



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th May. A special thank you to the parents who volunteered to provide refreshments in the school hall afterwards. The opportunity to meet others after the ceremony and have a re-vitalising cuppa is a really lovely part of the day and is only possible due to the thoughtfulness of our PTA and the generosity of the volunteers. Míle buíochas.

Buíochas also to the boys who sang in the choir under the direction of Ms. Buckley and accompanied by Mr. Davis (guitar) and Ms. Tierney (keyboard). Their singing provided a beautiful backdrop to the occasion.



WEEE Recycling

Recently a representative of WEEE Ireland visited the school and spoke to the boys in the 3rd, 4th and 5th classes about the importance of electrical recycling. Hopefully the boys have spread the word at home. To support their enthusiasm WEEE Ireland will have a collection at the school for hand-sized electrical items. The boys will be notified of the date for this.

WEEE/Special Olympics Bag

WEEE are a major supporter of Special Olympics Ireland. We are joining in this support by making WEEE/Special Olympics Ireland shopping bags available through the school. These, hessian style bags, are environmentally friendly and the proceeds will be channelled directly to Special Olympics Ireland. They are sturdy, a good size and have adjustable rope handles. They represent excellent value at €2 each, so we hope every household will get one. (They would also make a good present.) They have been shown to the boys in class and can also be seen in the school office.



Reports



You are asked to send in a stamped addressed envelope to your son's teacher by Wednesday 8th 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 Wednesday 8th June.



School Musical

The rehearsals for the School Musical, 'The School of Screams', are in full swing. Mr. Davis will be sending a letter this week to all parents of pupils involved in the show. Thanks to the boys for all their hard work so far. **Tickets will go on sale next week. We strongly advise you to purchase early as there is a strict limit on the number of tickets available each night.**



Pedestrians in Staff Car Park

Please remember that, under no circumstances, should pedestrians cut across the staff car park when approaching the school from the Moyglare Road.

With cars entering and manoeuvring in this confined space, pedestrians – especially children – would be at risk. We have even noticed adults with children in this area in recent weeks. We remind you that this area is **OUT OF BOUNDS** for pedestrians.

Mobile Phones Collection

This year we continued to mobile phone collection in support of the Jack & Jill Foundation (who in turn donate ICT equipment to the school). We are delighted to confirm that over 500 phones have been handed over to the Jack & Jill Foundation this year and that we will be receiving another Interactive Whiteboard for our efforts.



We did have a little competition between the classes as to which one would bring in the most phones. The results were as follows:

- 1st Ms. McMahon's 4th
- 2nd Ms. Tierney's 2nd
- 3rd Ms. Meehan's 6th
- 4th Mr. Fenton's 6th

The top 2 classes were brought to Manor Mills for Ice Cream Cones and the two runners up received some confectionary for their efforts.

Used Games

Jack & Jill are now collecting and recycling old video games as well as used mobile phones! Here's what we are looking for:

- Games compatible with: X Box, Wii, Play Station 2 and 3, PSP, DS, DSi, DSi XL and DS3d.
- Each game should have been purchased within the last 3 years and be in reasonable condition.
- Each game has to be complete in its box and cover.



School Summer Tours

1 st Class	Thursday 19 th May	Causey Farm Co. Meath
4 th Class	Wednesday 25 th May	Clonmacnoise
3 rd Class	Thursday 26 th May	Viking Splash/Bowling
6 th Class	Friday 3 rd June	Adventure World D.C.U.
Snr Infants	Tuesday 7 th June	Tayto Park, Ashbourne
2 nd Class	Friday 10 th June	Croke Park
Jnr Infants	Wednesday 15 th June	Lullymore
5 th Class	Thursday 16 th June	Clara Lara



Under 10 Football



Our under 10 Footballers were unlucky to lose both matches in the league this season. In our first match against Celbridge, it took the lads a while to settle in and Celbridge scored three quick goals in the first few minutes. Cathal McCabe and Dara Doddy worked hard at midfield and in the end, only a few points separated the teams.

Against Clane, the Maynooth boys got off to a great start and goals from Luke Ledwith helped to give a lead. But this Clane side eventually levelled the match by half-time. Clane moved ahead in the second half thanks to two quick goals, but Harry Dunne and Charlie McMyler worked well in defence to keep Maynooth in the game. Unfortunately, Clane held on up till the final whistle. A lot of the boys are underage again next year and this experience will help them in the long run.

Panel: A. Bristow, S. White, E. Kelliher, E. Richardson, C. McMyler, T. Andrejev, C. McCabe, D. Doddy, D. Hewson, B. Kinnirons, G. Nee, H. Dunne, L. Ledwith, J. Flattery, S. Curren, P. Sheerin, J. O'Manoney, D. Qualter, L. Murnane, D. McAvinue, J. McCabe, M. O'Keefe, C. Vanduyvenvoorde, C. Browne, C. O'Donovan.

Sponsored Walk

We would like to express our thanks to all who supported the recent PTA organised Sponsored Walk. It was lovely to see so many of the boys and their

families – mams, dads, grans, granddads, brothers, sisters and even the family pets. To date, over €3000 has been counted, with some cards still to be returned.

The primary target of this funding is an additional defibrillator, which will be available to groups leaving the school, especially teams. It will also fund the expensive but necessary training in the use of this potentially life-saving equipment. The second area to which the funds will be used is the purchase of additional and replacement equipment for playground activities.

So, the funding goes towards keeping the boys both safe and happy. We hope you will agree that is is going to good use. Again, thank you for your support.

Bicycle Winner

Congratulations to Dylan Judge of Mr. McGeady's 5th Class. All the returned cards for the Sponsored Walk were entered into a raffle for a brand new bicycle from Bike Trax, Maynooth. Dylan was fortunate to have his card pulled out and so is the proud recipient of the new bicycle. Special thanks to Bike Trax who generously sponsored this event.

Board of Management

The Board of Management last met on Wednesday 11th May. Among the items discussed were:

- Questionnaires – initial discussion on questionnaires re school choice – to be continued.
- Child Protection issues
- Approval of a new school crest. New digital image co-funded with PTA (some small changes).
- Approval for 'After School Care' facility from 2-3pm commencing in September (details to follow).



Kool Kids Summer Camp

Kool Kids Summer Camp for children from Junior Infants – 6th Class will take place from Monday 4th July until Friday 8th July, 10am – 3pm. Cost is €75 per child with a reduction of €10 for each additional child. Only a few places left so book soon to avoid disappointment! For more information visit www.maynoothbns.ie or contact Ms. Dunning/Ms. Kelly in the school.



Community Games Athletic Competition

Athletics Competition will take place on Thursday 2nd June in Maynooth GAA Club at 5.30p.m. All children from ages 6-16 are welcome! Entry Fee €2.