



# *Scoil an Tamhnaigh*

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25<sup>th</sup> of February 2026

Dear Parent(s),

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

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

At our half in half out staff planning meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>, the curriculum subjects that we are panning for at present and reviewing are Maths and English. The Department of Education has introduced a new Maths curriculum and we have to compile a whole school plan on the teaching of Maths in line with the new curriculum.

School Self Evaluation is where we have to review one specific area of our teaching and learning in Toonagh NS. This year we are focussing on English with a particular emphasis on improving the pupils' comprehension skills and we are using a new resource in the school called Building Bridges of Comprehension. The children will be reading and engaging in books with their teacher to develop their further develop their comprehension skills.

## **Stay Safe Lessons**

Toonagh NS has a responsibility to cover Stay Safe section of the Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) Curriculum. Stay Safe is a personal safety programme which teaches children to tell a trusted adult about any problems they may have. You can familiarise yourself if you wish with the content of the Stay Safe lessons at [https://www.staysafe.ie/parent\\_ss\\_prog.htm](https://www.staysafe.ie/parent_ss_prog.htm). This content will be taught this term in all classes from Junior Infants to 6th Class. If you have any further questions, please speak with your child's teacher.

## **Standardised Testing Dates Term 3**

The dates for our Standardised Testing have been decided.

May 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>: English

May 26<sup>th</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup>: Maths

## **School Shorts**

Please note the Cobi Sports online shop is now open for orders. Toonagh N.S. school shorts can be purchased using the following link:

<https://cobisports.com/product-category/school-shop/toonagh-national-school/>

The shop will remain open until the 31st of March 2026, allowing families to order at any time that suits them.

The delivery timeframe remains 4 to 5 weeks from the date of ordering.

## **Grandparents and Relatives' Day**

On Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup> we invited Grandparents and Relatives to visit our school. Mass was celebrated at 11a.m. with some excellent music and singing from the children. Afterwards there was a fun game of bingo for all our children and visitors! The pupils displayed very nice art work to honour our grandparents and families. Thanks to our Parents Association and thanks to the parents who helped provide very nice refreshments for our visitors. Well done to all the children and teachers for organising such a nice occasion for our Grandparents, families and the school community.

## **School Sport**

- **Basketball:** Our school basketball teams are taking part in the Marion Keane Tournament. Both our teams performed very well in this competition. We wish our boys well in the next round. Thanks to Mairéad Barry and Éadaoin Mc Ginley for the training sessions with the children.
- **Primary School GAA Quiz County Final:** Well done to Michael, Tadhg, Rían and Adam from Ms. Mc Ginley's class who performed very well in this quiz, they came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 40 schools that took part in the Clare finals.

- **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. 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>) will conclude this month and the finals will take place in March.
- **Hurling and Camogie Training (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>):** Camogie training will take place on Mondays and hurling training will take place on Thursdays after school, both in Ruan GAA field. Starting Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup> Camogie training will be on in Ruan GAA Field and from Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> Hurling training will be on in Ruan GAA Field from 3.00 - 4.00. Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> that would like to attend will leave school at 2.40. Parents are to make arrangements to bring the children to Ruan. Our hurling and camogie teams will also be starting their competitions after Easter. Thanks to Ms. Garrahy, Ms, McGinley, Mr. Eustace and Mr. Barry who are helping with coaching these teams after school

### **Ruan Hurling and Camogie Clubs Registration 2026**

Ruan Hurling and Camogie Club are welcoming new members and existing members to join for the coming season. Boys and girls that wish to train and play hurling and camogie in 2026 with Ruan need to register. Both clubs cater for boys and girls from Under 5 to Under 18. Registration takes place online using the Foireann website/app. For further information contact John O'Sullivan 087 2420535 or Sandra Punch 087 2902275 (Boys' registration) and Aimee McDonagh 087 1678809 (Girls' registration).

### **Parents Association News**

- **Clothes Collection:** There will be a clothes collection on Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>. Contributions of any unwanted clothes, belts, shoes, towels, curtains and bags would be greatly appreciated. Clothes can be dropped off to Toonagh hall on that day and please see the poster attached with all the details. The week prior to this some bags can be dropped at the school and we will bring them to the hall. Please spread the word and thanks for your support.
- **Bag Packing Fundraiser:** The Parents Association have organised Dunnes Stores on Easter Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> for a Bag Packing Fundraiser and there will be more details soon.

### **Important Dates coming up**

- **16<sup>th</sup> of March:** Parents Association Clothes Collection.
- **16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of March:** School Closed for two days for St. Patrick's Day closure.

*Thanks for your continued support.*

*Gearóid Roughan*

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# CLOTHING DRIVE



Toonagh N.S.



## Toonagh N.S.

are raising money through  
a **Clothing reuse scheme.**

**We need your unwanted...**

**Clothing, shoes, handbags, belts, curtains & bed linen.**

**Not accepted = Pillows, duvets, carpets, rugs, uniforms**

Donations can be dropped into Toonagh N.S.  
From Mon 9th - Friday 13th March.  
or to Toonagh Hall on Mon 16th March  
at drop off times 2 - 3.30pm & 6 - 7pm.  
Donations not accepted after Monday 16th March.

Thanks for your support!

