

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Reminder – Staff Meeting

Just a reminder that there will be a staff meeting tomorrow, Wednesday 21st April, so the school will close at 12.30pm. As always, we ask that you collect your child *promptly* to allow us to get the meeting started on time.

Early Closure

The Board of Management has arranged for a special training session for the entire school staff on Child Protection and Safety. To facilitate this programme, the school will close for pupils **at 12.30pm on Tuesday 1st June**. (Please note that the girls' school will operate a normal full school day on that date.)

After School Activities

After School Activities will re-commence next week. Please see leaflet accompanying this Newsletter.

Phones for Boards

Just a quick reminder that we are still collecting **all** old mobile phones for the Jack and Jill Foundation. The aim is to collect another 500 phones before the summer. Currently we have 150 phones. If every family and teacher were to bring in one more phone each we would have our target!

Tesco Vouchers for Computers for Schools

For the past month Tesco have been promoting the above initiative, however we find that the vouchers are not been offered at the cash desks and as a result, the number of vouchers being handed into the school is only a fraction of that of previous years. If you are shopping in Tesco, please remember to ask for the vouchers at the check out desk. Thank you.

Cool Kids Summer Camp

Cool Kids Summer Camp is back!! This camp will provide your children with fun and enjoyable activities from Monday 5th July to Friday 9th July, 10am – 3pm in Maynooth Boys' National School, for Junior Infants to 6th Class. Our daily programme is designed to ensure fun, excitement and variety. This camp will take place under the supervision of experienced primary school teachers. For more details, contact Laura Kelly on 0861563417 or visit the website www.maynoothbns.ie for an application form. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Under 10 Football

Mr. Murphy reports that our U-10 Footballers are busy preparing for their league which starts next week. On Friday last they beat Kilcock in a friendly in Maynooth GAA. Good performances by Alex and Ciarán Kelly at midfield laid the foundations for a 10 point win. Eoin Franklin, James Berzins and Cathal McCabe played really well too.

Hurling

Our U-13 hurlers played their first game of the season on Wednesday last, the 14th April when they travelled to Clane. It was a disappointing start to the campaign as our boys were well beaten on a scoreline of 5-5 to 1-4. Most of the damage was done in the first half when Clane played with the aid of a strong breeze and scored some crucial goals. The boys put in a very creditable second half performance and were unlucky not to score a few goals of their own. Our next game is this Thursday, (22nd April v Celbridge), when managers Mr. Fenton & Mr. Downes are hoping our boys will respond with a win to kick-start the season.

Mini 7's

On Friday last, 16th April, ten U11 hurlers went to Confey to play in the Mini-7's. The boys played two matches, winning them both. On a beautiful day for hurling our boys played some marvellous hurling to defeat Confey and Gaelscoil Uí Fhiach. This result means they have qualified for the next round, which is due to take place in Naas on Wednesday 28th April. Great credit is due to the entire panel as they all contributed to the success.

Panel: R. Kavanagh, C. Duff, C. McCabe, C. Whyte, P. Maguire, C. Lynch, S. McMyler, D. Gaffney, M. McBrearty, N. O'Sullivan

North Kildare 5 Aside Soccer

On Thursday last, three 6th class teams travelled to Ballyoulster United's astro pitches to compete in the North Kildare Schools 5-a-side soccer tournament. The competition was run on a group basis with the top team in each of the three groups to qualify for the Kildare finals. The draw was unkind to us in that it placed the Maynooth 'A, and 'C' teams in the same group, meaning that both could not qualify. Following the day's action the Maynooth 'A' and 'B' squads had topped their respective groups while the 'C' team performed excellently but did not qualify. Our two qualifying teams will play in the Kildare Finals on Wednesday next 28th April. The school has come very close to winning this competition in the past four years so we hope that the boys can go that one step further this year! Good luck lads!

All Ireland Final

On Sunday last, four of our 5th class pupils travelled to the RDS to take part in the final of the Credit Union Schools Table quiz All Ireland Final. Ben Carroll, Callum McCabe, Michael Diamond, Paul Damery came through earlier qualifying rounds, winning local and regional honours. This is a fiercely contested final with the top teams in the country vying for honours. Open to 4,000 primary schools in the early rounds, the final brings together the top 50 teams in the country.

On Sunday, adults from schools that have a track record in this event agreed that the questions were the toughest yet. We are proud to say that our boys came 19th. While they weren't the winners, 19th out of 4,000 isn't bad...not bad at all. Well done Ben, Callum, Michael & Paul! Thank you to their teachers who have helped prepare the boys and in particular to Mr. Fenton, who has worked consistently with them over the past 3 months.

New Extension Occupied

It has finally happened! Yesterday, with military precision, the new extension and the classrooms underneath, were finally occupied. Five classes took possession of their new rooms, almost in disbelief that the day had finally arrived. (One other class had managed to sneak in a week early the previous Monday.)

Although the scaffolding is still in place, the interior has been completed and is ready for use. When the final layers of plaster are put on, the scaffolding will come down, leaving just some external paths and groundwork to be finished off.

A big thank you to everyone for their co-operation and patience during the construction, especially Ms. Ring, Ms. Duignan, Ms. U. McMahon and their classes.

The classes who have moved are:

Mrs. Gunne's 1 st Class	Downstairs
Ms. Flynn's 1 st Class	Downstairs
Ms. U. McMahon's 1 st Class	Downstairs
Ms. Ring's 2 nd Class	Upstairs
Mr. Davis' 2 nd Class	Upstairs
Ms. Creevey's 5 th Class	Upstairs

New Arrival

We'd like to heartily congratulate Ms. Duignan on the birth of her baby daughter recently. We are happy to say that mother & daughter are doing splendidly.

North Kildare Tennis Club

North Kildare Tennis Club offers tennis facilities to adults, students and children over 5 years of age. They host a range of activities including ladies tennis mornings, club nights for adults and children and regular children's coaching. Professional adult and group coaching is also available. Annual registration is on Sunday 25th April from 10am – 12 noon at the clubhouse. For more information please contact Anne 0878201456, Sharon 0868877700 or email: info@northkildareclub.ie.

Maynooth Community Games – Swimming

Swimming will take place on Sunday 25th April from 3pm – 5pm in NUI Maynooth. Age Groups: U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 Entry Fee is €3 per child. For more information please contact Anne Lynch 086 367 0486

What Subjects should my child choose in First year and Why?

Kilcock Dyslexia Workshop have organized an Intake Officer from DCU to speak and give parents the benefit of all her wisdom and experience. The information evening is FREE and open to all parents of children attending primary or secondary school. The venue is the Glenroyal Hotel and takes place on Wednesday 28th April. For further information please call 086 237 6810.

Trocaire Boxes

Many thanks to all who returned their Trocaire boxes to the school. If you have still to send in your box, please do so **by the end of this week**. Thank you.