



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 this April Newsletter.

Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion

Best wishes to our pupils and their families for the Sacrament of Confirmation and Holy Communion. They have been practising very well and thanks very much to Ms. Garrahy and Mr. Kelly for all the work they are putting in to preparing the children.

The Confirmation takes place on Thursday April 25th at 3pm in Ruan with Bishop Fintan. School will close at 1pm on this day to facilitate staff to attend and also to help pupils who are siblings/relatives to attend the Confirmation.

The Holy Communion takes place on Saturday May 4th at 11am in Dysart Church.

School Choir and Music

Our school choir and musicians have been putting in a great effort for the sacraments and thanks to Ms. Griffin, Ms. Barry and Ms. Garrahy for their help with our singers and music makers.

Children from 1st – 6th Class are part of our choir and we ask that these pupils be available on the date of the Holy Communion where possible for our choir.

Please see the permission slip sent home this week about the Holy Communion choir and please return to Ms. Garrahy. Thanks for your support on this.

School Planning half day closure

The school will close on Wednesday May 1st @12.30 pm for a Staff meeting to facilitate staff planning in the curricular areas that we are currently reviewing (Maths, Visual Arts and School Self Evaluation of Oral Irish).

Buses will operate as normal at this time.

Family Fun Bingo Fundraiser for Sensory Room

This fundraiser was a fantastic success and the final amount raised from our Family Fun Bingo was an amazing €6200. Please see attached the list of businesses that gave sponsorship. Many thanks for all your support and thanks to our Parents Association for all the hard work they did to make this event such a great success. We hope to complete our new Sensory Room later this month.

Active Schools Week 2024

Active Schools week took place last week in Toonagh NS and the children really enjoyed it. The pupils had a great Active Schools week and they tried many different sports and healthy activities. There were specialist guest coaches in every day including Clare GAA Coach Mark O'Donnell, yoga teacher Rachel Dolan, gymnastic teacher Magdalena Konczyk and coaches from Ennis Hockey Club. Other healthy activities included a run around Ireland activity daily and our annual Toonagh Mile run! You can see photos of the week's events on our school Instagram page. Thanks very much to Mr. Eustace and the teachers for organising such a fun and beneficial week for the children. We are now applying to renew our Active Flag.

Gymnastics with Magda

All children are participating in gymnastics this term. Magda Konezyk (gymnastics coach) visits the school each Tuesday which the children are getting great benefit from. The Parents' Association are sponsoring the cost of these lessons.

Enrolment for 2024/25 and Future Years

If you know of a parent with a child of a school going age in the next year or two, we would appreciate if you would inform prospective parents about Toonagh NS. We will be happy to meet with any parent who wishes to see our school and facilities. Parents can email Noelette to receive an Application Form for Enrolment. Application forms can also be downloaded on our website toonaghns.com. Thank you.

Teach Spraoi Pre-School is having an open day on Saturday April 20th from 10am-12pm and we ask that you spread the word to anyone who is looking for a pre-school place.

School Sport

- **Hurling and Camogie:** Camogie training takes place in Ruan GAA pitch on Mondays and hurling training takes place in Ruan GAA pitch on Thursdays (3rd – 6th). The hurling and camogie team will be taking part in their school competitions soon and we wish them well. Thanks to Ms. Garrahy, Mr. Eustace and Mr. Kelly who are coaching these teams after school.
- **Mini Sevens Camogie Final:** Well done to our camogie players in 5th and 6th class who have qualified for the INTO Mini Sevens Clare final. They girls played brilliant in the last round and the final takes place on Thursday May 2nd in Eire Óg GAA grounds starting at 10.30am.

Parents Association News

- **Clothes Collection:** The final clothes collection of this school year will be held in May. Contributions of any unwanted clothes, belts, shoes, towels, curtains and bags would be greatly appreciated. We will let you know the date in the coming days. Please spread the word and thanks for your support.

Important Dates coming up

- **Thursday April 25th:** Confirmation in Ruan Church @3pm. School closes at 1pm.
- **Wednesday May 1st:** School closes at 12.30pm for a staff planning meeting.
- **Saturday May 4th:** First Holy Communion in Dysart Church @11pm
- **Monday May 6th:** School closed for May Bank Holiday.
- **May 21st – 23rd:** Standardised Testing English
- **May 28th – 30th:** Standardised Testing Maths

Every good wish to you all.

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