

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Reminder – Staff Meeting

Just a reminder that there will be a staff meeting this week on Wednesday 16th June, 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.

School Holidays

Please note, the school closes on **Wednesday 30th June at 12 Noon.** Meanwhile, we can confirm that the school will re-open on Tuesday 31st August at 9.20a.m. with Junior Infants commencing on Wednesday 1st September at 10.00a.m. Also, the school closes at 12.30 on Wednesday 8th September for the first staff meeting. (See further details on page 4 of Newsletter.)

Booklists

Booklists have distributed to all the boys. Please note that **all booklist orders must be returned to the class teacher by Wednesday, 16th June.** Orders received after this date cannot be processed. If you are purchasing the school books yourself, please remember that the booklist must be returned with payment for school requirements. If you have more than one child in the school, separate payments should be sent into each class teacher, (i.e. not all in the same envelope).



If you are interested in selling/swapping school books or uniform, don't forget to check out <http://boards.maynoothbns.ie> which has been set up through the PTA to facilitate parents. Also, if you would like to donate/sell your son's Geography Quest 3, 4, 5 or 6 to the school, please send back the slip (or a note) to your son's teacher before Friday 18th June. Next year 3rd – 6th classes will need 2 geography books, Geography Quest and another text to be decided. Combined cost will be in the region of €20 but both can be rented for just €5.50.

Reports



You are asked to send in a stamped addressed envelope to your son's teacher by Friday 18th June, so that your son's end of year report can be forwarded to you. (Separate envelopes if you have children in different classes please.)

N.B. If a stamped addressed envelope is not received, the report can only be obtained in September by request.

Is your son leaving?

At this time of the year we are already making plans for the next school year. If you expect to be moving before next September, it would be a big help to us if you could let us know. (If you let us know and subsequently cancel your move, your son will **NOT** lose his place in the school.) We would appreciate you advising us by this Friday 18th June.



Graduation

The 6th Class Graduation will take place on Monday 28th June. Details will be made available beforehand.



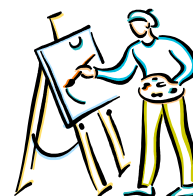
New Junior Infant Visit



Next year's Junior Infants will pay their first official visit to the school on Thursday 17th June. Our current Junior Infants will go home at 12.15pm on that day.

Art Display

Our end of year Art Display will be held in the P.E. Hall this week. The display will be open for viewing from 10am – 3.00pm each day from Tuesday 15th – Thursday 17th June. It will also be open from 6.30-8.30pm on Wednesday 18th. Everyone is welcome as every child in the school from Junior Infants to 6th Class will have their favourite piece of work this year included in the display.



Sports Day 2010

Sports day was a huge success on Friday 11th June. The weather was ideal and the day was action-packed. The North Kildare Club again donated full use of their facilities for the senior classes. We are extremely grateful for this generous gesture every year. The boys certainly enjoyed the space and the facilities there, especially their magnificent new All Weather pitch. The 'Bouncing Obstacle Course', which was funded by the PTA, was a big hit for the junior classes at the school again this year.

Particular thanks to the staff, whose energy makes this day possible and especially to Mr. Creevey, who did a wonderful job co-ordinating the whole event.

U-10 County Champions

Our under 10 footballers bridged a 5 year gap on May 25th when they beat Celbridge to win the Kildare Cumann na mBunscoil Championship. It was a tight game in the first half, but a goal from Ciarán Kelly gave Maynooth the edge at half-time. Further points from Ciarán in the second half helped Maynooth to move further ahead and then a goal from substitute Cian Burke and five points by Tom Fagan sealed a famous victory by 2-8 to 2-3. Great defensive work from Thomas Jones, Conor Duff and Eoin Franklin, while Eoin Harrington in goal helped launch the attacking play of midfielders Alex Kelly and Conor Lynch. Cathal McCabe, Daniel Waldron and Ciarán Kelly were outstanding in attack. The footballing future looks bright for Maynooth BNS.



The full panel was: Alex Kelly, Ciarán Kelly, Daire Whelan, Daniel Waldron, Cian Burke, Eoin Franklin, Eoin Harrington, Conor Lynch, Thomas Jones, Conor Duff, Cathal McCabe, James Wallace, Janis Berzins, Ciaran Krahn, Cian Durcan, Cathal Quinn, Luke Ledwith, Eoin Richardson, Daniel Ridge, Charlie McMyler, Ronan Walsh, Shane White, Harry Dunne, James Flattery, Barry Kinirons, Thomas Fagan.

