



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 March School Newsletter.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

'Seachtain na Gaeilge' was celebrated from Monday the 10th - Friday the 14th of March. The children learned traditional dances and there was great music played during the week by the pupils. We had an excellent Céilí Mór on Friday where the children performed traditional music, Irish dancing, poetry, singing and drama. The children were also encouraged to 'go green' for our Lá Glas on Friday 14th of March and they took part in the Siege of Ennis dance. Thanks to all our teachers for giving the children the chance to perform during the week and special thanks to Ms. Griffin for organising the excellent Céilí Mór. You can see some photos and videos of Seachtain na Gaeilge on our Instagram page.

World Down Syndrome Day

On Friday March 21st we celebrated World Down Syndrome Day. Children wore odd socks or colourful socks to help raise awareness and celebrate everything that makes us different, and yet the same. The children also took part in a colouring competition. €215 was raised for this worthy cause and thanks for your support.

School Swimming Programme

Swimming will take place in term 3 for the children 3rd – 6th Class. This will be for 6 weeks. We hope that the children will get great benefit from taking part in this important life skill which is part of our PE programme. Swimming starts back on Friday May 2nd. An epayment request will be sent out in due course to cover the cost of swimming lessons and the bus.

Sacraments Update

Congratulations to the pupils of Ms. Garrahy's 2nd class who made their sacrament of First Reconciliation in Dysart Church on Monday 10th of March. Thanks very much to Ms. Garrahy, Fr. Des and Fr. Pat for the very nice ceremony. The children also did very nice art work for this sacrament.

Confirmation will take place on Saturday April 5th @1pm in Ruan Church.

Holy Communion will take place on Saturday May 10th @11am in Dysart Church.

Holy Communion School Choir

Our school choir practise each week and at present they are practising for the Holy Communion Ceremony which takes place on Saturday May 10th @11pm in Dysart Church. Children from 1st – 6th Class are part of our choir and we ask that these pupils be available on this date where possible for our choir. More details closer to the date. Thanks for your support on this.

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. Application forms can also be downloaded on our website toonaghns.com. Thank you.

Ruan Underage Hurling Training Notice

Ruan GAA Club wishes to notify our school community that training for Under 5s/Beginners will take place on Tuesdays starting April 1st @6pm in Ruan School Astro pitch adjacent to Ruan GAA field, if you know of any boy interested in beginning hurling they are welcome to attend. See notice attached to this email.

Training for Under 7 boys starts back on Tuesday April 1st @6pm in Ruan GAA field and takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. New members are welcome.

School Sport

- **Hurling and Camogie Training after Easter:** Starting Monday April 28th Camogie training will be on in Ruan GAA Field and from Thursday May 1st Hurling training will be on in Ruan GAA Field from 3.00 - 4.00. Children in 3rd - 6th that would like to attend will leave school at 2.40. Parents are to make arrangements to bring the children to Ruan. Our hurling and camogie teams will also be starting their competitions after Easter. Thanks to Ms. Cullinan, Ms. Garrahy and Mr. Eustace who are coaching these teams after school.
- **Basketball:** Commiserations to our Girls' Basketball team who performed very well in the Marion Keane Tournament semi-finals and thanks to Mairéad Barry for coaching our basketball teams.
- **FAI Soccer Tournament:** Well done to all the boys and girls from 5th and 6th who took part in the FAI soccer tournament recently in Lees Road.

Parents Association News

- **Scrap Metal Collection Fundraiser:** The Scrap Metal Collection Fundraiser made €6425. This is a fantastic amount raised and many thanks to the hard-working Parent Association Committee. Thanks to the parents and anyone who helped out with this important fundraiser. The money raised will be used to buy important resources and equipment for our pupils and will go towards the general running costs of the school for this school year.

Important Dates coming up

- **Saturday April 5th:** Confirmation @1pm in Ruan Church.
- **Friday 11th of April:** School closes at 12.30 for Easter Holidays.
- **Monday 28th of April:** School reopens after Easter.
- **Friday 2nd of May:** Swimming lessons start for next 6 Fridays (3rd – 6th).
- **Monday May 5th:** School closed for May Bank Holiday.
- **Saturday May 10th:** Holy Communion @11 am in Dysart Church.
- **Tuesday May 20th – Thursday May 22nd:** Standardised Testing English
- **Tuesday May 27th – Thursday 29th:** Standardised Testing Maths

Every Good Wish to you all.

Gearóid Roughan

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KEY INFORMATION

- Under 5 Training starts on **Tuesday, April 1st** in the **Ruan School Astro** from **6pm to 7pm** and each subsequent week after that.
- Lots of **fun and games**.
- Bring your **hurley , helmet** and a **drink**.
- Looking forward to seeing you all.

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