

# MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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11<sup>th</sup> October, 2010

### **School Photographs**

School Photographer, Kevin Carr, will be coming in on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October, (this Thursday) to take the Class Group photos. Please ensure that your son is wearing his full uniform on the day (including tie) or tracksuit if the class is due to do P.E.

### **Wrist Bands/Bracelets**

The wearing of any coloured, rubber bracelets/wrist bands is not permitted on the school premises.

### **First Communion**

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion for the boys in our school will be celebrated on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Confirmation**

The Sacrament of Confirmation for the boys in 6<sup>th</sup> class will be celebrated on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Standardised Testing**

Standardised testing will be carried out on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. We ask that you avoid any absences of pupils on these days unless absolutely necessary. This testing should not cause any worry to the boys and extra studying, or preparation, is not necessary.

### **Safer Cycling Training**

Last week the pupils in two 5<sup>th</sup> classes each undertook a full day's training in Safer Cycling. The training, which was subsidised by our Parents' Association and the R.S.A., focused on teaching the boys skills which will help them cycle more safely and with confidence.

All the necessary equipment was fully provided, including bicycles, helmets, cones, ramps, poles etc. Although learning, the boys enjoyed the day immensely.

### **Junior Infant Immunisations**

Booster Immunisations for Junior Infants will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Leaflets have been sent home with your son. Please check his school bag and return consent form if you have not already done so.

### **Under 11 Hurling Report**

Our Under 11 hurlers have performed very well in this year's competition. In the first game our boys had a comprehensive win against Confey. On Thursday last, 7<sup>th</sup> October, we travelled to Celbridge GAA Club to take on Scoil Na Mainistreach. This was a very entertaining contest and although we came out on the wrong side of a 5-2 to 2-5 scoreline, it was nonetheless, a very encouraging display. A lot of the team have only taken up hurling this September and it is hoped that they will continue to develop and progress in the future years. At this stage I would like to thank all the boys for their efforts, the parents for providing lifts and to our two Transition Year Students, Neil Flynn and Robert Maguire, who have coached the boys on Fridays.

*Mr. Fenton*

### **Under 11 Football Report**

The Under 11 football team bowed out of the competition on Friday last after their semi final against St. Conleth's and Mary's of Newbridge. The boys went into the game high on confidence, following a great win against Clane and a draw against Celbridge. Maynooth started very well and were unlucky not to go into the break with more than one point lead. However, it was the opposition who started the second half more brightly with two quick goals. Despite a determined effort to get back into the game our lads just couldn't bridge the gap and eventually lost by five points. Many thanks to the boys for their great displays of effort, skill and commitment. Thanks also to all the parents who provided transport and support through the season.

*O. Creevey & C. McGeady*

## Library Visits

As part of the October Book Festival, Maynooth Library has organised a series of events which are proving to be immensely interesting for the boys. All 11 class groups from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class are getting an opportunity to visit the library and participate in an event. The full schedule of visits is as follows:

Oct	1 <sup>st</sup> Irish History Live	(Ms. Flynn's 5 <sup>th</sup> )
	7 <sup>th</sup> Mad Science Show	Mr. McGeady's 5 <sup>th</sup> )
	14 <sup>th</sup> Author Visit	(Ms. McMahon's 4 <sup>th</sup> )
	21 <sup>st</sup> Dublin Zoo Outreach Officer	(2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Classes)
	22 <sup>nd</sup> Author Visit	(Mr. Downes' 4 <sup>th</sup> )

## Tidy Towns

The annual awards night for the Tidy Towns was held in the Glen Royal Hotel on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Maynooth received an overall mark of 275/400, which was an improvement of 5 points on last year and each year the points are increasing slowly but steadily. Prizes were awarded to the following for well maintained estates – College Green, Parson's Hall, Moyglare Village and Rockfield. In the village, Mystique had the best shop front, Homeworld Discount Store the best window and Manor Mills was awarded the best commercial centre. (They had a lovely floral display on the wall next to Lyreen).

In the schools section two boys from our school picked up the coveted award. These were Ross Kavanagh, Mr. Fenton's 6<sup>th</sup> Class and Glen Nee, Mr. Creevey's 3<sup>rd</sup> Class. These boys do Trojan work with the Tidy Towns every Tuesday and Sunday mornings. The flower beds at the bus bay and around Lyreen Stream are particularly impressive.

## Maynooth GAA Under 10 League Division 1 Champions 2010

Well done to the boys on a well deserved result! They were undefeated in all matches and progressed to win the U-10 League Division 1 Football Final against Kilcock.

*Panel: Janis Berzins, Conor Lynch, Dáire Whelan, Ciaran Kelly, Aodhan McGarry, Alex Kelly, Daniel Waldron, Cathal McCabe, Conor Loftus, Eoin Franklin, James Wallace*

## Keys Found

Two separate sets of keys found on path near the boundary fence between the school and NUI Maynooth. There is a car key in each set (one is for a BMW). They will be in lost property at the school office for the next 2 weeks. We also have a door key with key tags "Tom Hogan Motors" and "48" on them.

## New First Class After-School Sports

An after school Sports for First Class will commence this coming Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> of October from 3-4pm. The enrolment form below must be completed and returned between 9.10 and 9.20 a.m. to the school office tomorrow or Wednesday. Please note class teachers cannot accept application. Application forms and the appropriate fee must be IN AN ENVELOPE with the Pupil's Name, Class & Teacher clearly marked on the outside. For administration purposes, application cannot be accepted unless in this format.

This initial session will run for 4 weeks. Places are limited and will be on a first come first served basis. Cheques should be made payable to Maynooth BNS.

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I wish my son to take part in the Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Class After School Sports Club – Fee €20

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed € \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile No. to text if a session has to be cancelled \_\_\_\_\_