

Scoil an Tamhnaigh

*Toonagh, Fountain, Ennis,
Co. Clare*

Roll No. 03898U

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5th of June 2025

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 2025/26

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 27th. Mr. Eustace, Mary and Maelisa are putting a lot of work into this, especially to get our orders in with the book companies.

Hot School Meals Scheme

Toonagh NS has been approved to start this scheme. We are hoping that we will be ready to start this scheme within a week or two after we return to school on August 27th but our start date will depend on the Department of Education Tendering process and we are still awaiting details of how this will work. The Board of Management are currently seeking expressions of interest from school meal providers. Once finalised, parents will receive information on menus, start dates, and how to order. This programme should ease both time and cost burdens for families

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. Standardised tests are only one of a number of ways that we monitor and measure a child's progress. Please see attached an important letter about the Standardised Testing.

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on Friday 13th of June. Parents are invited to attend at 1.00pm. School will finish at 2.15pm on this day for all children. Our Parents Association will provide fruit to the children and they are also funding an ice cream van for the children on this day. Thanks to our Parents Association for providing this. Also, on this day our student council will open our new climbing wall.

School Swimming Programme

The swimming programme concludes on Friday June 6th. The pupils got great benefit from taking part in this important life skill which is part of our PE programme.

New School Shorts

Toonagh NS will have a standard school shorts in place soon. You will be able to order these online through Cobi Sports. We will have samples of the shorts here before the summer holidays so you call in and check the size for your child. When this is in place we will notify you.

New Junior Infants' Induction Day

There will be an Induction Day for the incoming Junior Infant children on Tuesday 17th of June at 2pm. The Junior and Senior Infant Classes will finish at 1.30p.m. on Tuesday June 17th to facilitate our Induction day which starts at 2pm.

Maelisa is retiring

After 25 years our wonderful Special Needs Assistant Maelisa is retiring. She has been a fantastic support to the children in her care as well as been a great help to all the staff and pupils of Toonagh National School over the past 25 years. We wish Maelisa a very happy and healthy retirement. Her final day in Toonagh will be Friday June 20th.

Donation of Library Books and return of School 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. If you are doing a clear out before the school year finishes in June, we will accept books for our school library.

Also if you have any Accelerated school Library books or Literacy Lift Off Books belonging to the school at home, can they please be returned in the next two weeks, thank you.

Sporting Activities

- **Hurling and Camogie:** Well done to our Hurling and Camogie panels who did very well in their competitions. Our Camogie team have qualified for the Division 1 Camogie Final which will take place in Cusack Park on Wednesday June 11th at 12.30pm. We wish the girls well in their final and all classes in the school will be attending. We will have more details next week.
- **Fun School Leagues:** Children in 3rd – 6th class will take part in fun school leagues in basketball, hurling and camogie in the final two weeks of June and we hope they enjoy these fun leagues.
- **School Swimming Championships:** Well done to Sadie and Millie Ryan who recently represented Toonagh N.S. at the Irish School Swimming Championships which was held at the National Aquatic Centre in Dublin where they both swam very well and achieved personal bests.

Ruan Summer Camp and Fundraiser

The Ruan hurling and camogie summer camp will take place from Monday August 11th – Thursday August 14th. This is a fun camp for children in the two primary schools in the parish. More details about registration for this camp will follow next week. Children can drop the registration forms into school if they wish to take part and the forms will be collected here.

Ruan GAA Club is holding a Family Fun Bingo night in Toonagh Hall on this Friday June 13th (doors open at 6.30pm) in aid of the pitch development. The children in the school get great use from this pitch for training, matches and blitzes. Tickets can be purchased from Annette Casey 089 4539096 (3rd class parent). See further details attached to this newsletter.

Parents Association News

- **School Tour Buses:** Thanks very much to the Parents Association who have helped with the cost of the buses to the tours.
- **Clothes Collection:** The Parents Association have sourced a company for an old clothes collection fundraiser. Due to the company's schedule this collection will take place on September 24th and if you have old clothes ready to donate, we would appreciate if you could hold onto them until our collection in September. There will be more details closer to this date.

Important Dates coming up

- **Monday June 9th – Friday June 13th:** Active Schools Week
- **Friday June 13th Sports Day:** Parents attend at 1.00 pm.
- **Tuesday June 17th:** Junior Infant Induction Day at 2.00 pm.
- **Monday June 23rd:** 6th Class Graduation at 3.15 pm in our GP Hall.
- **Wednesday June 25th:** School closes for summer holidays.

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.

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.

