

Scoil Náisiúnta Lorcáin Naofa, Tynagh N.S.

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear parents,

Welcome to the September newsletter!

As we come to the end of September, I would like to congratulate all the students on how they have settled back into the routine of school. I hope they have a fantastic year ahead.

Staff Emails and Meetings with Teachers:

If you need to contact or meet your child's teacher, please email them to arrange a meeting time that suits both the parent and the teacher. **All meetings to be arranged in advance.**

- Mrs. Conlon: ann.conlon@tynaghns.ie
- Mrs. Francis: valerie.francis@tynaghns.ie
- Ms. Kelly: orla.kelly@tynaghns.ie
- Mr. Davern: nick.davern@tynaghns.ie

New School Website: We are in the process of updating our new school website. We will let you know once it goes live. If you have any suggestions for our website please email info@tynaghns.ie

Hoodies for 6th Class: 6th Class will be getting school hoodies to wear this year as part of their graduation. They have inputted their ideas into the design and style of the hoodies and are excitedly awaiting their arrival. They will be part of their school uniform for the year.

Illness: To ensure the safety of everyone in the school community during the year ahead, please keep your child at home if they are displaying symptoms of illness (stomach bug, virus, flu, COVID-19, etc.) and please ensure that you follow the latest HSE guidance in relation to children with any symptoms of illness.

Homework: Please ensure your child completes their homework each evening/night. Homework is designed to further your child's learning and revise topics covered in school. Please check over your child's homework each evening to ensure that it has been completed properly. Here are some things to look out for:

- Capital letters and full stops
- Spellings
- Presentation of work

Please email your child's teacher to arrange a meeting if your child is consistently having difficulty with their homework.

GAA: Training every Tuesday with Galway GAA. Boys' Mini 7's Friday 6th October at Kilconieron Pitch. Girls' Mini 7's Tuesday 10th October in Killimor. The Blitz in Portumna Community School was cancelled due to bad weather.

Soccer: Portumna Town F.C have started training for u7s on Thursdays between 5-6pm. Contact Marie O' Donnell on 086 0810681 or Mike Keane on 086 8806474.

Athletics: A 6 week Athletics programme for Junior Infants up to 6th Class started on the 21st September with School Fitness Ireland.

Reminder re: School Costs: At this time of the year, Pupil Personal Accident Insurance is due. Each child is asked to pay €9. There is also a charge of €15 for the first child in a family and €10 for every child thereafter for photocopying and art supplies. Please bring these amounts to the class teachers at your earliest convenience. Please ensure all money is in an envelope with your child's name on it.

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Reminder re: Absent Notes: Tusla requires that schools send in the number of absences from school during the school year. These absences must be documented in the school. Please email your child's teacher giving the reason for your child's absence when your child is not in school.

Reminder re: Healthy Eating Policy: Please note that Tynagh NS operates a healthy eating policy. Please ensure your child has a healthy lunch each day. Lunch is an important meal for school-going children. It should provide one third of their recommended daily allowance of nutrients without being high in fat, sugar or salt. It should also provide dietary fibre (roughage).

We ask that children do NOT bring the following to school:

Snacks known to be high in sugar, saturated fat, salt, additives and preservatives, including the following:

- Crisps (including crisp-style snacks)
- Fizzy drinks (including fizzy fruit-flavoured water, juices, etc.)
- Sweets
- Chocolate biscuits/bars
- Chocolate yogurts/mousse
- Chocolate spread
- Cereal bars
- Chewing gum
- Fruit winders

Our green school motto is: *'Keep our school green, like a recycling machine!'* With this in mind, children are also asked to:

- take home (in lunchbox) all uneaten food, silver paper, wrappings, containers and cartons
- not bring in cans and glass – for safety reasons

Reminder re: morning drop-offs: The Board of Management wishes to bring to your attention that the school does not accept responsibility for pupils dropped off earlier than 9.10am. Pupils should be collected promptly at either 2pm or 3pm (depending on what class your child is in).

Reminder re: Invitations: Invitations to parties can only be distributed at home time or outside of school.

Centre for Talented Youth Ireland: The Centre for Talented Youth Ireland (CTYI) at Dublin City University provides specialised courses for young people with exceptional academic ability in verbal, numerical or abstract reasoning. They are looking for pupils aged 6 and 13 years old who are performing in the 90th percentile or above in standardised school tests. Parents apply online to the programme directly at:

<https://www.dcu.ie/ctyi/centre-talented-youth-ireland-student-assessment>

Yours sincerely,

Mr Davern

Principal