

# *Scoil an Tamhnaigh*

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1<sup>st</sup> of June 2022

Dear Parent(s),

There are a number of items I would like to bring to your attention in this June Newsletter as we approach the final few weeks of the school year.

### **Book Rental Scheme (3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class)**

The school book lists for each class will be sent home with the school reports on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Book rental will be available again this year for pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> class and the details on the cost of this will be sent with the booklists. The book rental scheme offers excellent value and there has been a huge uptake each year. An Aladdin epayment request for the book rental fee will be sent in June.

Please try get this book rental fee paid before the end of the school year (June 28<sup>th</sup>) as we need to know how many books we have to order for the book rental scheme. Thank you

### **School Calendar 2022-23**

Our calendar for the new school year is attached. School reopens after the Summer Holidays on Tuesday August 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Standardised Testing**

Standardised testing took place recently in Maths and English. Your child's results in these tests will be communicated through end of year report cards which will be posted to you. Please see attached a letter about the Standardised Testing.

### **Confirmation and Holy Communion**

Congratulations to our boys and girls who made their Holy Communion and Confirmation during May. The children were a credit to the school and their families. We were very proud of them on how reverently they received the sacraments. A lot of work went into the preparation for the children's special day and thanks especially to the class teachers Ms. Garrahy and Ms. Cullinan for all their hard work and dedication with the preparations.

### **Staff Planning and School Self Evaluation**

At our Staff Planning meeting recently we reviewed our English and Irish Teaching plans and we are continuing to review these subject areas this Term.

School Self Evaluation is where we have to review one area of our teaching and learning in Toonagh NS over a two-year period. We focussed on the area of Wellbeing with a particular emphasis on improving the resilience of our pupils. We believe that this area is particularly important in light of what the children have been through over the last few years. The teachers focussed on particular lessons to help with our pupil's wellbeing and also strategies such as movement breaks, relaxation techniques, mindfulness and breathing exercises during the school day.

### **Junior Infants Induction Day**

There will be an Induction Day for the incoming Junior Infant children on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of June at 2pm. The Junior and Senior Infant Classes will finish at 1.30p.m. on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup> to facilitate our Induction day which starts at 2pm.

## Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of June. Parents are invited to attend at 1.00pm. Our Parents Association will provide fruit to the children on this day. Thanks to our Parents Association for providing this. There will be a further update closer to the date.

## School Swimming Programme

The swimming programme will conclude on Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>. We hope that the pupils are getting great benefit from taking part in this important life skill which is part of our PE programme.

## Summer Uniform

The children can wear shorts with their uniform if they wish to and hopefully we get some fine weather.

## School Tours

Dates and venues for our upcoming school tours are:

Juniors and Seniors: Moher Hill Farm, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of June

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>: Shannon Leisure Centre, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of June

3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>: Baysports Athlone and the Planet Athlone Bowling, Tue 21st of June

We hope that the children will really enjoy their tours. Every effort has been made to keep the cost of each tour as low as possible.

## Donation of Books and Lego

Whenever you are clearing out any books that would be suitable for our school library (especially our Accelerated Reader Library 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>) we would gladly accept donations of used books here at school.

We would also welcome any donations of Lego Duplo for our younger classes. Thank you

## Sporting Activities

Well done to our **Camogie panel** who progressed to the Division 1 semi-final. We are very proud of them. They were defeated by Gaelscoil Ennis in a great match and we wish them well in the final. Well done girls for all your training and efforts this year. Thanks to Ms. Cullinan, Mr. Eustace and Mr. O'Neill for coaching the girls. Our boys' team are have qualified for the semi-final vs Parteen NS which takes place today in Clarecastle. Well done to 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> class who recently played in a hurling blitz in Ruan GAA with other schools.

Our girls' basketball team were in the Marion Keane County Basketball Finals. It was a great achievement to get this far and we're very proud of them. Knockanean won the cup for the first time and our team played very well. Well done to our girls and their coaches Ms Barry and Ms Cullinan.

## Parents Association News

- **Book Fair:** The Parents' Association ran a very successful Book Fair. It was very well supported and a percentage of the takings return to the school in credit to purchase books for the class libraries in each class. Thank you for your support of this initiative and there will be a further update in the next newsletter. Thanks to the parents who helped out organising the Book Fair.
- **Final Clothes Collection this year:** The date for the final clothes collection fundraiser is *Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup>*. Drop off times on the date will be **9-10am, 1.45 – 3pm, and 6.30 -7.30pm**. Please spread the word among anyone who may be doing a clear out of old clothes. Thank you for your support.

## Important Dates coming up

- **Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> & Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>:** School closed for June Bank Holiday weekend.
- **Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup>:** Parents Association Clothes Collection.
- **Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> Sports Day:** Parents can attend at 1.00pm.
- **Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>:** 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation at 3.15 pm.
- **Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup> @ 12.30pm:** School Closes for Summer.