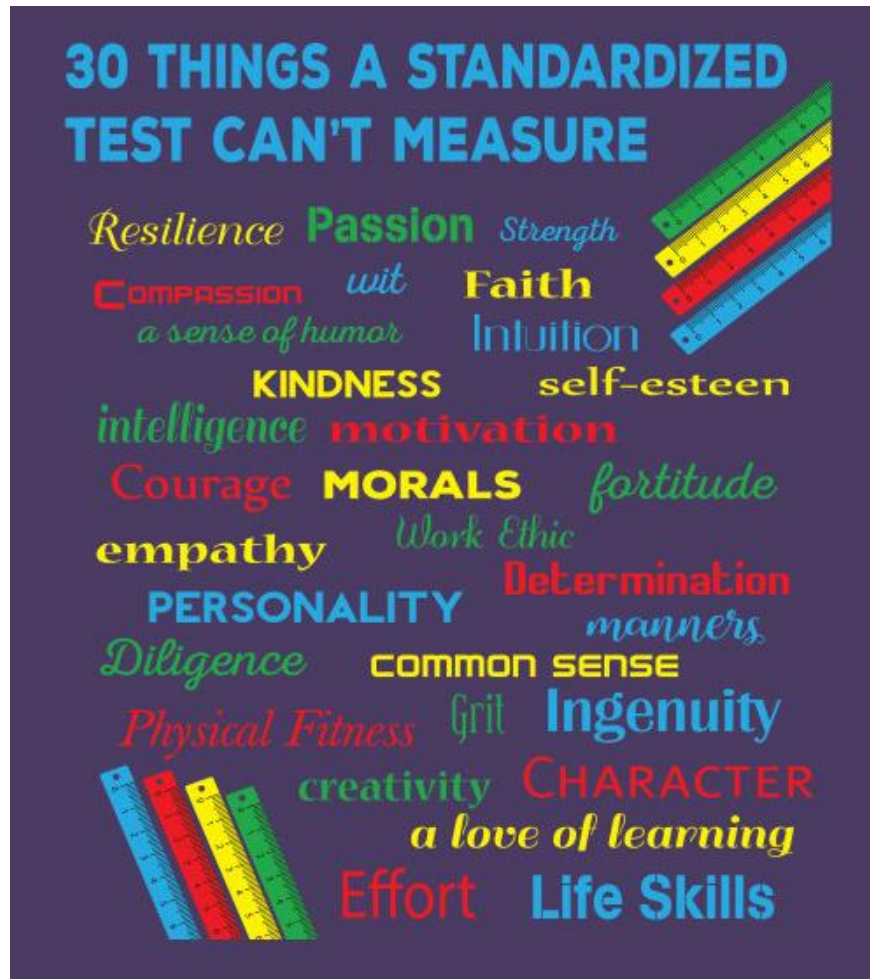
When evaluating and monitoring progress and attainment we do not focus solely on this test score.

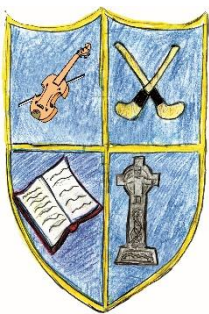
It is important to bear in mind all the other achievements and accomplishments of our children. There are many things a standardised test can't measure. The children in our school are always enthusiastic and positive about their school life and well done to each and every pupil in our school.

Yours sincerely,

Gearóid Roughan

Principal





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Free School Book Scheme 2025-26

Dear Parents,

The Department of Education and Skills has recently announced the free-book scheme will be extended to the school year 2025-26. This letter is to outline how the scheme will operate in Toonagh N.S. for the school year 2025-2026.

We will be purchasing all text books, workbooks and copy books for all students from Junior Infants to Sixth Class. All books supplied by the school will be covered and ready for students when they return to school on the 27th August '25. Please be aware some books will be new and others will be second hand from our book rental scheme. All textbooks, workbooks and copies given by the school remain the property of the school. Textbooks and workbooks either lost or damaged will need to be replaced. We understand workbooks and copies cannot be reused the following year and these books and copies can be kept at the end of the school year at the discretion of the class teacher.

We will however be asking parents to purchase certain materials for your child/children. We will require all children to purchase or re-use their own stationery and pencil cases including any colouring materials and folders. We feel children appreciate choosing their own materials and also, it's impractical to purchase pencils and colours to everyone's liking. It's also important for pupils to purchase their own stationery as it gives them a greater appreciation of owning them and they will take greater care of them. Items such as mathematical sets, dictionaries and sketch pads will need to be purchased for certain classes. It will be made clear to parents and students what they will need for the next academic year when you receive your child's end of year report. We also ask parents to have name labels for all stationery and spare name labels will be needed upon return to school for the books being given to students on the 27th August.

We also remind parents to please label all items of their child's school uniform and tracksuit along with lunch boxes and coats etc. to ensure lost items are kept to a minimum.

The book grant will also cover the following:

- Cost of a personalised school homework diary for all students from first to sixth class.
- Dabbleddo Music Licence for each child.
- Bua na Cainte- Gaeilge Programme Licence. (Junior Infants-2nd Class)
- Purchase of English novels throughout the year. (3rd to 6th class.)
- Purchase of graded readers throughout the year. (Junior Infants to 2nd Class.)
- Purchase of Tin Whistle for students in 1st – 4th class.
- STEM Kits for all classes.
- Mathematical sets.
- Dictionaries.
- Replacement of damaged or lost books from our book rental scheme.

If you have any questions or are unsure about anything please don't hesitate to contact me at toonaghschool@gmail.com

Kind Regards,

Séan Eustace



Family Fun **BINGO**

Hosted by Ruan GAA

Friday 13th June 2025

Toonagh Hall

Doors Open at 6.30 All Welcome

Tickets €10 Kids €5

Lots of Fun, Prizes & Tuck Shop on the night

Tickets can be purchased
from Annette Casey
089 4539096