

**MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

Number 3

11th October, 2011

Mid Term Break

CLOSED The school will be *closed from Monday 31st October –Friday 4th November* inclusive for the Halloween mid-term break. We re-open on Monday 7th November at 9.20am.

School will also be *closed on Thursday 27th October* to facilitate the Presidential Election.

Meeting Teachers/the Principal

Should you need to meet a teacher or the principal, the procedure is to contact the school office, (by phone will suffice), and request the meeting, giving details of your availability. The office will arrange the appointment and get back to you with details.



You will appreciate that the school is a very busy and complex place. Teachers all have a responsibility to their pupils and teaching duties during school time and with 480 pupils, a staff of almost 40 and a multitude of outside agencies, the principal can be quite busy also.

If you call in hoping to meet with a teacher or the principal without an arranged appointment, it is quite possible that you will be disappointed.

(Note: A quick word with a teacher in the morning should not delay the class line leaving the yard).

So please, to avoid such inconvenience, do contact the office if there is something you need to talk to us about.

First Holy Communion?

If you son is in a senior class (3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th) and you wish him to receive First Holy Communion this school year (May 2012) you need to notify us immediately – **not later than Friday 14th October, 2011.**



All children in 2nd class have already received a letter from the Parish in relation to First Holy Communion.

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. Pupils from 3rd to 6th class are getting an opportunity to visit the library and participate in an event. The full schedule of visits is as follows:



5 th	Niall de Búrca (Storyteller)	Mr. Fenton's 6 th
11 th	Michael Carroll (Author)	Ms. Meehan's 6 th
13 th	Michael Moylan (History Live)	Mr. McGeady's 4 th
20 th	Bob Burke (Author)	Ms. Flynn's & Mr. Murphy's 5 th
21 st	Catherine McGuinness (Natural History Museum)	Mr. Downes' & Ms. Kelly's 3 rd
26 th	Olive O'Brien (Author)	Ms. Gunne's 3 rd

Junior Infant Immunisations



Booster Immunisations for Junior Infants will take place on Thursday 13th 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 Football Semi-Final

On Friday last the Under 11 football team travelled to Caragh to play the county semi-final against the south Kildare winners, Ballymany. Ballymany, with the wind at their backs, started the strongest. They rushed into a 1-2 to 0-1 lead by half time. Despite this, our lads were confident that they could bridge the gap in the second half. Five minutes into the second half, the heavens opened. This seemed to jolt the Maynooth lads into life and through a combination of tenacious defending, tireless midfield play and direct, skilful forward play, they managed to put together a succession of scores. In the end they made the most of the elements leading to a 1-6 to 1-3 victory. It was a great performance and one that they hope to repeat in the final this Thursday. Well done lads!

Panel:

Eoin Harrington, Charlie McMyler, Ciarán Krahm, Conor Duff, Darragh Doddy, Thomas Jones, Eoin Richardson, Eoin Franklin, Cathal Quinn, Conor Lynch, Cian Durcan, James Wallace, Luke Ledwith, Alex Kelly, Daniel Ridge, Daniel Waldron, Dáire Whelan, Tom Fagan, Ronan Walsh, Ciarán Kelly, Aodhán McGarry, Janis Berzins, Cathal McCabe.



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.

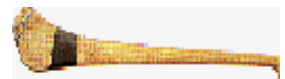
With cars entering and manoeuvring in this confined space, pedestrians – especially children – would be at risk. We have even noticed adults with children in this area in recent weeks. We remind you that this area is **OUT OF BOUNDS** for pedestrians.

Maynooth Community Games U-14 Quiz Competition

A competition to select girls and boys to represent Maynooth at the Kildare County Final will take place in the Presentation Girls' National School on Tuesday 18th October at 7.30p.m. Admission €2 per entrant.

Under 11 Hurlers

On Thursday 6th October, 2011 our Under 11 Hurlers had a great victory over Clane. The game was held at Maynooth G.A.A. Club and was played in very blustery and wet conditions. Nonetheless, our boys showed great heart and determination to secure a 10 point win. They will now play Scoil Na Mainstreach, next week and it is hoped they achieve a similar result. Well done boys and all the best next week.



Squad: *E. Harrington, D. Whelan, C. Duff, C. Durkin, E. O'Chonacháin-Bhríán, C. Lynch, A. Kelly, D. Waldron, C. McCabe, C. McMyler, C. Kelly, S. Ledwidge, H. Dunne, T. Jones, C. Loftus, F. Ward, E. Richardson, E. Franklin, S. Whyte, D. Sweeney.*

Wet/Rainy Mornings



As we approach winter and the weather is becoming cool and wet, we remind you to ensure that your son has a coat/jacket when necessary. (N.B. - label them!!)

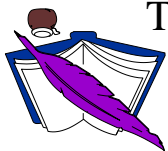
Shelter - The shelter at the Moyglare Road/Parish Office entrance is where pupils should congregate on rainy mornings.

Entering the school – At 9.10 a.m., when supervision becomes available, pupils will be brought into the school hall and supervised until 9.20 a.m., when their teachers will collect them and bring them to their classrooms.



- Note** – On these mornings, entrance to the school will **only** be through the Moyglare Road/Parish Office entrance. The main entrance will remain locked
- to avoid pupils going directly to their rooms where they would be without supervision until their teacher/class arrive from the hall.
 - to prevent congestion where pupils/parents are going against the “flow” of classes coming from the hall.

Standardised Testing



Today, we had the first standardised tests of the year. On Tuesday 18th October, we will be doing the Micra T tests. These are done annually and do not require any extra preparation, revision or study. They are, however, an important part of on-going evaluation, so attendance on that day is particularly important. We ask that you avoid your son being absent on the day unless absolutely necessary. When they have been scored, tabulated, etc., the outcomes will be made available to you at next month's Parent Teacher Meetings.

Old School Photos

We are looking for old photos of our school. If you (your parents, your grand parents) have any old photos with our school in them, we would love to borrow them – just for a little while. Any photos that you could lend us should be marked for the attention of Mr. Davis or Mr. Coakley and we will ensure that they are returned to you.

Diary Dates

Thursday 27th October

Referendum – School Closed

Mon 31st Oct-Fri 4th November

Mid-Term Break School Closed

Wednesday 9th November

Confirmation Meeting

Glenroyal Hotel 7.30pm

Wednesday 23rd / Thursday 24th Nov

Parent Teacher Meetings