*I wish you all a nice Bank Holiday Weekend. Up the Banner!!*

Gearóid Roughan

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# Standardised Testing

June 2022

Dear Parents,

Standardised tests are only one method used by the Department and teachers to assess your child. The class teacher uses a broad range of assessment tools to evaluate learning and celebrate the achievements of your children.

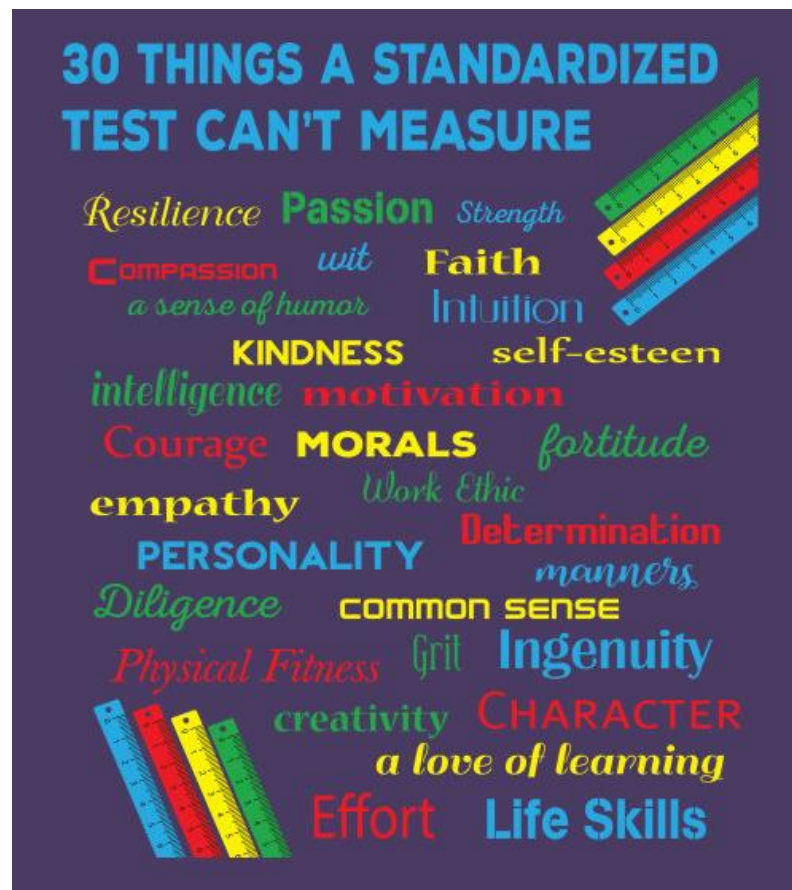
The past 3 years of your child's schooling have been anything but standard. When evaluating and monitoring progress and attainment we do not focus solely on a test score. Given the challenges posed by school closures due to COVID-19 and pupil absences due to COVID-19 there may be a drop in test scores evident.

**It is important to bear in mind all the other achievements and accomplishments of our children over the last few years. They have shown themselves to be adaptable, courageous and above all they have shown a great resilience. They have navigated their way in and out of school closures, re-openings school absences, each time returning to school full of enthusiasm and positivity. Well done to each and every pupil.**

Yours sincerely,

*Gearóid Roughan*

Principal



# Toonagh N.S. Calendar 2022/23

<b>School Opens:</b>	Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> August.
<b>October Mid-Term:</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> October – 4 <sup>th</sup> November (inclusive)
<b>Christmas:</b>	School Closes on Wednesday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> @ 12:30p.m., re-opens on Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023.
<b>February Bank Holiday:</b>	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>February Mid-Term:</b>	February 13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> (inclusive)
<b>St. Patrick's Day:</b>	Closed Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Easter Holidays:</b>	Close Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March @ 12:30p.m., re-open Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April.
<b>Confirmation:</b>	TBC
<b>Holy Communion:</b>	TBC
<b>May Bank Holiday:</b>	Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>June Bank Holiday:</b>	Closed Monday June 5 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday June 6 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>School Closes:</b>	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June @ 12:30p.m. for Summer Closure.

**This is the calendar for the 2022/23 school year with the main dates and closures decided. The school will need to close for a half day 2/3 times during the year for a staff planning meeting and curriculum training (usually one each term). When we have these dates or if there is any further updates, we will notify you.**

# Toonagh N.S. School Calendar 2022/2023.

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School starts: 30 <sup>th</sup> August '22.	School Closed March 17 <sup>th</sup> . St Patrick's Day.
Mid Term Break 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct.-4 <sup>th</sup> November.	Easter Holidays. 3 <sup>rd</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> April '23.
Christmas Break: School Closes on the 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec '22. Re-opens 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan '23.	School Closed May 1 <sup>st</sup> '23, May Bank Holiday.
School Closed February 6 <sup>th</sup> - February Bank Holiday.	School Closed June 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> . June Bank Holiday.
February Mid-term. 13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> February '23.	School Finishes on the Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> June '23.