U-13 Football

In recent weeks the under-13 football team contested the county Final against Clane in Moorefield. Hoping to emulate the U-10 team, they started the game very well and matched an excellent Clane team in all departments. In an exciting game, both teams gave it their all with Clane claiming two very late goals to make the difference. Naturally our lads were very disappointed but they have no reason to be. They have been a credit to themselves, their families and the school. They have trained hard since last November and displayed an abundance of skill, commitment and determination. We are very proud to have such young men representing the school and we believe that the attitude they have shown means that success lies in their path in future years. Thanks again to all the parents who have helped out with lifts and support through the campaign. Much appreciated.

O. Creevey/C. McGeady

Road Safety Campaign – In Car Child Safety

The Kildare Garda Traffic Corps have notified us that they will be conducting random checks in the vicinity of schools during June. They will be checking in particular, compliance with safety belt and child restraint systems in motor vehicles. There will be further campaigns from September onwards. They also recommend you consult the Road Safety Authority Website for help and advice – www.rsa.ie/Child Safety in Cars. Consider yourself warned!!



Footwear

In recent years the Board of Management has taken a very child-friendly position in relation to the footwear worn with the school uniform. As the boys tend to be active during breaks, especially the older boys who participate in the organised ‘Yard Games’, the Board has permitted the wearing of runners/trainers to school with the school uniform.

There is, however, a restriction with regards to colour – **they must be dark coloured, preferably black.** Under no circumstances should brightly coloured runners be worn to school e.g. yellow, blue, green, orange, red etc. This rule will be relaxed between now and the summer holidays. However, from the beginning of the next school year, full compliance will be expected.



Lost Property

As the end of the year draws closer, we would appeal that you check to ensure your son is not missing any coats/jackets or uniform items. There is still a good deal of lost property awaiting collection. Anything not claimed by Friday 25th June will be disposed of to charity.

Community Festival Table Quiz

Table Quiz for boys and girls aged 8-12 will take place in the school P.E. Hall at 3.30pm on Wednesday 23rd June. Entry fee €2. All welcome. Prizes will be presented to winners of the Community Art Competition at the table quiz.

Uniform Warehouse (formerly Head to Toe) Price List 2010

Crested Jumper	€25	Navy Trousers Age 11-14	
€17.50			
Blue Shirt	€7	School Tracksuit with school crest	€35
Blue Shirt Age 12/13	€9	Polo Shirt with school crest	€12
Navy Tie	€7	Fleece Jacket with school crest	€35
Navy Trousers	€15	(This jacket, whole not compulsory, is of excellent quality & strongly recommended to you)	

Pupil of the Week

Congratulations to all the boys who recently received pupil of the week awards:-

Ms. Tierney's Junior Infants	Frankie Durcan
Ms. Kelly's Junior Infants	Patrick Mahoney
Ms. McMahon's Senior Infants	Cian Allende
Ms. Dunning's Senior Infants	Daniel O'Meara
Ms. McMahon's 1 st Class	John Nolan
Ms. Gunn's 1st Class	Alex Mooney
Mr. Davis' 2 nd Class	Matthew O'Dwyer
Ms. Ring's 2 nd Class	Samran Esmail
Mr. Murphy's 3 rd Class	Kristian Hogan
Ms. Murphy's 3 rd Class	Timothy Andrejev
Ms. Meehan's 4 th Class	Eoin Franklin
Mr. Downes' 4 th Class	Daire Whelan
Ms. McLaughlin's 5 th Class	Mark McGibbon
Mr. Creevey's 5 th Class	Liam Byrne
Mr. McGeady's 6 th Class	Matthew Doran
Mr. Fenton's 6 th Class	Daniel O'Sullivan



Summary of 2010-2011 School Calendar

Tue 31st Aug	School re-opens 9.20am
Wed 1st Sep	Junior Infants commence 10am
Wed 8th Sep	Staff Meeting Close at 12.30pm
Mon 25th – Fri 29th Oct	Mid Term Break - School Closed
8th Dec	Feast of Immaculate Conception – School Closed
23rd Dec	School Closed at 12 noon for Christmas Holidays
10th Jan	School Re-opens 9.20am
Mon 21st – Fri 25th Feb	Mid Term Break - School Closed
Thu 17th March	St. Patrick's Day – School Closed
Fri 18th March	School Holiday – School Closed
Friday 15th April	School Closed at 12 noon for Easter Holidays
Tue 3rd May	School Re-opens 9.20am
Mon 6th June	Public Holiday – School Closed
Thu 30th June	School Closed at 12 noon for Summer Holidays

The full calendar will issue in September.