



# *Scoil an Tamhnaigh*

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Dear Parent(s),

As we reach the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your help, support and interest this year. We have had another busy year in the school and you as partners in your child's education deserve great acknowledgement for that.

**I would like to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the staff of Toonagh NS during this school year. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated, caring and hardworking teachers in our school who did fantastic work this year with the children. The teachers work very hard to give your child a wonderful experience while in Toonagh NS. Our teachers and SNAs deserve great credit for the excellent rounded education and outstanding care that they give to our pupils in Toonagh.**

## **Sixth Class**

We say goodbye to 6<sup>th</sup> Class, everyone in Toonagh NS would like to wish them all the best as they shape their future lives. The 6<sup>th</sup> class were an excellent class in so many ways who had numerous achievements during their time in our school. These 15 students have contributed a lot to Toonagh NS over the years and the staff here have enjoyed watching them grow into mature, confident and very capable young people.

All the best to **Jessica Burns, Emma Casey, Laura Coffey, Lily Considine, Shay Gleeson, Grace Hurley, Paraic Keane, Dylan Lavan, Amelia McInerney, Ava McInerney, Pheilim O'Brien, Sarah O'Leary, Grace O'Rorke, Ava Sanders and Aaron Tuttle.**

They did very well with Ms. Cullinan and Mr. Kelly this year and worked to the best of their ability.

## **Reading in Toonagh NS**

Children can continue to use the Accelerated Reader (AR) Programme during the summer and take quizzes if they wish to. AR takes place in the classes from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> and the children did fantastic reading all throughout the year, an amazing **38 million words and 2363 books** were read by the children in Toonagh NS this year!

Also well done to the children in Juniors, Seniors, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class who did fantastic reading with the PM Levelled Readers throughout the year and a vast amount of books were read each week in these classes. The children are reading at their instructional level and they are progressing very well with their reading through achieving success and understanding.

Schools have been asked to let parents know about Clare County Library's Children Summer Reading Programme. This programme is a great initiative aiming to promote reading amongst children over the summer holidays. Please see the attached a poster from Clare County Library for more details.

## **Return of School Library Books**

Please return this week any school library books that may still be at home. Our Accelerated Books have a sticker in front of them with a reading level. PM Levelled Readers (Junior Infants – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class) have a reading level on the back of the book and most have a school stamp. We need to sort our school library this week. Thank you.

### **Donation of School Uniforms**

We will take second hand school uniforms here at school if anyone no longer has use for them. It is always useful for us to have some spare uniforms here at school. Thank you.

### **Sports Day and Student Council Bake Sale**

We had a most enjoyable sports day on Friday last in good weather. The children had a great day and took part in many sporting activities. The Ice Cream Van arrived to the delight of the pupils. We concluded the day with our fun obstacle course. The Parents Association also provided us with fruit and water throughout the day. Thanks to Seán and the teachers for organising a great day of sport for the children.

Thank you all very much for supporting our Student Council Bake Sale which they organised to help fund our new goal posts. We received a huge donation of home baking and treats. The Bake Sale raised €371. Thanks very much for your support.

### **Mini-Leagues**

An in school mini-league for hurling, camogie and basketball has been run over the last 3 weeks. The emphasis on this competition is participation and all children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class get an opportunity to participate. Thanks to Seán Eustace and Noel Kelly for organising these enjoyable leagues.

### **Free School Book Scheme**

All school books and copybooks your child needs, will be provided free of charge for every pupil when they return to School on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Seán Eustace for organising the whole process of this for our school and thanks to Mary and Maelisa for assisting Seán.

### **County Champions**

Well done to our Camogie team who won the Division 2 title vs Sixmilebridge in Cusack Park. It was a very exciting final and there were great celebrations after the match. We were delighted with the huge support we received on the day. Afterwards all the panel were treated to a meal at Supermacs. Our girls and boys have represented our school teams so well this year thanks to the teachers who put in a huge amount of time and effort after school to train the boys and girls after school throughout the year. The hurling and camogie coaches were Adrian Barrett, Aoife Garrahy, Gearóid Roughan, Seán Eustace and Alan Baker.

Best wishes to Sarah O'Leary who was selected to play in Croke Park at half time during the All Ireland Final.

### **GAA Coaching**

Anne McMahon coached the pupils this year and thanks to Ruan GAA for funding this initiative. With Anne's training, the children are learning the skills of our games in very well-structured coaching sessions weekly and we thank Anne for her work throughout the year.

### **Ruan Summer Camp**

The Ruan hurling and camogie summer camp will take place from Monday August 12 – Thursday August 15. This is a fun camp for children in the two primary schools in the parish. Registration forms have been sent home and are also attached to this newsletter. The registration takes place this week in the stand at Ruan GAA pitch on **Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup> 7.00 – 7.30pm** and **Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> 7.00 – 7.30pm**. Alternatively if you can't attend the registration evening, you can drop the form into the school office. All children taking part must be registered by Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **End of Year Disco**

On Friday June 21st at 7pm, there is a children's disco in Toonagh Hall. This will be a nice way for the children to end the school year and a nice way for 6th class to finish their time in Toonagh. All details on the poster attached.

### **Parents Association (PA)**

The Parents' Association did a huge amount of work this year, most notably the fantastic family fun bingo fundraiser for our new sensory room. A lot of fundraising was done this year and this helped to fund many new school resources for the children including new sports equipment, library books, PM readers, iPads and Science equipment. The Parents' Association also covered the cost of all the school tour buses.

Thanks to the Parents' Association, Lourda Flanagan, Laura Cahir Treasurer and Fiona Keane for coordinating so many events for the school this year. They were very well assisted by many parents who helped out throughout the year. There is a very good hard-working committee of parents who help our PA. I would also like to thank all the parents, for your wholehearted support of all fundraising initiatives and PA events that have taken place throughout the year.

### **Board of Management**

I would like to thank our Board for their help throughout the year. We are lucky to have a Board of Management with lots of expertise and who are very generous in volunteering their time for the betterment of our school.

### **School reopening date**

School will reopen after the Summer Break on Wednesday August 28<sup>th</sup>.

*Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer. Thanks for your support throughout the year.*

Yours sincerely,

*Gearóid Roughan*

Principal