



Scoil an Tamhnaigh

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Dear Parent(s),

There are a number of items I would like to bring to your attention in this June Newsletter as we approach the final few weeks of the school year.

Free School Book Scheme school year 2024/25

Please see letter attached from Mr. Eustace about this. All school books and copybooks your child needs, will be provided free of charge for every pupil when they return to School on August 28th. Mr. Eustace, Mary and Maelisa are putting a lot of work into this, especially to get our orders in with the book companies.

Standardised Testing

Standardised testing took place recently in Maths and English. Your child's results in these tests will be communicated through end of year report cards which will be posted to you. Please see attached an important letter about the Standardised Testing.

Sports Day and Bake Sale

Sports Day will take place on Friday 14th of June. Parents are invited to attend at 1.00pm. School will finish at 2.15pm on this day for all children. Our Parents Association will provide fruit to the children on this day and thanks to our Parents Association for providing this.

Also, on this day our student council will host a bake sale to help towards the cost of our new goal posts. The bake sale will be on in our GP hall. Donations of home baking or treats are welcome on the morning/day of Sports Day. Small contribution only please, maximum €5.

School Swimming Programme

The swimming programme concluded on Friday May 17th. The pupils got great benefit from taking part in this important life skill which is part of our PE programme.

Summer Uniform

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Summer Uniform: Children can wear plain navy shorts/or Clare coloured shorts with their uniform and hopefully the nice weather continues. Also during the hot weather please apply sunscreen before the children come to school. They may also bring their own sunscreen to school and are encouraged to bring a sun hat and water.

Donation of Library Books

Whenever you are clearing out any books that would be suitable for our school library (especially our Accelerated Reader Library 2nd – 6th) we would gladly accept donations of used books here at school. Thank you.

Junior Infants Induction Day

There will be an Induction Day for the incoming Junior Infant children on Thursday 20th of June at 2pm. The Junior and Senior Infant Classes will finish at 1.30p.m. on Thursday June 20th to facilitate our Induction day which starts at 2pm.

School Self Evaluation

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. Following the feedback from the parent, pupil and staff surveys, we have selected targets and we will be focusing on specific strategies to help improve our pupils' oral Irish and achieve these targets.

Sporting Activities

Well done to our Hurling and Camogie panels who progressed to their respective semi-finals. Our boys gave a great performance and were defeated by a stronger Killaloe NS side on the day. Our Camogie team will play their semi-final on this Thursday vs Barefield NS and we wish them well.

Sensory Room

Our new sensory room is fully open and it is proving to be a great help for the pupils in the school that need a sensory break during the day. Many thanks to you all for helping with our fundraising for this resource for our school. The sensory room will be open during Sports Day for anyone that would like to have a look at it.

Council Grant

Councillor Mary Howard recently allocated the school an Ennis Municipal District Grant from her funding allocation which went towards our new goal posts, equipment for our new sensory room and new library books. We are very happy with our new sensory room and the children are getting great enjoyment from our new state of the art goal posts in our Astro Turf Pitch. We are grateful to Mary for her generous grant donation to our school to help fund these important resources for our pupils.

End of Year Disco

The Toonagh Hall committee are having a disco for the school children on Friday June 21st, more details to follow.

Ruan Summer Camp and Fundraiser

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. More details about registration for this camp will follow next week.

Ruan GAA Club is holding a Family Fun Bingo night in Toonagh Hall on this Friday June 7th at 7pm in aid of the pitch development. The children in the school get great use from this pitch for training, matches and blitzes.

Parents Association News

- **School Tour Buses:** Thanks very much to the Parents Association who are covering the cost of the buses to the tours and this has helped greatly to reduce the cost of the school tours.

Important Dates coming up

- **Friday June 7th:** School closed, polling station for Local and European Elections.
- **Friday June 14th Sports Day:** Parents can attend from 1.00 pm.
- **Friday June 14th:** Student Council Bake Sale.
- **Tuesday June 18th:** 6th Class Graduation at 3.15 pm in our GP Hall.
- **Thursday June 20th:** Junior Infant Induction Day at 2.00 pm.
- **Friday June 21st @12.30 pm:** School closes for the Summer.
- **Friday night June 21st:** End of year children's disco in Toonagh Hall.

June will be a very busy month at school and it promises to be an enjoyable one for the children with many different events. We hope that children enjoy their final month of this school year.

Gearóid Roughan

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Standardised Testing

Dear Parents,

Standardised tests are only one method used by the Department of Education and teachers to assess your child. The class teacher uses a broad range of assessment tools to evaluate learning and celebrate the achievements of your children.

When evaluating and monitoring progress and attainment we do not focus solely on this test score.

It is important to bear in mind all the other achievements and accomplishments of our children. There are many things a standardised test can't measure. The children in our school are always enthusiastic and positive about their school life and well done to each and every pupil in our school.

Yours sincerely,

Gearóid Roughan

Principal

