



PTA Sponsored Walk

At our AGM back in October, we agreed to keep our Voluntary Contribution to €50 per family and use fund-raising events to bridge any gap in our finances. Despite a drop in income, we have still managed to fund the following so far this year: Spanish, French and German Language appreciation for Sixth Class, Irish Dancing, Sports Equipment, Shared Readers, St. Patrick's Day Parade. Raised Beds for the school's gardening project.

Two years ago, we held a very successful sponsored walk in the grounds of St Patrick's College. With the funds raised, we were able to purchase a defibrillator for the school as well as train the teachers in its use. So far this year, we haven't done any fund-raising outside of the Voluntary Contribution. Given the previous success of the Sponsored Walk, we have decided to hold our 2011 Sponsored Walk on Sunday, 8th May at 2.30pm, again in the grounds of St Patrick's College. Funds raised will be used primarily for updating the defibrillator training, which must be renewed every two years, and for providing equipment for structured yard activities for the boys.

Whilst we appreciate the demands being placed on the pockets of parents at the moment, we would appeal for your full support for this venture. There is always a good buzz amongst families participating on the day, whatever the weather! In addition, all the money raised will be invested in your son's development. As an added incentive to the boys, all sponsorship cards returned to the school will be entered into a draw for a new bicycle.

Easter Holidays



Don't forget – the school closes at 12 mid-day tomorrow (Friday 15th April) for the Easter Holidays. As the May Public Holiday comes at the end of the holiday period the school will re-open on Tuesday 3rd May at 9.20 a.m.

Credit Union Quiz

On Sunday April 3rd our school Quiz Team participated in the All Ireland Credit Union Finals in the RDS. After twelve tense and thrilling rounds our boys were just one point short of winning the All Ireland. They finished as joint runners up on the day, a magnificent achievement. Yesterday, Hester Devane and Matt Doran on behalf of Maynooth Credit Union presented the boys with a Certificate of Achievement, a "Silver Salver", an i-Pod. The school also benefited as it received €750.00 cheque and a beautiful Cup to display in our cabinet for many years to come! Well done to our boys.



Team

Michael Diamond
Michael McBrearty
Callum McCabe
Ben Carroll

Monaghan School Visit

The boys from Ms. Flynn's class had a great day on April 7th when Mr. Grundy's 5th class came to meet their email buddies. We had a very enjoyable trip to the St. Patrick's College, followed by a tasty lunch and a friendly football match. We look forward to our return trip to Monaghan.

Voluntary Contribution Reminder

The Parent Teachers Association would like to remind any families who opted to split the annual voluntary contribution of €50.00 that the second half is due. Please put the contribution in an envelope with your son's name, class and teachers name on it so we can return a receipt to you. For any families who have not yet made a contribution this year, it is never too late. Any contribution no matter the amount is very gratefully received and all money goes to activities and resources for the boys.



Cross Country Finals

Best wishes to the athletes who are representing the school in the Kildare Cumann na mBunscoil Cross Country Finals in Hawkfield today.

Team

Niall O'Sullivan
Eoin Donnellan
Paul Maguire

Niall Kinirons
Dara McCormack
Patrick Flanagan

Walking to and from school



Over the past few months, we have received a number of reports of "near-misses" where young pupils have come very close to being knocked down by cars or other vehicles. In these cases, the boys have carelessly (or recklessly) crossed roads, without care or without a green man at the lights. In all cases the boys were from 2nd class or lower.

We strongly recommend that you do NOT allow your son to walk unaccompanied by a responsible adult until they have at least reached 3rd class.

Apart from the dangers of road crossing, there can be other "hazards" for younger children. Please give this recommendation your serious consideration.

Report on 5-a-side win

Over the past number of weeks, the 5-a-side soccer competition has kicked off. We took three teams to Ballyoulster for the North Kildare Section. After a brilliant day's soccer, one of our teams had qualified for the Kildare Championships.

The Maynooth "A" squad travelled to Newbridge in great hope yesterday. This hope was not misplaced as they flew out of the blocks winning their first three games. Eventually the tournament came down to one final match against Ballymany. A draw would be enough to put Maynooth through while Ballymany had to win. After twelve tense minutes, the referee blew the final whistle. A nil-nil draw! We had retained our title. The

lads now go on to represent Kildare in the mid-Leinster Final on May 11th. Good luck lads.

Maynooth "A!"

Callum McCabe, Eoin Donnellan, Cian Whyte (C), Dara McCormack, Paul Maguire, Niall Kinirons, Niall O'Sullivan, Ben Carroll.

