



# 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.

### **Family Fun Bingo Fundraiser**

Please see attached an important information letter from our Parents Association about our upcoming Family Fun Bingo event taking place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of March. Monies raised will go towards our new and much needed Sensory Room which we hope to start soon.

Donations towards the raffle can be left in the school reception area before Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Thanks for your support.

### **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](http://toonaghns.com). Thank you.

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

At our half in half out staff planning meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup> the curriculum subject that we planned for and reviewed was PE. 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 focussing on Irish with a particular emphasis on improving the pupils' oral Irish. At our recent half in half out staff planning meeting we reviewed the feedback from the parent, pupil and staff surveys. We are focusing on particular lessons and strategies to help with our pupils' oral Irish and thank you for the feedback you gave us in the surveys.

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

The dates for our Standardised Testing have been decided.

May 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>: English

May 28<sup>th</sup> – May 30<sup>th</sup>: Maths

### **Grandparents' Mass**

Grandparents' Mass was held in Toonagh Hall on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</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 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 back on Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>. An epayment request will be sent out in due course to cover the cost of swimming lessons and the bus.

## School Sport

- **Basketball:** Our school basketball team participated in the Marion Keane Tournament recently. Both our teams performed very well in this competition. We are very proud of the effort of both our boys and girls teams. We wish our girls well in the next round. Thanks to Mairéad Barry for the training sessions that the children have done in in Inagh Hall.
- **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 and the finals will take place in early March.
- **Indoor Hurling:** Our boys and girls are taking part in the indoor hurling tournament this week. They have played a lot of indoor hurling at school over the last two months in the indoor astro pitch and we wish them well in this competition.
- **Hurling and Camogie Training:** Hurling and Camogie after school training (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>) will start back on Monday February 26<sup>th</sup> (Girls) from 3.00 to 3.45 pm and Thursday February 29<sup>th</sup> (Boys) from 3.00 to 3.45 pm. This training will take place each Monday and Thursday after school in our Astro Turf until the Easter Holidays. The children from Ruan NS are also attending. After Easter the training will take place in Ruan. Thanks to our teachers who are coaching the children after school.

## Ruan Hurling and Camogie Registration 2024

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 2024 with Ruan need to register and details were sent out this month on email. Registration takes place online using the Foireann website/app.

## 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.
- **Family Fun Bingo event:** This takes place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in Toonagh Hall. See letter attached with further details.

## Important Dates coming up

- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of March:** School closed (polling station for Referendum).
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of March:** School closed, St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday.
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March:** School closes at 12.30 for Easter Holidays.
- **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of March:** Family Fun Bingo Fundraiser @ 2pm in Toonagh Hall.
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of April:** School reopens after Easter.

*Thanks for your continued support.*

*Gearóid Roughan*

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