

# MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## School Closure

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March School Closed St. Patrick's Day



## First Confession

The boys from 2<sup>nd</sup> class who are receiving their First Communion in May, will be making their First Confession tonight at 8.00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. They have been busy preparing for the sacrament with their teachers Mr. Davis & Ms. Ring as well as Fr. Paul and Fr. Liam. Best wishes to the boys and their families on this very special occasion.



## Seachtain na Gaeilge

Over the coming week (8<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March), Seachtain na Gaeilge will be celebrated in the school with many activities for all levels. The week puts a particular emphasis on speaking Irish, so you might like to practice a “cúpla focal” at home with your son. Activities in school include Drama as Gaeilge, Tráth na gCeist, Art Competitions, Poetry and a special Céilí Mór for all infant classes. To round off the week, we will have a “**Lá Glas**” on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>, where the children will be allowed to wear something green to school. *We would ask that each child brings in €1 on this day.* There will be lots of prizes for the various activities and, in particular, for the boys who make the best efforts to speak Irish during the week.

## Pancake Tuesday Fundraising for Haiti

An enormous thank you to everybody who supported the fundraising for victims of the Haiti earthquake on Shrove Tuesday. The total amount raised was €3,940.50. The main activities were pancake sales, Guess the number of Sweets, Name the Fluffy Dog and Sponsored Leg Wax (male staff).



The winner of the Jar of Sweets was Scott McMyler of Mr. Downes' 4<sup>th</sup> class. He guessed 643 sweets, just one off the correct total. The Name the Dog competition, which came with a clue – “This Dog ain't no Parrot”, proved to be highly competitive. 15 pupils guessed the correct name – ‘Polly’. The winner, drawn from a hat, was Eoin Richardson from Ms. Murphy's 3<sup>rd</sup> class. He is now the proud owner of Polly.

## Senior infant trip to the Fire Station

Early on Monday morning last week the senior Infants and their teachers set off for the ‘annual trip’ to the fire Station. It was a long walk, but the boys were well able as they were all VERY excited! When they got there, they were greeted by three firemen. The firemen were all dressed up in their uniforms. All of a sudden the gates of the station started to move. Behind them were three enormous fire-trucks. One of the trucks was moved out so the boys could investigate further. The firemen showed them lots of cool things like the different ladders and fire hoses, the “crab cutters” and the “jaws of life”. The boys also, got to hop on the truck for a look around. After that everyone headed out back where every boy had a turn of using the fire hose to aim at a target. It was hard to do but it was lots of fun and fortunately no teachers got sprayed in the process!! All in all, the boys had a great time and would like to say again a huge thanks to all the crew in Maynooth Fire Station.



## Readalong

We are now into the second week of our Readalong, which has been organised in place of the Book Fair this year. The aim is to promote and encourage reading among the boys while generating funds which will go towards improving the stock of books in the class libraries. We are hoping parents and guardians will make a particular effort to become involved in your son’s reading over the next few weeks.



## Library Visit

Junior and Senior Infants went on an adventure to Maynooth library on World Book Day (Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March). It was the longest walk that Junior Infants had ever done but it was well worth it when we got there as the boys got a special treat! The librarian read two lovely stories before we were allowed to browse through the great selection of books that are available in the library.



Many thanks to all in Maynooth library who opened especially for us and who treated us so well. The boys of Junior and Senior Infants can’t wait to visit the library again!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Hurling Blitz

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March, Mr. Fenton and Mr. Murphy took twenty one 3<sup>rd</sup> Class boys to Celbridge for a “Fun Hurling Blitz”. This ground hurling competition was organised by the Kildare GAA coaching team and was a



fantastic success. A total of 20 teams from the locality took part and each team had over 2½ hours of hurling on the day. The emphasis was on “Fun” and all the boys really enjoyed themselves. Certainly it must be said that the standard of hurling was very high and that the future of hurling is bright in the school.



### **Credit Union Quiz**

Yesterday was another historic day for our school quiz teams. After winning both the U-11 and U-13 sections in the local Credit Union Quiz, the boys travelled to the Chapter finals in Kilnamanagh. The standard of questions was of the highest order.

Our U-13 team did themselves and the school proud and finished a highly credible 5<sup>th</sup> place. Our U-11 team put in an unbelievable performance. After ten very tense and competitive rounds the boys finished on top of their section. As a result they now travel to the RDS in mid-April to take part in the All Ireland Finals. This is a very noteworthy achievement and I would like to wish them all the best in the next round of the competition.

*Mr. Fenton*

U-11 Callum McCabe, Ben Carroll, Michael Diamond, Paul Damery

U-13 Dylan McCarron, Tomás Feeney, Michael Wilson, Michael McBrearty

### **Futsal**

On Wednesday last two Futsal teams travelled to Newbridge.

Sixteen 4<sup>th</sup> Class boys took part. Both Maynooth squads started the day brightly, making it through their groups without conceding a goal. Next came the round-robin stage where competition was much tougher. Both sides performed magnificently with skilful passing, clinical finishing and brave goalkeeping. Unfortunately they were to both miss out on the Final by a single goal. Well done to all the boys who took part and thanks to all the parents who gave their support and the always valuable lifts!



#### *Maynooth A*

Brendan Bradley

Alex Kelly

Mikey Cooke

Daniel Penny

James Murray

Scott McMyler

Jack Duffy

Ciarán Kelly

#### *Maynooth B*

Craig Toolis

Eoin Franklin

Matthew Gibbons

Cian Burke O'Neill

Aaron Byrne

Cian Farrell

David Wright

Donal Murray

## **Tesco Tokens**

Tesco has resumed its Computers for Schools voucher scheme. This will run from March until May 2010. There is a collection box just inside the main door of the school. In the past we have received computers, digital cameras, accessories and software through this scheme. We would be grateful if you would please ask your family, friends and neighbours to collect for our school, if they happen to be shopping at Tesco. However, we would strongly emphasise that we do not wish you to change your shopping habits in any way.

## **Happy St. Patrick's Day**



