



Scoil an Tamhnaigh

*Toonagh, Fountain, Ennis,
Co. Clare*

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11th of November, 2019

Dear Parent(s),

Parent/Teacher Meetings:

These meetings will take place next week 18th, 19th and 20th of November. The school will close at 2:45p.m. on these days and buses will operate at this time. You were issued with an appointment time by your child's class teacher last week. We look forward to meeting you next week.

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2020/21:

If you have a child or know of a parent with a child, who would like a place in our school in Junior Infants September 2020, you can call into Noelette to receive an Application form for Enrolment.

Secondary School Open Nights for Parent(s) & Sixth Class Pupils:

- Ennis Community College/Gaelcholáiste An Chláir: Wednesday, November 13th, Principals Address @ 7.30p.m.
- Coláiste Muire: Thursday November 14th from 7 to 9 pm. There will be guided tours of the school followed by a talk in the Dánlann.

Preparation for Sacraments:

- First Confession will take place in Ruan Tuesday 10th March at 7p.m.

School Attendance:

Since we returned on August 29th, Toonagh National School has an excellent average attendance of **96.2%**.

Please let the school know if your child is absent and the reason why. It is school policy that reasons must be given in writing to the class teacher.

School Sport:

- Wall ball hurling & camogie league: This league will be starting in the coming days and children from 3rd to 6th class are invited to take part. It will be a doubles league, run until the Christmas holidays. The league will take place at lunch times in the excellent Indoor Astro Turf facility and it will be a great way for the boys and girls to develop their skills. Francis O'Halloran (Coaching Officer with Ruan GAA) will assist in getting the league up and running.
- Cross Country: 13 pupils have qualified for the next stage of the competition on this Wednesday 13th November @11a.m. in Lees Road. Parents of the children involved can collect their child and bring them to this event on the day.
Well done to all the boys and girls from 2nd to 6th class who took part in the North Clare Cross Country competition in Kilnaboy in very testing conditions! Ruan/Toonagh Parish team was a very admirable fourth place overall.
- Gaelic Football: Commiserations to our boys team who performed very well in the Primary Schools Football final in Cusack Park vs Clahanes NS Doonbeg. The boys and girls made great improvement training after school throughout September and October with Mr. Eustace, Ms. Cullinan, Ms. Brosnan and Mr. Roughan.

- **Minor A Champions visit:** Members of the winning Corofin/Ruan Minor A panel visited Toonagh NS recently. The school children were delighted that the players visited them with the cup and gave of their time to speak to the children. Toonagh NS had a number of past pupils on the panel and the staff and children were very proud of the achievements of the players in winning the Minor A hurling title.

Recycling Competition:

The pupils took part in the Cup Print 10 year anniversary design a recyclable cup competition. There was an excellent standard of entries from the pupils and everyone received a certificate signed by the CEO Terry Fox. Congratulations to Conor Coffey in 4th class who was a finalist and he attended the prize giving ceremony at the Cup Print Factory where he met Minister Pat Breen and also went on a guided tour of this wonderful facility in Ennis. Well done to Conor and all the children who took part.

Halloween Party:

Many of the school children attended the Halloween party and well done to all involved, a phenomenal €960 was raised for the Toonagh Sports/Community Complex. Pamela Vaughan of the Toonagh Hall Committee is very appreciative to all face painters, volunteer parents who help with activities, games, tea/coffee, spot prizes and decorations. The children's art competition was a great success, a €10 Eason's voucher was given for each classroom winner from a generous parent. Thanks to Pamela Vaughan for co-ordinating this very successful annual event and to everyone helped out in any way.

Team Hope Operation Christmas Child:

The children of Toonagh N.S. are again supporting this worthwhile project. Well done for your amazing generosity and a total of 74 boxes were collected for this project. These Christmas boxes will make many children smile at Christmas time in Africa and Eastern Europe.

Christmas Show Prize Donations:

The Parent's Association are requesting your help with donations for Christmas hampers & spot prizes for the Christmas Concert i.e. vouchers, games, sweets & treats, selection boxes, wine etc. If you have any unwanted baskets/hampers please recycle and drop off to the school office. Spot prizes can also be left in the collection boxes outside the main office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Santa's Fairy Tale Christmas Show:

The pupils in Junior/Senior/1st/2nd classes will attend this show in Dánlann An Chláir on Friday, 13th of December. The cost per pupil is €14. This covers the cost of entry and also the cost of the bus. An epayment request will be sent out.

Donations of Books/Toys:

Some families do a clear-out of toys and books around this time of year. We would welcome donations of intact, undamaged and suitable jigsaws, lego, toys and books.

Parents Association News:

- **Voluntary Contribution:** Every second year the Parents Association asks each family at the school to consider making a voluntary contribution to help assist with the running costs of the Parent's Association throughout the year. Over the last couple of years, examples of what the money was used towards included sports and information technology equipment for the school. The suggested contribution for this year is €30 euro per family. It would be appreciated if you could return the envelope which was sent home before Halloween with your contribution to the school by this Friday, November 15th.

- **New Chairperson:** Mary Gilmore is the new chairperson of The Parents' Association and we wish her well in this role for the 2019/20 school year. Huge thanks to Lynda Clancy the outgoing chairperson for all the excellent work she did in the role in recent years. The other officers are Mairead McInerney (Secretary) and Noreen Cummins (Treasurer). The Parents Association do fantastic work on behalf of parents in the school throughout the year and they are currently trying to form a committee of parents willing to assist with Parent Association events. Being part of the Parents' Association committee is very rewarding as any of the events organised or funds raised are for the children of the school.
- **School Photographs:** The Parents Association have organised Niall Cosgrove for the 2020 school calendar.

Important Dates coming up:

- **Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday November 18th, 19th & 20th:** Parent Teacher Meetings. The school will close at 2:45p.m. on these days and buses will operate at this time.
- **Thursday December 12th:** Christmas Concert @7pm.
- **Monday December 16th:** School closed, teachers at training day on new Language Curriculum in Clare Education Centre
- **Friday December 20th:** School closes at 12.30pm for Christmas holidays.
- **Monday January 6th:** School reopens after Christmas holidays.

Le gach dea-bheannacht,

Gearóid Roughan
Príomhoide

Please sign, detach and return to the class teacher:

I acknowledge receipt of newsletter (11th November, 2019).

Parent(s)/Guardian : _____