



Scoil an Tamhnaigh

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2nd of June 2023

Dear Parent(s),

There are a number of items I would like to bring to your attention in this June Newsletter as we approach the final few weeks of the school year.

Free School Book Scheme school year 2023/24

Please see letter attached from Mr. Eustace about this. All school books and copybooks your child needs, will be provided free of charge for every pupil when they return to School on August 30th. Mr. Eustace is putting a lot of work into this, especially to get our orders in with the book companies. We will have more details later in the month.

We are currently organising our book lists and trying to plan for the roll out of this scheme.

Standardised Testing

Standardised testing took place recently in Maths and English. Your child's results in these tests will be communicated through end of year report cards which will be posted to you. Please see attached a letter about the Standardised Testing.

Confirmation and Holy Communion

Congratulations to our boys and girls who made their Holy Communion and Confirmation during May. The children were a credit to the school and their families. We were very proud of them on how reverently they received the sacraments. Our school choir and musicians really added to the ceremony. Thanks so much to the staff in the school who helped with these ceremonies. A lot of work went into the preparation for the children's special day and thanks especially to the class teachers Ms. Garrahy and Ms. Cullinan for all their hard work and dedication with the preparations.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 21st of June. Parents are invited to attend at 1.00pm. School will finish at 2.00pm on this day for all children. Our Parents Association will provide fruit to the children on this day. Thanks to our Parents Association for providing this. There will be a further update closer to the date.

School Swimming Programme

The swimming programme concluded last Friday May 26th. We hope that the pupils are getting great benefit from taking part in this important life skill which is part of our PE programme.

Summer Uniform

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Summer Uniform: Children can wear plain navy shorts/or Clare coloured shorts with their uniform if they wish to and hopefully nice weather continues.

Also during the hot weather please apply sunscreen before the children come to school and they may also bring their own sunscreen to school.

Donation of Library Books

Whenever you are clearing out any books that would be suitable for our school library (especially our Accelerated Reader Library 2nd – 6th) we would gladly accept donations of used books here at school. Thank you.

Sporting Activities

Well done to our **Hurling** and **Camogie panels** who have progressed to their respective semi-finals which were played yesterday in Tulla vs Kilkishen/O’C Mills NS. Our Boys and Girls gave great performances and our boys have qualified for the final, which will take place in Cusack Park, date and time to be confirmed.

Parents Association News

- **Final Clothes Collection this year:** The recent Parents Association Clothes Collection Fundraiser raised €340. This was the final one this year and thanks for all your support with the clothes collections this year.
- **Holy Communion and Confirmation Refreshments:** The Parents’ Association organised a fantastic array of home baking and treats after both our Communion and Confirmation ceremonies. Thanks very much to all parents who donated something. It is great to see the tradition continuing of the 3rd class parents helping to organise the Holy Communion Refreshments.

Important Dates coming up

- **Monday June 5th and June 6th:** School closed Monday and Tuesday for June Bank Holiday weekend.
- **Wednesday June 21st Sports Day:** Parents can attend at 1.00pm.
- **Monday June 26th:** 6th Class Graduation at 3.15 pm in our GP Hall.
- **Wednesday June 28th @ 12.30pm:** School Closes for Summer.

June will be a very busy month at school and it promises to be an enjoyable one for the children with many different events. We hope that children enjoy their final month of this school year.

I wish you all a nice Bank Holiday Weekend.

Gearóid Roughan

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Standardised Testing

Dear Parents,

Standardised tests are only one method used by the Department of Education and teachers to assess your child. The class teacher uses a broad range of assessment tools to evaluate learning and celebrate the achievements of your children.

When evaluating and monitoring progress and attainment we do not focus solely on a test score.

It is important to bear in mind all the other achievements and accomplishments of our children. There are many things a standardised test can't measure. The children in our school are always enthusiastic and positive about their school life and well done to each and every pupil in our school.

Yours sincerely,

Gearóid Roughan

Principal

