



Scoil an Tamhnaigh

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Dear Parent(s),

As we reach 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 acknowledgement 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 dedicated, caring and hardworking teachers in our school who did fantastic work this year with the children. The teachers work very hard to give your child a wonderful experience while in Toonagh NS. Our teachers and SNAs deserve great credit for the excellent rounded education and outstanding care that they give to our pupils in Toonagh.

Sixth Class

We say goodbye to 6th Class, everyone in Toonagh NS would like to wish them all the best as they shape their future lives. The 6th class were an excellent class in so many ways who had numerous achievements during their time in our school. These 17 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 **Michael Cahir, Oisín Clancy, Luke Gleeson, Tadhg Lyons, Noah Mullins, Adam O'Rorke, Sahib Singh, Anna Callinan, Grace Coffey, Emily Culliney, Kate Flanagan, Teagan Howard Rynne, Ava Lavan, Sophie Lynch, Ava O'Reilly, Millie Ryan and Sadie Ryan** They did very well with Ms. McGinley this year and worked to the best of their ability. Well done 6th class!

School Uniform and School Shorts

McCannon's Clothes shop in Ennis has closed, therefore Mannix Clothes Shop, Market Street Ennis has taken over keeping the stock of our crested jumper and crested school tracksuit. Pyne's Clothes shop on Abbey Street Ennis also keeps stock of school jumpers but they don't stock the tracksuit.

Our crested school shorts can be bought from Cobi Sports online shop. This online shop is open all year round and please allow 4-5 weeks for delivery. <https://cobisports.com/product-category/school-shop/toonagh-national-school/>

Donation of School Uniforms

We will take second hand school uniforms here at school if anyone no longer has use for them. It is always useful for us to have some spare uniforms here at school. There is a box left in our school reception area if anyone wishes to leave in any school uniforms or tracksuits. Thank you.

Hot School Meals

This scheme will continue in 2026/27 with the same company Bradbury Connolly (<https://hotschoolmeals.ie/>). The Board of Management put a lot of time and effort into choosing the best possible supplier for the school. We are very happy with the service and the food provided. Thanks very much to Lourda for coordinating the scheme so well and thanks to Noelette for helping Lourda with the administration of the service. The hot school meals have been a very good success in our school and we hope it has been beneficial to families. Please submit orders a few days before we return to school.

Reading in Toonagh NS

Children can continue to use the Accelerated Reader (AR) Programme during the summer and take quizzes if they wish to. AR takes place in the classes from 1st– 6th and the children did fantastic reading all throughout the year, an amazing **3214 books and 32 million words** were read by the children in Toonagh NS this year!

Also well done to the children in Ms. Browne's Juniors and Seniors, and to Ms. Garrahy's 1st and 2nd class who did fantastic reading with the PM Levelled Readers throughout the year and a vast amount of books were read each week in these classes. The children are reading at their instructional level and they are progressing very well with their reading through achieving success and understanding.

STEM in Schools Project

Well done to 1st and 2nd class who took part in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) in schools project which was organised by Clare Education Centre this year. Ms. Garrahy attended the teacher training sessions and the children took part in lessons where they were involved in engaging Science experiments. STEM is an important part of the new curriculum which is being launched next year and well done to the pupils and Ms. Garrahy for taking part in this project.

Return of School Library Books

Please return this week any school library books that may still be at home. Our Accelerated Books have a sticker in front of them with a reading level. PM Levelled Readers (Junior Infants – 2nd Class) have a reading level on the back of the book and most have a school stamp. We need to sort our school library this week. Thank you.

Sports Day and Bake Sale

We had a most enjoyable sports day on Friday June 19th in good 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 provided us with fruit and water throughout the day. Thanks very much to Mr. Eustace and the teachers for organising such a great Sports day for the children.

The Student Council bake sale was a great success and thanks for all the donations of treats and home baking received. We will have an update this week on how much was raised. This bake sale was organised by the Student Council to help fund important maintenance work in our astro turf pitch, new designs for our hurling wall and a painted 6th class Graduation wall.

Music in Toonagh N.S.

What a fantastic year of traditional music we had in Toonagh N.S. with the highlight being the wonderful performance our school band and music group gave at the Fleadh Nua Street Sessions. Every Tuesday and Thursday at school, music practise takes place and the children have played very well with a wide array of musical instruments being played at school. Our musicians have performed at many events this year including the Christmas concert, Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Fr. Pat's celebration event at school and his jubilee mass in Ruan and at the Fleadh Nua. Thanks very much to Ms. Garrahy and Ms. McGinley for teaching the tin whistle each week. Thanks very much to Ms. Browne for the music tuition in 3rd and 4th class and for her help with our music performances throughout the year. Special thanks to Ms. Griffin for developing such a nice school band and giving the children the opportunity to play their musical instruments each week in Toonagh.

Fun Mini-Leagues

An in school fun 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 Mr. Eustace and Ms. McGinley for organising these enjoyable leagues for the children.

School Hurling Final

The Ruan/Toonagh hurling team had a great win in the Division 3 Cumann na mBunscol Final played in Cusack Park against an excellent Newmarket team. There was a great atmosphere at the final and great support from the school community. Afterwards all the panel were treated to a meal at the Banner Plaza. It was a great year of hurling and camogie in the school. Thanks so much to the teachers who coached our boys and girls, Mikey O'Neill, Adrian Barrett, Aoife Garrahy, Éadaoin McGibley, Seán Eustace, Gearóid Roughan and Jonathan Barry.

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.

Ruan Summer Camp

The Ruan hurling and camogie summer camp will take place from Monday August 10 – Thursday August 13. This is a fun camp for children in the two primary schools in the parish. Registration forms have been sent home and if children wish to take part you can return the form to the school reception by tomorrow Wednesday.

Ruan Family Fun Day

The organisers of the Ruan Summer Festival wish to let you know of an exciting Family Fun Day on Sunday 2nd August. All details can be found on <https://ruansummerfest.ie/>



Clothes Collection

The Parents Association have organised an old clothes collection for Wednesday September 16th and if you know of anybody doing a clear out you can spread the word. We'll have more details when we return to school after the summer.

Parents Association (PA)

The Parents' Association did a huge amount of work this year, including fundraisers such as the clothes collections, bottle return scheme and the bag packing fundraiser. Monies raised helped to fund many new school resources for the children including new sports equipment, library books, PM readers, Maths equipment and Science equipment. The Parents' Association also covered the cost of the Gymnastics lessons for the children.

Thanks to the PA, Annette Casey, Fiona Keane and Laura Cahir for coordinating so many events for the school this year. They were assisted by many parents who helped out throughout the year. There is a very good hard-working group of parents who help our PA. I would also like to thank all the parents, for your wholehearted support of all fundraising initiatives and PA events that have taken place throughout the year.

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 Wednesday August 26th.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer. Thanks for your support throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

Gearóid Roughan

Principal