



Scoil an Tamhnaigh

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Dear Parent(s),

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

Enrolment for 2025/26 and Future Years

If you know of a parent with a child of a school going age in the next year or two, we would appreciate if you would inform prospective parents about Toonagh NS. We will be happy to meet with any parent who wishes to see our school and facilities. Parents can email Noelette to receive an Application Form for Enrolment. More information about enrolment is our website toonaghns.com. Thank you.

Staff Planning and School Self Evaluation

At our half in half out staff planning meeting on February 5th, the curriculum subject that we are panning for at present and reviewing is Maths. The Department of Education have 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 Irish with a particular emphasis on improving the pupils' oral Irish. After the midterm break classes from 1st – 6th will have an online interactive Irish reading book to read and engage with each week from the *Leigh Anois* website. This is an excellent online resource of levelled Irish books for each class 1st – 6th. Please save this link https://www.leighanois.com/na_leabhair. Each week the children will write the name of the book in their homework journal that they are reading and they will access this book from the website above. The children are asked to read and engage with the book that their teacher has prescribed for them each week. We also have other strategies in place to promote the pupil's oral Irish in Toonagh N.S. over the next two school terms.

R.S.E Lessons

Toonagh NS has a responsibility to cover the Relationships and Sexuality Education (R.S.E.) section of the Social, Personal and Health Education (S.P.H.E.) strand of the Curriculum. This content will be taught after mid-term (February – Easter) in all classes from Junior Infants to 6th Class. If you have any questions, please speak with your child's teacher. For more information see <https://pdst.ie/primary/health-wellbeing/RSE>

Standardised Testing Dates Term 3

The dates for our Standardised Testing have been decided.

May 20th – 22nd: English

May 27th – May 29th: Maths

Grandparents and Relatives' Day

On tomorrow Friday February 14th we are inviting Grandparents and Relatives to visit our school. There will be mass at 11a.m. with some music and song from the children. There will then be a fun game of bingo for all our children and visitors! There will also be some refreshments served afterwards for our visitors. Some parking will be available in our school yard.

School Sport

- **Basketball:** Our school basketball team participated in the Marion Keane Tournament yesterday. Both our teams performed very well in this competition. We are very proud of the effort of both our boys and girls teams. We wish our girls well in the next round. Thanks to Mairéad Barry and Claire Cullinan for the training sessions that the children have done in in Inagh Hall.

- **Hurling & Camogie Wall Ball League:** The boys' competition has concluded and we were treated to 2 great finals (3rd/4th class and 5th/6th class). Well done to all our competitors The boys 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 (3rd-6th) is up and running this month and the finals will take place in March.
- **Hurling and Camogie Training:** Hurling and Camogie after school training (3rd – 6th) will start back on Monday March 3rd (Girls) from 3.00 to 3.45 pm and Thursday March 5th (Boys) from 3.00 to 3.45 pm. This training will take place each Monday and Thursday after school in our Astro Turf. The children from Ruan NS will also be attending. After a number of weeks, the training will move to Ruan. Thanks to our teachers who are coaching the children after school.

Ruan Hurling and Camogie Registration 2025

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 2025 with Ruan need to register and more details will also be sent on email. 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 (Boys' registration) and Alice Casey 085 7550100 (Girls' registration).

Parents Association News

- **Refreshments for Grandparents' Day:** Our Parents Association are organising refreshments for our visitors tomorrow Friday February 14th and we hope everyone enjoys the day.

Important Dates coming up

- **Friday February 14th:** Grandparents Day @ 11am.
- **17th – 21st of February (inclusive):** School closed for mid-term break.

Wishing you all a nice mid-term break.

Gearóid Roughan

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