

Collection of Furniture

We have received a generous offer of furniture suitable for school use. It has become available due to the re-location of a company from Ranelagh and the only requirement from us is that we collect it (from Ranelagh) on Saturday 10th March.

We are hoping that some parent/family member with a van/truck might be able to help us transport this furniture. If you think you may be able to oblige, please contact Mr. Coakley by phone (01 6293021) or e-mail (maynoothbns@yahoo.ie).

PTA and Volunteers

We are blessed with a vibrant and enthusiastic PTA in our school. While fundraising to provide additional resources, supports and activities is one thing they organise, they do so much more beyond that. Throughout the year they support and organise activities that greatly enhance the school experience for the boys and their families. Many of these would not be possible without the goodwill and support of volunteers who give an hour or two of their time for the benefit of others.

While we understand the demands and pressures of work and family life on all, we ask that if you haven't already "Donated an Hour", you would consider contacting the PTA by e-mail (pta@maynoothbns.ie) or through the school office (01 6293021), giving your name, mobile phone number and e-mail address. When volunteers are needed, a message goes to the "list" and you may find a convenient opportunity to help out.

Uniform Donations

If you happen to have any uniform items, in good condition, which your son has outgrown, we are particularly looking for uniforms for smaller children. If you can help, please drop them off at the school office. Míle Buíochas.

Choir

Choir continues on Monday afternoons from 3-4 p.m. As each week goes by, the range of songs increase and the sound gets better. In fact, they sound great. We are looking forward to an opportunity for them to perform in public. Choir is open to boys in 4th, 5th and 6th class. There is no charge, if joining, but we do ask that the boys commit to attending regularly.

Morning Club

Morning Club is available Mon – Friday from 8.00 a.m. to 9.10 a.m. (when yard supervision commences). The fee is €20.00 per week or €5.00 per day. Contact the office if further information is required.

Confirmation

A big "well done" to all the boys in Sixth Class who made their Confirmation on Thursday 9th February, 2012. Bishop Field presided over a very beautiful ceremony. Bishop Field commented afterwards on how well prepared the boys were and on how prayerful the ceremony was. Thanks must go to the boys' teachers Mr. Fenton and Ms. Meehan who worked so hard in preparing the boys. Also, a huge thanks to the boys in the choir who sang beautifully led by Ms. Dunne, accompanied by Mr. Davis.

Open Day

Today was Open Day. It was a huge success again this year, with large numbers coming to visit the school. The boys really enjoyed themselves and loved having their parents in to see what life is like in their classroom. There was a great buzz around the school, with the boys from the senior classes leading the trains around to the various areas of the school. A big thank you to all who made the day successful – the boys, their teachers, all the visitors and especially the PTA for the welcome cuppa afterwards.

Confession

The boys from 2nd class will be making their First Confession on Tuesday 28th February at 7.30 p.m. This is a very special occasion for the boys. A big part of this ceremony will be the boys performing the story of The Lost Sheep and the Good Shepherd. Parking will be available in the School playground.

Quiz Success

Congratulations to all of the boys who participated in the Maynooth Credit Union Schools Table Quiz at the beginning of February. A total of 34 teams took part in the competition, which catered for Under 11 and Under 13 age groups.

We are extremely proud of our boys, who did remarkably well by claiming 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in both age groups. The two winning teams advance to represent Maynooth in the Chapter Finals in March. Well done again boys and to our 'quiz master' Mr. Fenton, on this fantastic achievement.

Under 13

1st	Paul Damery Dónal Murray Daniel Barisnikovs Blake Vanduyvenvoorde	2nd	Daniel Waldron Brendan Bradley Aodhán McGarry Cian Farrell	3rd	Aaron Byrne Fiachra Ward Anthony Webb Tim Barry
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Under 11

1st	Tom Damery Kristofer Gray Evan Jordan Shane Whyte	2nd	Morgan Dunne Filip Terasac Ryan Halcomb Adam Jordan	3rd	Barry Kinirons Glen Nee Ethan Moran Conor Vanduyvenvoorde
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Coin Trail Count

Friday 10th February was 'D-Day' for the Coin Trail Collection, which came to an end and the boys finally got to measure the length of the trail of coins each class had collected. There was huge speculation during the week as to which classes were leading the field, with some wild rumours flying around, (mainly circulated by some of the boys who proved to be hugely over-optimistic about how their own classes were doing!).

Throughout the day the classes went to the PE Hall in pairs and laid out their coins as the PTA volunteers adjudicated and measured. In the end, the longest trail on coins came from Mr. McGeady's 4th Class, who win the top prize – a class party and homework passes.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers on the day and to all the families that supported this PTA fundraiser. Just over €2,500.00 was raised which covers the cost of the new Electronic Piano (the excess will be used to purchase music and other resources). This new piece of school equipment has been put to great use with the school choir over the past 4 weeks, a particular high point being their wonderful performance at the Confirmation Ceremony. Meanwhile, the coin trail measurements were as follows:

Class	Teacher	Length of Coin Trail
Junior Infants	Ms. Sims	40m 20 cms
Junior Infants	Ms. McNickle	104m 50cms
Senior Infants	Ms. Finn	79m 30cms
Senior infants	Ms. Carty	50m 50cms
1 st	Ms. Dunning	68m 30cms
1 st	Ms. McMahan	92m 20cms
2 nd	Ms. Tierney	121m 20cms
2 nd	Ms. McEntee	71m 90cms
3 rd	Mrs. Gunn	98m 20cms
3 rd	Ms. Kelly	54m 18cms
3 rd	Mr. Downes	95m 30cms
4 th	Mr. Creevey	114m 00cms
4 th	Mr. McGeady	149m 50cms
5 th	Mr. Murphy	104m 10cms
5 th	Ms. Flynn	147m 35cms
6 th	Mr. Fenton	39m 90cms
6 th	Ms. Meehan	56m 70cms

Having seen the enthusiasm and effort put in by so many of the classes, additional prizes are to be awarded. The full list of winning classes will be published next week on the school website of course!

Spanish Classes for Fifth and Sixth Class

We are delighted to announce that we are starting after school Spanish in the school. Ms. Alonso aims to provide her students with a good basis in Spanish which will set them up for Secondary school, with a wide range of new words and expressions that will make Spanish fun and easier to pass. Classes are open to pupils in 5th and 6th class and will take place on Tuesdays. Classes will run for terms of six weeks at a cost of €30.00 per term. The first session will take place on Tuesday 6th March, 2012. Hasta pronto!!!

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I consent to my son _____ taking part in Spanish Classes.
(Block Capitals)

Class Level: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Mobile No. _____

€30.00 Enclosed



Chess Club

Chess Club will be commencing on Thursday 1st March from 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. in Room 16 (Ms. McEntee's classroom). This club is open to boys in 2nd – 5th class. Boys wishing to join should bring the signed permission slip and registration fee of €5.00 to the office by Tuesday 28th February, 2012.

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I consent to my son _____ taking part in Chess Club.

(Block Capitals)

Class Level: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Mobile No. _____

Date _____

€5 Enclosed

