



# Scoil an Tamhnaigh

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Dear Parent(s),

There are a number of items I would like to bring to your attention in our February newsletter.

### **School Planning:**

The school will **close on this Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30p.m.** to facilitate our Term 2 staff planning meeting. Buses will operate as normal at this time.

The Department of Education have implemented a new curriculum for teaching English and Irish in all primary schools in Ireland. The Department have sanctioned two further half day closures this school year specifically for planning on the new curriculum, which Toonagh NS must partake in. We will notify you of these closure dates when we have more details.

### **Enrolment Junior Infants and other classes September 2020:**

Application forms can be downloaded on our school website [toonaghschool.com](http://toonaghschool.com) or one can contact the school to receive a form.

If you know of another child (neighbour, relation, friend etc.), please inform them of this. The closing date for enrolment will be 28<sup>th</sup> of February.

### **Catholic Schools Week and Grandparents' Day:**

Catholic Schools week was celebrated at school during the last week of January and it culminated with Grandparents' Day on Friday January 31<sup>st</sup>. The children and staff were delighted to see so many grandparents attend our mass to honour and celebrate our grandparents. Thanks to Fr. Pat O'Neill for celebrating the mass and thanks to the teachers and SNAs for organising such a meaningful celebration with wonderful music, artwork and participation in the mass. We finished off Grandparents' Day with a fun game of bingo and our Parents Association provided very nice refreshments for our visitors and thank you to the parents who helped out with serving the refreshments.

### **School Absences:**

As a parent, you must let the school know if your child is absent and the reason why. *It is school policy that reasons must be given in writing.* The school is obliged to notify TUSLA – Child and Family Agency if a child is absent for 20 days or more or where the absence gives rise to concern.

Please supply the class teacher with a written note explaining the reason for absence for the school's records.

### **Active Schools Initiatives:**

- **Gymnastics:** All children in the school are participating in gymnastics each week. Magda Konezyk (gymnastics coach) visits the school each Monday. Many thanks to the Parents' Association who are sponsoring the cost of these lessons.
- **GAA Coaching:** Ann McMahon continues coaching the boys and girls on the fundamental movements and hurling/camogie skills in the school each week. Coaching will continue each Friday and thanks to Ruan GAA club for funding this excellent coaching for all the girls and boys in Toonagh.

### **School Sport:**

- **Primary Schools' Handball:** There is a great tradition of handball in Toonagh. Many of the boys and girls in the school have been taking part in evening trainings. The school recently entered the Primary Schools Handball Competitions this year and had great success winning 3 of the 4 Doubles titles on offer and these winners will now go on to represent the school and handball club in Munster. Representing the school were:  
Boys U11: Darragh Casey (singles), Cillian Cummins and Conor Coffey (doubles - champions)  
Girls U11: Ella Casey & Tara Lucas (doubles - champions)  
Boys U13: James Cullinan (singles), Cathal Noonan & Jamie Ryan (doubles)  
Girls U13: Isabelle McInerney (singles), Clarissa Gilmore & Aoife Cummins (doubles - champions)  
All pupils represented their school very well on their respective nights and well done to all the pupils who are currently training weekly with Toonagh Handball club and making great progress. I would like to extend a big thank you to the Toonagh Handball Club and all of the coaches who give their time voluntarily to coach the girls and boys in this fantastic sport. The future of handball in the area is looking very bright.
- **Indoor Hurling/Camogie:** Pupils competed in the Cumann na mBunscol Indoor Hurling and Camogie recently. The boys (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class) took on Inagh, Inch and Ennis C.B.S. on January 30<sup>th</sup>. The boys defeated Ennis CBS and Inch while drawing with Inagh. Therefore a playoff was needed with Inagh, this match was a draw again in normal time, remained a draw in extra time with Inagh scoring a 'golden goal' to progress. Huge well done to this group of boys who acquitted themselves very well and consider themselves unlucky not to progress to the next round.  
The girls (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Class) took on Inch, Inagh and Ennis CBS on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The girls played brilliant on the day and won all their matches to progress to the next round including a victory over Inagh in extra time to decide who qualified. Well done to the boys and girls who have been training through lunchtimes in recent weeks.

### **Community Games Art:**

Thank you to all pupils who entered the Community Games Art Competition. The standard of entries was extremely high. Pupils that have been selected to progress to the County Finals on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> the event will held in CBS Rice College. Competitors should arrive by about 09.30am for a 10am start and have all their own materials with them. Theme any Community games sport. First and second places are as follows:

U8: Maria Hurley, Rachel Pegg, Michael Cahir, Jack Casey,

U10: Sarah O' Leary, Emma Brohan, Adam Pegg, Luke Flanagan,

U12: Eyrn Moroney, Abby Cantillon, Jack Browne, Tomas Barry

U14: Sarah Browne, Tara Mornoney, Billy Marrinan, Ronan Barry,

**Parents' Association News:**

The recent 'Cash for Clobber' clothes collection raised a total of €1000 and thanks to everyone who supported this fundraiser. The involvement of the Parents' Association is a vital part of our school and we are very fortunate to have such a supportive Parents' Association and wider parent body who help and support events and fundraisers.

**Important Dates coming up:**

- **Wednesday February 12<sup>th</sup>:** Half day closure for Term 2 Staff Planning meeting - close at 12.30 (buses will operate at this time)
- **17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> of February (inclusive):** school closed for mid-term break.
- **Monday February 24<sup>th</sup>:** School reopens after mid-term break.
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of April:** Confirmation Day @ 11pm in Ruan church.
- **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> of May:** First Holy Communion @ 11am in Dysart church.

Le gach dea-bheannacht and wishing you all a nice mid-term.

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Gearóid Roughan,  
Príomhoide

Please Sign, detach and return to the class teacher:

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I acknowledge receipt of newsletter (February, 2020).

Parent(s)/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_