Maynooth "B"

Peter Donaldson, Liam Condon, Patrick Flanagan (C), Jake Monagle, Jack Travers, Ross Kavanagh, Joseph Cronin, Mardochee Kingidilla.

Maynooth "C"

Liam Byrne, Kieran Casey, Nathan McGeough, Sebastian Mathias (C), Lorcan Daly, Mario Rudaru, Casey Jenkins, Luke Drennan.



INTO EBS Handwriting Competition

Congratulations to Michael Smyth (Ms. McMahon's 2nd Class) who recently came 2nd in the INTO EBS Handwriting Competition. Michael went to Lawlor's Hotel, Naas on the 23rd March to receive his prize. This was a fantastic achievement as Michael was up against pupils from about 45 other schools throughout Kildare. Well done Michael!

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Once again, the school was a sea of green as we celebrated "Seachtain na Gaeilge" from the 5th – 17th March. This is a special "week" where all students participate in many activities relating to the Irish culture.

Each class actively participated in all events including designing posters in Irish, Tráth na gCeist, Mr. Downes' 4th class performed a drama and 2nd class made a video of "An Nuacht".

Everyone made a very special effort to speak the "cúpla focal" and prizes were given to "Gaeilgeoir is fearr" in every class. Prizes were also awarded to the "best dressed" on Lá Glas. Míle buíochas do gach duine, daltaí agus múinteoirí, a ghlac páirt sna himeachtaí do Sheachtain na Gaeilge, i mbliana.

Gaeilgeoir is Fearr

Junior Infants

<i>Ms. Kelly</i>	<i>Seán McDonagh</i>
<i>O'Farrell</i>	
<i>Ms. McLaughlin</i>	<i>Daragh Ó Caochlaoi</i>

Senior Infants

<i>Ms. Dunning</i>	<i>Daniel</i>
<i>Ms. Finn</i>	<i>Conor Walsh</i>

3rd Class

<i>Mr. Murphy</i>	<i>Ailéin Bristow</i>
<i>Corrigan</i>	
<i>Mr. Creevey</i>	<i>Ashraf Ali Hassan</i>
<i>Richardson</i>	

4th Class

<i>Ms. McMahon</i>	<i>Christian</i>
<i>Mr. Downes</i>	<i>Eoin</i>

5th Class

Mr. McGeady
Ms. Flynn

Blake VanDuyvenvoorde
Ruairí Wall

6th Class

Ms. Meehan
Mr. Fenton

Paul Maguire
Emad Alsaleh

Lá Glas – Gléasta is fearr!

Ms. Kelly	Dillon Reddy	Ms. McMahon (2nd)	Shane Brown
Ms. McLaughlin	Kallum Gilligan	Mr. Davis	Cian Joyce Thomas
Ms. Dunning	Stephen Kerrison	Ms. Tierney	Cian Barry
Ms. Finn	Jack Gilligan	Mr. Murphy	Alan Bristow
Ms. Murphy	Conor O'Regan	Mr. Creevey	Cian Murtagh
Ms. Gunn	Ruairí Coakley	Ms. McMahon (4th)	Patrick Tyrrell
		Mr. Downes	Kamil Schlass
		Mr. McGeady	Jason Kellett
		Ms. Flynn	Matthew Maloney
		Ms. Meehan	Kieran Casey
		Mr. Fenton	Callum McCabe

After School Activities

Session 3 for 3rd and 4th Class Sports Clubs are now finished.

Session 3 for 2nd Class Sports Club will finish on Thursday 5th May.

Session 3 for 1st Class Sports Club have 3 more weeks to run. The dates are 18th and 25th May with the final week to be confirmed. There will not be a Session 4 for this club.

Session 3 for Homework Club is now finished.

Session 4 for 3rd and 4th Class Sports Clubs will commence on Tuesday 10th May 2011.

Session 4 for 2nd Class Sports Club will commence on Thursday 12th May 2011.

Session 4 for Homework Club will commence on Tuesday 3rd May 2011 for 6 weeks.

Registration for Sports Clubs will be on Wednesday and Thursday 4th and 5th May at 9.10 – 9.20 a.m. in the P.E. Hall.

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I wish my son to partake in (please tick)

Tuesday 4 th Class After School Sports Club	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 3 rd Class After School Sports Club	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday 2 nd Class After School Sports Club	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homework Club	€60	<input type="checkbox"/>

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Amount Enclosed € _____

Mobile No. to text if a session has to be cancelled _____



HAPPY EASTER