed a school survey based on this theme to detect how much is known on the subject. Students have also completed food and plant life maps of our school grounds. We will do another survey towards the end of the programme. We are encouraging families to buy local—food that is grown locally and has not travelled long distance to reach your table. We are also promoting growing vegetables at home, even on a very small scale

Gaelbhratach

Bhí mí gnóthach againn. Bhí tionól againn leis an scoil ar fad. Bhí seó faisin na Samhna againn agus rinne na MC'S Aoibheann Nic Mhathúna agus Alastar Ó hAodha an jab. Bhí ceoltóirí againn sa scoil agus sheinn ár ndaltaí féin leo. Sheinn na ceoltóirí An Dreoilín dúinn agus rinne an scoil iomlán an damhsa. D'ardaigh Bean Uí Dhónaill an Gaelbhratach nua dúinn ar an 10ú lá de Mhí na Samhna. Labhair mé le Áine ón nGaelbhratach agus tá sí an sásta leis an obair atá ar siúl ag na páistí. Tá sí ag teacht chuig an scoil ar cuairt ar an Luan, an 13ú de Mhí na Samhna. Tá na páistí móra ag éisteacht leis na páistí óga ag labhairt Gaeilge agus tá said ag tabhairt greamáin dóibh chun iad a ghríosah. Ba mhaith liom na páistí a mholadh as an iarracht atá á dhéanamh acu Gaeilge a labhairt agus sibhse, a thuismitheoirí as cabhrú leo.

Uniforms:

It would be great to see all students wearing their formal uniforms on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Awards

Student of the Month — October 2023

Congratulations to:

Vincent Ramanauskas, Katie Mulkerrins, Grace Mulkerrins.

Award Wall—October 2023

"Friendship Awards" - were presented to :

Michael Glynn, Cillian McMahon, Aveen McMahon.

Random Act of Kindness—October 2023

Certificates were presented to:

Páidí Broughall, Fiadh Lynskey, Cillian Burke, Charlotte Mulkerrins, Noah Curley, Darragh Gillard, Joe Orford, Evan Lynskey, Holly Chapman.

Gaeilge

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

Nathan Mac Thoirdealbhaigh, Cáit Ní Mhaolchiaráin agus Culann Ó Píodóg.

Operation Christmas Child

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Shoebox Appeal. We had a great response and these gifts will bring a great amount of joy to the children who receive them.

Please see our blogspot <http://stthomaspeterswell.blogspot.com/> for pictures.

Paired Reading:

Every year after Halloween for 6 weeks we ask our parents to take part in the Paired Reading Programme with their children.

What is it?

Paired Reading is a technique that parents can use to help their own child with reading practice. The method involves the parent who is a skilled reader and the child who is learning, reading a book together.

Your child selects a book. It must also be suitable to his/her reading level.

- Discuss the book: What is the title of the book? What does the cover picture tell you? Why did you pick this book? What do you think will happen in the story?
- Invite the child to read along with you.
- You both read together. Pace your reading to the speed of the child.
- If your child fails at a word, or struggles at a word for longer than 4 seconds, pronounce the word clearly for him/her. Then continue reading as before.
- Ask questions occasionally e.g. at the end of a page: What do you think will happen next?
- Make observations about the story: "That's terrible! He must feel very sad".
- Praise the child frequently for his/her effort.
- A period of 15 minutes is recommended for reading together. Always stop at a natural break in the story, if the book is too long to read at one sitting.

Things to Avoid:

Turn off the television, radio etc. - they are obvious distractions.

- Avoid other family members interrupting you while Paired Reading is taking place.
- Avoid negative comments. Do not make comments like "Look at what you are doing" or "Concentrate, you knew that word last week"
- Don't continue with a session if the child is obviously very tired.
- Now that your child is reading himself/ herself don't stop reading to him/her at other times. The more times you read to your child will increase his/her enjoyment of books.

Voluntary Contribution

This years voluntary contribution request will be sent out in February. There will be an option to pay in instalments.

Halloween Fancy Dress

Fancy dress was held on Friday October 27th and the children had a very enjoyable day. It was great to see such a variety of spooky characters around Peterswell.

Defibrillator

Thank you to all who contributed to and visited our Cake Sale for our defibrillator . A fantastic sum of €1200 was raised on the day for this worthy cause. It is the policy of St Thomas NS to support one worthy cause each year. If you have a suggestion for next year, please feel free to approach us. Well done to Ms Moloney and the Students Council on a great event.