



Scoil an Tamhnaigh

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Dear Parent(s),

I would like to bring the following to your attention in this November newsletter.

Christmas Concert:

The children have been practicing very well with their teachers and they are really looking forward to performing on the night. The concert will start at 7pm on Thursday December 7th.

There will be a raffle on the night which is an important fundraiser for the school. The Parents Association are requesting your help with donations for Christmas hampers & spot prizes for the Christmas Concert raffle i.e. sweets & treats, selection boxes, vouchers, games etc. If you have any unwanted baskets/hampers please recycle and drop off at the school office.

There is a box left in the school reception area so please leave donations in the box if you wish to support, before Friday 1st of December. The Parents Association will collect the donations this week and next week. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Team Hope Christmas Shoeboxes Thank You:

Well done for your amazing generosity and a total of 66 boxes were collected for this project. These Christmas boxes will make many children smile at Christmas time in Africa and Eastern Europe.

Enrolment to Junior Infants 2024/25:

If you know of a parent with a child who would like a place in our school in Junior Infants September 2024 or in another class, they can email Noelette to receive an Application Form for Enrolment. Application forms can also be downloaded on our website toonaghns.com. Application forms can be posted, emailed or dropped into the school. Anyone that wishes to view our excellent facilities is welcome to call in and we will show them around the school.

School Attendance:

Since we returned on August 30th, Toonagh National School has an excellent average attendance of 94.4%. 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 Self Evaluation Questionnaires:

A link with a questionnaire was sent by email this week. We would appreciate it if you could take the time to complete this questionnaire online by this Friday Nov 24, which will help with our School Self Evaluation process. Thank you.

Maths Week (16/10-20/10) and Science Week (13/11-17/11):

For Maths and Science week the children and their teachers took part in many interactive maths activities, games, maths trails around the school and Science experiments. The children really enjoyed these activities and you can see photos of Maths Week on our Instagram page. Well done to all the children and teachers.

Secondary School Applications - Sixth Class Pupils:

Application forms for the local secondary schools are available on each school's website. Applications are now being accepted and the closing date for the application forms for the Ennis Secondary Schools is Friday, 12th of January 2024 (12:30pm).

Sacraments' Update:

The next Communion for the First Time and Confirmation mass takes place this Saturday night November 24th at 8pm in Ruan Church.

School Sport

- **Gaelic Football:** Congratulations to our girls footballers who had a great win in the Cumann na mBunscol Division 4 final vs an excellent Doonbeg NS team in Cusack Park last week. Our girls played very well on the day and afterwards they were treated to food in Supermacs. Thanks to all the parents, pupils, staff and school community for the great support we received at the final which gave great encouragement to our players. Well done to all the girls who were part of the panel, everyone trained very well throughout the last few months. Thanks to Mr. Eustace and Ms. Cullinan for training our footballers.
- **Cross Country:** Well done to all the boys and girls who took part in the Clare Cross Country County Finals in Lees Road where all the children acquitted themselves very well. Special mention to Sophia Treacy who was second and claimed the silver medal in the Under 10 Girls county final.

Halloween Fun:

The children had great enjoyment and fun during our Halloween dress-up and parade in our Astroturf before the mid-term break. Each child received treats from the school and it was a happy end to the first half-term for the children. You can see the photos of this fun day on our Instagram page.

Parents Association News:

- **Calendar and school photos:** The Parents Association have put together a very nice school calendar for 2024. They have also taken school photos. Order forms need to be returned by this Friday November 24th if you wish to order a school calendar, school photos or a Christmas Concert DVD/memory stick.
- **Christmas Concert Raffle:** A box will be left in the school reception area to leave donations in the box, before Friday 1st of December.
- **Christmas Cards:** The pupils designed Christmas cards again this year and the Parents Association will have further details about ordering the Christmas cards.
- **Book Fair:** The Book Fair was held in the school this week and last week. It was an opportunity to get some Christmas presents together, while also supporting our school. Thanks to the parent volunteers who helped out with the running of the Book Fair and it was a great success.
- **Christmas Tree and decorations before the Toy Show!** Members of our PA and parents have been in school this week to put up our Christmas Tree and decorations in our school reception area.

Important Dates coming up:

- **Friday Nov 24th:** Return order forms for school calendar, school photos or a Christmas Concert DVD/memory stick.
- **Friday Dec 1st:** Donations for Christmas Concert raffle fundraiser by this date. Thanks for your support.
- **Thursday Dec 7th:** Christmas Concert @7pm.
- **Friday Dec 22nd:** School closes for Christmas Holidays @12.30pm.

Thanks for your continued support,

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