



Scoil an Tamhnaigh

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Dear Parent(s),

As we have reached 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 credit 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 a dedicated, caring and hardworking staff in our school.

Sixth Class

We say goodbye to 6th Class today, everyone in Toonagh NS would like to wish them all the best as they shape their future lives. The 6th class were a very well behaved class who had numerous achievements during their time in our school. These 13 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 **Eimhin Bane, Abby Cantillon, Orla Casey, Conor Coffey, Jack Considine, Cillian Cummins, Lauren Gibbons, Jemma Guinnane, Sara Lavan, Eryn Moroney, Chloe O'Gorman, Chloe O'Sullivan and Colm Whelan**. They did very well with Ms. Cullinan this year and worked to the best of their ability. We are confident that their transition into secondary education will be a positive experience for the children and their families.

Summer Reading and Accelerated Reader

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 letter from Clare County Library for more details.

Children can continue to use the Accelerated Reader (AR) Programme during the summer and take quizzes if they wish to. This was the second year of AR in Toonagh and the children did fantastic reading all throughout the year, an amazing 42 million words and 2641 books were read by the children in Toonagh NS this year!

Sports Day

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

Mini-Leagues

An in school mini-league for hurling, camogie and basketball has been run over the last 2 weeks. The emphasis on this competition is participation and all children from 3rd to 6th class get an opportunity to participate. Thanks to Seán Eustace and Claire Cullinan for organising these enjoyable leagues.

Off to Croke Park!

Conor Coffey will represent Toonagh NS in Croke Park on Sunday next at half time during the All Ireland semi-final between Galway and Limerick. This is a fantastic achievement for Conor who was one of only two primary school

hurlers from Clare chosen to play on the hallowed turf of Croke Park in the Mini 7s matches. We congratulate Conor and wish him the very best of luck on this big day.

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.

Parents Association

I would like to thank the Parents' Association (Lourda, Noreen and Laura) for the outstanding contribution they have made throughout this year. We had some very well supported clothes collection fundraisers which have helped to pay for important school resources and equipment. The Book Fair raised €992.79 in Scholastic Book tokens for the school. Thanks also to the parents who assisted the Parents Association with the organisation of their events. I would also like all the parents, for your wholehearted support of all fundraising initiatives that have taken place throughout the year. Special thanks to Noreen Cummins for her hard work, help and volunteering over many years on our Parents' Association.

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 Tuesday August 30th.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer. I look forward to seeing you all after the summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Gearóid Roughan

Principal

Summer Stars Reading Adventure 2022

Summer Stars, the library national summer reading programme for children runs from the 13th of June until the end of August 2022. All children throughout the country are invited to join the adventure and enjoy the fun and pleasure of reading. Summer Stars is non-competitive. Every child who reads even one book/ ebook is regarded as having completed the programme – and it's all completely free!

Children can sign up for Summer Stars at any of one of the fifteen library branches in Clare. They will get their own Summer Stars Reading card and other Summer Stars rewards to encourage continued reading during school summer holidays.

If your child signs up for Summer Stars 2022 they will automatically enter a draw to win a FREE event for their school in the Autumn. Award winning author Judi Curtin will visit their school compliments of Clare County Library.

Remember to check library social media channels during the Summer months. We will be organizing fun events for children to support the reading adventure. Storytimes, book clubs, craft sessions, nature and wildlife talks and environmental awareness workshops are only some of the activities your children can participate in.

Check out our Library website www.clarelibrary.ie for more information and visit www.summerstars.ie where you can read book reviews, submit your own, get book recommendations and download fun printable activities and colouring pages for Summer Stars 2022.

Research shows that children who read over the summer months maintain or improve their reading level and are better prepared for the new school year when they return in September.

Reading

- Improves language skills.
- Can help you develop a special bond with your child.
- Improves imagination and creativity.
- Cultivates a lifelong love of reading.

All branches of Clare County library offers fiction and information books on all areas of interest for children including annuals, comics and graphic novels.

Books on CD are also available as well as audio books and e books downloadable on the BorrowBox App through the library website.