

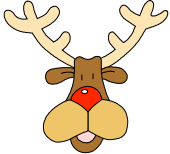
 **MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER**



**No. 6**

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### **Christmas Holidays**



Don't forget that the school will close on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at **12 Noon** for the Christmas holidays. **PLEASE ENSURE PROMPT COLLECTION.** School will re-open on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012** at 9.20am.

### **Leaving Us**

We are sad to announce that three long serving members of staff will be leaving us at the Christmas Holiday period. Finishing their teaching careers will be:

Mrs. Brosnan - 34½ years in Maynooth BNS

Ms. Buckley - 30½ “ “ “ “

Ms. McEvoy - 28¼ “ “ “ “

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Brosnan, Ms. Buckley & Mrs. McEvoy for their service and commitment to the school, the pupils and to Maynooth over the years. We wish them continued health and happiness in the future.

### **Carol Singing**

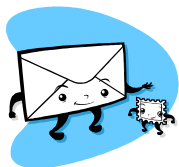


Our school will be carol singing at Manor Mills on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December from 3.10pm approximately for an hour. The core group of singers will be from 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> classes. On Monday, Ms. Tierney's 2<sup>nd</sup> and half of the 3<sup>rd</sup> classes will sing, while on Tuesday, Ms. McEntee's and the other half of the 3<sup>rd</sup> classes will sing. Third class teachers will notify their pupils as to which day they will be 'performing'.

If you feel like coming along to lend your support and voice, we'd be delighted to see you – dress optional for adults, but Santa Hats essential (very desirable) for the boys!

The proceeds from the carol singing will go directly to the local St. Vincent de Paul who do wonderful work in providing food hampers (including Christmas Dinner) for needy families here in the Maynooth Community.

### Postage Stamp Re-cycling



Our school is involved in the collection of postage stamps which help to save Irish bogs. Please save your Christmas stamps and drop them into the office. Thank you.

### WEEE Ireland Visitor



At the beginning of December the boys in the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> classes had a presentation from WEEE Ireland (Waste from Electrical or Electronic Equipment).

The importance of re-using/repairing and recycling (if it can't be fixed) of all items that use electricity or batteries was emphasised to the boys. These should never be put out as ordinary household rubbish. They can be brought to a recycling centre, a WEEE Ireland collection point, (or even given to the shop where you buy the new item).

Each classroom has received its own battery collection box, so be sure to send in any used batteries with the boys.

### Morning Club

The PTA expressed a perceived need for a Morning Club earlier this year. Although not a primary school function as such, the Board of Management facilitated by making the premises available. It commenced after Halloween, but due to lack of demand – only 2 children – it proved unviable and ceased last week. Since then there have been further expressions of interest. The organisers are willing to restart the facility from January until June 2012, if there are sufficient numbers to make it viable. The details are as follows:

- Open from 8 – 9.10am (when yard supervision commences)
- €20 per week – first child
- €15 per week – further siblings
- Or €5 per day

If you would like to avail of this facility, please telephone the school office (01 629 3021) not later than Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. On Tuesday evening those who have registered interest will be telephoned to confirm the outcome and a €20 deposit will be required to secure a place.

## **Pupil of the Week**

Be sure to check out the school website every week to see the new pupil of the week list (usually published at the week end).

## **Folens Annuals**



If you haven't already purchased a Folens Annual, tomorrow and Monday are your last chance to do so. Monday is the final day of sales.

## Reminder - Christmas Plays



**We have a number of Christmas and Nativity Plays taking place this year. If you have a son in Junior Infants, Senior Infants or 1<sup>st</sup> Class, then be sure to mark the dates below in your diary/book your time off - whatever you need to do - to be available on:**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December: 1<sup>st</sup> Class - Christmas with the Aliens 2.00pm**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: Senior Infants - Shine Star Shine  
1.15pm**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Junior Infants Nativity Play 11am**

## Special Visitor??



There is a rumour that Santa will be in the Maynooth area on Friday and we are hoping that he will call in to see us on Friday morning. It might help in persuading him to visit, if all the boys are in bed early on Thursday night!

