



# *Scoil an Tamhnaigh*

*Toonagh, Fountain, Ennis,  
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20<sup>th</sup> of March 2026

Dear Parent(s),

There are a number of items I would like to bring to your attention this March School Newsletter.

## **Bag Packing Fundraiser**

The Parents Association have organised an important bag packing fundraiser for the school which will take place on Easter Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> in Dunnes Stores. This should be a busy shopping day in Dunnes and it will be a good fundraiser if we can get the help needed. One volunteer from each family is required for a 2-hour slot. This is a much needed fundraiser for the school and please see the details on the poster attached. Please contact Annette 089 4539096, Laura 087 2901892 or Fiona 086 0777046 with your preferred time. Please see leaflet attached to this newsletter with further details. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## **Seachtain na Gaeilge**

'Seachtain na Gaeilge' was celebrated from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March. The children learned traditional dances and there was great music played during the week by the pupils. We had an excellent Céilí Mór on Friday where the children performed traditional music, Irish dancing, poetry, singing and drama. The children were also encouraged to 'go green' for our Lá Glas on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> of March and they took part in a whole school Siege of Ennis dance organised by Ms. Garrahy. Thanks to all our teachers and staff for giving the children the chance to perform during the week and special thanks to Ms. Browne for organising the excellent Céilí Mór. You can see some photos and videos of Seachtain na Gaeilge on our Instagram page.

## **School Swimming Programme**

Swimming will take place in term 3 for the children 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class. This will be for 6 weeks. We hope that the children will get great benefit from taking part in this important life skill which is part of our PE programme. Swimming starts on Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>. An epayment request will be sent out in due course to cover the cost of swimming lessons and the bus.

## **Sacraments Update**

Best wishes to our pupils making their Confirmation this Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11am in Ruan Church. If anyone wishes to donate any home baking or treats for the Confirmation Breakfast Sunday, they can be dropped to Ruan Community Centre from 5pm-6.30pm on tomorrow Saturday or Sunday from 10am onwards. Also as the 5<sup>th</sup> class in Toonagh is such a small group this year, they are short on volunteers to help on Sunday for one hour from 12 to 1pm for the Confirmation Breakfast, if anyone is available to help on Sunday please contact Fiona Keane 086 0777046. They need one or two more volunteers if possible. Thank you.

Congratulations to the pupils of Ms. Garrahy's 2nd class who made their sacrament of First Reconciliation in Dysart Church on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. Thanks very much to Ms. Garrahy, Fr. Des and Fr. Pat for the very nice ceremony. The children also did very nice art work for this sacrament.

Holy Communion will take place on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Dysart Church.

## **Holy Communion School Choir**

Our school choir practise each week and at present they are practising for the Holy Communion Ceremony which takes place on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11pm in Dysart Church. Children from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class are part of our choir and we ask that these pupils be available on this date where possible for our choir. More details closer to the date. Thanks for your support on this.

### **Active School's Week**

This will take place the week after our Easter holidays, Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday April 17<sup>th</sup>. During this week the children will take part in sporting and healthy activities throughout the week. There will be visiting coaches and the children always enjoy our Active School's week. Children will wear their school tracksuit during this week.

### **Gymnastics with Monika**

All children will be participating in gymnastics next term. Monika (gymnastics coach) will visit the school each Tuesday for four weeks starting Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup> and we hope the children will get great benefit and enjoyment from these gymnastics' lessons. The Parents' Association are sponsoring the cost of these lessons.

### **School Sport**

- **Handball:** Well done to our pupils who represented our school in the Clare Primary School Handball competition recently. Well done to Kate Flanagan, Sophie Lynch, Ava O'Reilly, Michael Cahir, Seánie Carroll, Dara Griffin, Alex Casey and Jessica Vaughan. Many of our boys and girls in the school are taking part in handball with Toonagh Handball Club and well done to the club coaches for the work they are putting in.
- **Hurling and Camogie Training:** After school training continues in Ruan, Camogie (Mondays) and Hurling (Thursdays). Our hurling and camogie teams will also be starting their competitions after Easter. Thanks to Ms. Garrahy, Ms. McGinley and Mr. Eustace who are coaching after school.
- **Basketball:** Commiserations to our Boys' Basketball team who performed very well in the Marion Keane Tournament semi-finals and thanks to Mairéad Barry and Éadaoin McGinley for coaching our basketball teams.

### **Parents Association News**

- **Bag Packing Fundraiser:** Please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter with further details.
- **Clothes Collection Fundraiser:** There was a very good response to this collection and we will have a further update soon.

### **Important Dates coming up**

- **Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Confirmation @ 11am in Ruan Church.
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of March:** School closes @ 12.30 for Easter Holidays.
- **Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>:** Bag Packing Fundraiser in Dunnes Stores.
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of April:** School reopens after Easter.
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of April – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of April:** Active School's Week, children wear their school tracksuit this week
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of April:** Swimming lessons start for next 6 Fridays (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>).
- **Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> – Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup> Inclusive:** School closed for May Bank Holiday weekend, reopen Wednesday May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Communion @11 am in Dysart Church.

*I wish you all a very happy Easter and thanks very much for your support this term.*

*Gearóid Roughan*

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## All Packing Hands on Deck!

Fundraising Bag Packing Effort in aid of  
Toonagh N.S.

**Easter Saturday, April 4th**  
**10am - 4pm**  
**DUNNES STORES, ENNIS**

The more volunteers we have,  
the more money we can raise for our School!

We need at least 1 volunteer from each of our  
school's families to give 2 hours of their time,  
Aged 15 years and up.

Please text or call your preferred time slot  
10am-12, 12-2pm or 2-4pm  
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Your support is  
greatly appreciated!

