



# Scoil an Tamhnaigh

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Dear Parent(s),

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

### **New Instagram page!**

You can now follow us on Instagram and our details are: [toonagh\\_school](https://www.instagram.com/toonagh_school).

Our new Instagram page will be an important way of promoting our school and a way of informing prospective parents about our school which will hopefully help with our enrolment numbers. So please follow, like, share and tag our posts!

Teachers will upload photos of activities taking place in their classroom and around school. Our Instagram page will celebrate pupil/school achievements and allow parents and the wider school community to keep up to date with news from the school.

### **Enrolment for 2023/24 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](https://toonaghns.com). Thank you.

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

At our half in half out staff planning meeting in February, the curriculum subjects that we planned for and reviewed were English and Music. We are currently updating both these curricular areas in line with Department of Education Guidelines. We have a school development plan where we review certain curricular areas each year over a 3-year period.

School Self Evaluation is where we have to review one specific area of our teaching and learning in Toonagh NS. We are continuing with the area of Wellbeing with a particular emphasis on kindness and trying to develop a compassionate and caring ethos around the school. We are focusing on particular lessons and strategies to help with our pupil's wellbeing. At our monthly assemblies there is kindness awards given out to children that make an extra effort in this area and we have a kindness noticeboard which displays awards.

### **Standardised Testing Dates Term 3**

The dates for our Standardised Testing have been decided.

May 16<sup>th</sup> –18<sup>th</sup>: English

May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>: Maths

### **Grandparents' Mass**

Grandparents' Mass was held in Toonagh Hall on Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fr. O'Neill celebrated this mass. The school children, choir and musicians provided wonderful music and song. A number of pupils and their grandparents, brought gifts to the altar and read prayers. The Parents' Association kindly provided very nice refreshments for our visitors on the day. Thank you to all the teachers who helped to make the event so memorable.

Photos of our Grandparents' mass Toonagh NS can be seen on the school's Instagram page.

### School Placement

Jonathan Barry, past pupil of the school and currently a student in Mary Immaculate college is on a 15-week placement in Toonagh NS. Jonathan is working as a classroom assistant with each teacher while also helping out with our extra-curricular activities such as our Hurling Wall Ball league and assisting with our school sports teams. We wish Jonathan well during his extended placement in our school.

### 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 get great benefit from taking part in this important life skill which is part of our PE programme. Swimming starts back on Friday April 21<sup>st</sup>. An epayment will be sent out in due course to cover the cost of swimming lessons and the bus.

### School Sport

- **Hurling & Camogie Wall Ball League:** The boys' competition has concluded and we were treated to 2 great finals (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> class and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> class). Well done to all our competitors and thanks to Robin Mounsey and Cyril Lyons for attending the finals. The boys and girls have made good improvement with their skills throughout the league. The league takes place at sos and lunch times in the excellent Indoor Astro Turf facility. The girls' competition (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>) is up and running this month.
- **Basketball:** Our school basketball team participated in the Marion Keane Tournament recently. The squads had been busy training over the past number of months. Both our teams performed very well in this competition. We are very proud of the effort of both our boys and girls teams. I wish to thank Ms. Barry and Ms. Cullinan for the work that they have done in preparing both our teams for the competition.
- **Indoor Hurling:** Well done to our girls and boys who took part in the indoor hurling tournament this week where they acquitted themselves very well.
- **Hurling and Camogie Training:** Hurling and Camogie Training and skills practise (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>) has started back since February midterm. This training will take place each Monday and Thursday after school in our Astro Turf. The children from Ruan NS are also attending. Thanks to our teachers who are coaching these teams after school.

### Ruan Hurling and Camogie Registration 2023:

Ruan Hurling and Camogie Club are welcoming new members and existing members to join for the coming season. Boys and girls that wish to play hurling and camogie in 2023 with Ruan need to register and details were sent out this month on email. Registration takes place online using the Foireann website/app.

### Children's Disco

There will be a St. Patrick's Day Kids Disco in Toonagh Hall on Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup>. Parking will be provided in our school yard and basketball court. See poster with details attached to this newsletter.

### Parents Association News

- **Grandparents' Mass:** The Parents Association organised and served very nice refreshments for our grandparents and visitors. Thanks to all who helped out with this occasion and made the event very enjoyable for our visitors.

### Important Dates coming up

- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of March:** St. Patrick's Day Children's Disco @7-9pm.
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of March:** School closed, St. Patrick's Day.
- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of March:** School closes at 12.30 for Easter Holidays.
- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> of April:** School reopens after Easter.

*Every good wish for the rest of the month.*

*Gearóid Roughan*

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## *St Patrick's Day Kids Disco*

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 7-9pm

Toonagh Hall Sports Center

DJ, dancing, games and prizes

€3 single child, €5 2 children

Teas and coffees for the parents