## Maynooth Lions Club Collection

The Maynooth Lions Club, another organisation who do wonderful work in supporting the needy in Maynooth, are collecting non-perishable food for distribution before Christmas. We will be putting a box at the school entrance. If you would like to help, by throwing in an extra item into your shopping trolley, or checking the kitchen press, we will be glad to pass your donation to the Lions Club, *before we close on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

## Cake Sale



I'd like to give a huge thank you to all of the boys and their parents who contributed to the cake sale on Friday last. We were amazed at the amount and the quality of the baking that you so generously donated. The result was a highly successful event. We were able to keep the sales tables supplied while all of the classes visited. The 'coffee shop' which was organised by the Parents' Association turned out to be a huge hit with the adults....many of whom said they would like to see it as a regular event!

The raffle we ran in conjunction with the cake sale was also very well supported. Thanks to sponsors of the prizes and particularly to the very talented Henry Flynn, who created the wonderful 'Christmas Tree Cake' as first prize. Special thanks to Ms. Flynn who co-ordinated this fundraising event. A total of €1557 was raised, (not including the coffee shop).

### ***Raffle Winners***

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tree Cake	Brian Njoku
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chocolate Cake	Matthew O'Dwyer
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Coffee Cake	Mrs. Mary McInerney
4 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Cake	Sidik Mohammed
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lava Lamp	Eoin Walsh
6 <sup>th</sup>	Lava Lamp	Mr. Murphy
7 <sup>th</sup>	Cracker	Daniel Ridge
8 <sup>th</sup>	Santa Sock	Ramone Branagan



9 <sup>th</sup>	Tree Maker	Shane O'Hora
10 <sup>th</sup>	Chocolate Santa	Fiachra Ward
11 <sup>th</sup>	Cook Books	Cathal Quinn
12 <sup>th</sup>	Cook Books	Samson Dumitru
13 <sup>th</sup>	Selection Box	Blake Vanduyvenvoorde
14 <sup>th</sup>	Selection Box	Conor Walsh
15 <sup>th</sup>	Selection Box	Andrew Webb
16 <sup>th</sup>	Selection Box	Mr. Downes
17 <sup>th</sup>	Selection Box	Cathal Quinn
18 <sup>th</sup>	Box of Chocolates	Mrs. Paula Kearney
19 <sup>th</sup>	Head Phones	Conor Gillen
20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Log	Filip Terescak
21 <sup>st</sup>	'Sweets in a Jar'	Darragh Monaghan & Dara Sweeney (116 in jar – both guessed nearest at 114)

### **Kildare Under-10 FUTSAL Champions**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, the school U-10 FUTSAL team travelled to Newbridge to take part in the Kildare Primary Schools FUTSAL Finals. 16 schools took part in the competition with St. Mary's BNS drawn in Group 4 against St. Laurence's, Crookstown, Scoil Na Naomh Uilig, Newbridge and Suncroft N.S.

Two goals from James Flattery and Shane Whyte topped a very good team performance against St. Laurence's (2-0). This was followed by comprehensive victories over Scoil Na Naomh Uilig 3-0 and Suncroft N.S. 4-0. Patrick Feely-Sheerin and Anea Hoxha joined the scorers list as they progressed to the semi-finals.

Maynooth BNS took an early lead with a Shane Whyte goal against St. Patricks, Newbridge in the semi-final. A very exciting game ended with a last minute goal, to tie the match. A penalty shoot-out saw goalie, Cathal McCabe, save brilliantly the first St. Patrick's attempt. Shane Whyte, Patrick Feely-Sheerin and Darragh Hewson all scored to send us into the final against De La Salle, Kildare.

In an epic final the lads played out of their skins! A Shane Whyte goal and brilliant defensive performances from Darragh Doddy, Daragh Hewson, Barry Kinirons and Harry Dunne secured a St. Mary's BNS victory.

Heartiest congratulations to the squad for retaining this title – Kildare Primary Schools U-10 FITSAL Champions – for the school. Special thanks to their parents who helped with transport and for their tremendous support on the day. Last, but not least, mile buíochas to team manager Mr. McGeady for his energy and commitment to the team and to sport in the school. Intense tactics discussions between himself and Mr. Creevey were a frequent sight during the lead up to the finals and played no small part in the success.

***We wish all the pupils and their families a very Happy, Holy and Healthy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.***

