

Credit Union Art Competition

Each year, Maynooth Credit Union organises a poster competition across the four primary schools in the parish. It is always very popular with the boys and this year's competition, with the theme "Local. Trusted. Serving You", was no exception.

We are delighted to confirm that our pupils scooped eight of the nine prizes. The successful boys were:



11yrs – 13yrs	8yrs – 10yrs	7yrs and under
1 st Cian Whyte 2 nd Mario Rudaru 3 rd Matt Guillermo	1 st Michael O' Hora 3 rd Kristofer Gray	1 st Cillian Kearney 2 nd Daniel McAvinue 3 rd David Qualter

Well done to the pupils who participated and who produced such wonderful pictures for this competition.

Gaelic Telecom Donations

Thank you to the families who have nominated the school to receive a percentage of their telephone bills. We recently received €88.84 which will be used to purchase sports equipment. Míle Buíochas.

Christmas Carol Singing

A big thank you and well done to the boys from second and third class who entertained the customers in Manor Mills Shopping Centre with their carol singing on 17th December. They raised almost €575.86 which was used to purchase Christmas food hampers for needy families in Maynooth. Thanks also to the teachers who helped the boys with their singing and guitar playing and to the mams, dads and other family members who came along to support.



Snow

The snow seems to have receded – hopefully for good. Unfortunately, a number of school activities were casualties of the weather conditions. Among these were participation at the Intel Mini Scientist Finals and the Junior Infant Nativity play. However, the 5th class Mini Scientists did get to display their projects to the school and the Junior Infants got to perform twice – for some of the classes in the school and for residents of the TLC Nursing Home.

Credit Union Table Quiz

The Annual Credit Union Table Quiz will take place in the school hall on Friday 4th February at 7.30 p.m. There will be 2 sections in the quiz. Under 11 and Under 13. We will be arranging and organising teams within the school. It is always an enjoyable night for the boys, and the Credit Union are excellent hosts, they have always managed to supply refreshments to date!

Hip Hop Trophy

Congratulations to the boys from "Crewshal" Urban Essence Hip Hop group who came 2nd in the All Ireland Hip Hop Championships 2010. The boys who took part were Blake VanDuyvenvoorde, Aidan Carroll, Jack Courtney, Sean O'Connor, Thomas Jones and



Conor VanDuyvenvoorde Well done boys! (If anyone is interested in joining Hip Hop please contact Aidean at 085 7040870.)

Irish Dancing

During the first term, pupils from 3rd to 6th and one 2nd Class participated in dance classes. These consisted mainly of Irish Dancing with some more modern and hip hop included.

This term it is the turn of Junior Infants to 2nd Class (except Ms. U McMahon's who had their's last term). The boys in these classes should wear their tracksuits on Tuesdays up to St. Patrick's Day.

Confirmation Class Retreats

In this important year for the boys in 6th class, they have been busy preparing for their Confirmation which takes place on Thursday 10th February at 2.30 pm. We are delighted to confirm that Bishop Raymond Fields will be confirming the boys.

In addition to the preparation with their teachers, Fr. Liam has also visited each 6th class each week. Another important aspect of the preparation is the Retreat Day which is facilitated by Fr. Liam and Fr. Paul. This year's retreats will take place in St. Patrick's College as follows:-

Monday, 24 th January	-	Mr. Fenton's class
Thursday, 27 th January	-	Ms. Meehan's class

Parenting Course

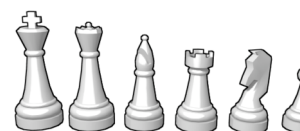
Jan 24th – Feb 28th Monday nights from 7.30 – 9.30pm - MCC Resource Centre above TSB Main St, Maynooth. Facilitator Heather Kelly. Full details on Parent Noticeboard in school entrance hall.

Maynooth Swimming Club

A few spaces are available for swimming lessons (ages 5-12) with MSC at Stewarts Hospital next term starts Saturday, 5th Feb 2011. If interested please contact Edel at 087 268 0405.

Interested in Chess?

A Chess Club, will start on Monday Jan 17th and will run for 10 weeks until the end of March. The club, which will be open to children from all the schools in the town, will be based in the Presentation Girls School and will also be entering a team in the Kildare Community Games Under 11 competition to represent Maynooth.



Children from 2nd to 6th classes are welcome and ideally should know the basic moves beforehand. The club times will initially be from 7.30 - 8.30 though this may change depending on numbers. There will be a €5 fee for the term. Children should have their own chess set and bring it along to the club.

If you are interested, please fill in the form below and come along on Monday 17th January. Helpers are always needed (you don't need to know how to play!) so please contact Alan Millett at 085-1742254 if you would like to help out.

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Name: _____
Date of birth: _____
Address: _____

Chess standard: Beginner (know the moves, but don't play):
 Medium (play occasionally):
 Advanced (play regularly):