

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Seachtain na Gaeilge 5-17 Márta 2012

Seachtain na Gaeilge takes place every year in the weeks leading up to St. Patrick's Day. It is a time to practice "cúpla focail" and this year is no exception in the school. We have some great events planned for during the week including a céilí beag, assemblies where each class will perform a piece "as Gaeilge", traditional music provided by students Trad. Group from Maynooth Post Primary School and Lá Glas on Friday 16th. We are also going to have our own radio station in school from Tuesday to Friday. A lot of work has been done throughout the school for Seachtain na Gaeilge and the halls are beautifully decorated with art work from many classes. We hope that all the boys will enjoy the activities for Seachtain na Gaeilge and that it will encourage everybody to speak "cúpla focail as Gaeilge" at home and in school.

"Tír gan teanga, tír gan anam"

Tesco Tokens

Between yesterday, (Monday 12th March) and 20th May, 2012, Tesco are issuing tokens to shoppers. Our school has collected these tokens since the scheme was initiated and it has provided us with an array of ICT equipment. We are collecting again this year and would be delighted to receive any which you get while shopping at Tesco. However, we do not in any way wish you to change your shopping habits to avail of the promotion. (Note: If you are not offered the tokens at the checkout, please ask for them.)

Enrolment for September 2012

We are currently finalising enrolments for Junior Infants for September 2012 if you have not already enrolled your son or if you are aware of a neighbour who has not already done so, it is important to register the child with us within the next week. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school office (phone 01 6293021 or e-mail us via 'Contact Us' form under 'School Office' tab).

Lá Glas

In conjunction with Seachtain na Gaeilge, we will be holding a Lá Glas on Friday 16th March. The boys can leave their uniforms at home to wear the colour of the day – GREEN. For the pleasure of not wearing the uniform, we ask for a contribution of €2.00 towards school funds.



St. Patrick's Day Parade



Be sure to watch out for Maynooth Boys' N.S. in the Parade on St. Patrick's Day. Ms. Dunning, Ms. Finn and their team have been busy getting almost 100 boys ready to participate under our theme for this year you will have to come along to find out what it is though. See you on Saturday!

For the boys participating:-

Meeting Point: 10.30 a.m. Greenfield Shopping Centre, Straffan Road.

Starting Time: 11 o'clock sharp. The organisers have stated that latecomers **will not** be allowed to participate.

Collection: Children should be collected by a parent/guardian at the end of the parade in Tesco Car Park - on time.

Costumes: Please dress your son as per the letter sent last week.

NOTE: Please take care when entering the assembly area and obey the stewards at all times.

Credit Union Quiz

Congratulations to the Maynooth BNS U11 and U13 school quiz teams on qualifying for the Credit Union All Ireland Finals, finishing first and second respectively in the regional Credit Union Quiz Final (Chapter 25) in Kilnamanagh on Sunday 4th March.



This was a magnificent achievement for the boys, as they defeated over twenty schools, each of whom had already won their own local area Credit Union Quiz. The teams now go forward to the RDS for the Finals which will be held on April 1st. Best wishes to the boys and their coach Mr. Cathal Fenton.

Teams

U11 Tom Damery, Kristofer Gray, Evan Jordan, Shane Whyte

U13 Paul Damery, Donal Murray, Blake Vanduyvenvoorde, Daniel Barisnikovs

Scoil na Mainistreach Quiz

On Friday 2nd March two 6th class teams went to Scoil na Mainistreach to compete in their school quiz. The boys did fantastically well, finishing 1st and 4th respectively in a quiz with over 50 teams from schools in the surrounding area. This was a great achievement. Well done Boys!

Teams

1st Paul Damery, Donal Murray, Blake Vanduyvenvoorde, Daniel Barisnikovs

4th Aodhan McGarry, Cian Farrell, Brendan Bradley, Daniel Waldron

World Science Day

Last Thursday, 8th March, was World Science Day. To mark the occasion, we held a science display in the hall. Groups of boys from a range of classes exhibited experiments and science projects throughout the day. All classes visited the exhibition which proved to be not only very interesting, but was also exciting and amazing. Special thanks to Ms. Flynn who co-ordinated the whole event.



7-a-side football

On Monday, the school 7-a-side football team travelled to Kilcock for the North Kildare Section. In a difficult first game, Maynooth eventually prevailed by a score line of 2-7 to 0-6. This meant that a victory in the second game would put them through. A combination of excellent defending, skilful attacking and some impressive long-range scores led to a decisive victory. This qualifies the team for the Kildare Finals which take place in Ballymany on Tuesday next at 1.00 p.m. Best of luck boys.

Squad:

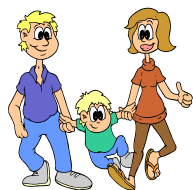
Eoin Harrington
Conor Lynch
Alex Kelly
Cathal McCabe

Eoin Franklin
Conor Duff
Janis Berzins

James Wallace
Daniel Waldron
Ciaran Kelly

Thank You

We recently acquired a consignment of furniture which will be extremely useful in the school. Special thanks to Pat Mahon of Coronation Global who helped source it for us and to the Leigh Family of Maynooth Windows who arranged its transform from Dublin. Míle Buíochas.



Morning Lines

Over the past few months we have found it increasingly difficult to monitor and supervise the children lining up for school in the morning. We understand that you may wish to accompany your child to school or keep an eye on him on the playground. However, we ask that you do this from the Senior Playground area (i.e. the far side of the white line).

This will allow space for the children to play and assemble and to line up safely when the bell goes, while at the same time giving a clear line of vision to the school staff who are supervising them.

Your co-cooperation and support in successfully implementing this child friendly initiative will be appreciated.



Coin Trail Challenge – More Prizes

In recognition of the great enthusiasm and support by the boys for the Coin Trail Challenge, it has been decided to increase the number of class prizes. Now, as well as the star prize going to Mr. McGeady's 4th class, 6 other classes will also receive classes. The star prize has also been upgraded.

Who are the lucky winners?

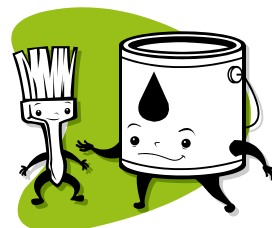
What are their prizes?

They will be published on the school website tonight at 7 p.m. – check it out.

www.maynoothbns.ie

Junior Yard Activities

The P.T.A. has been actively seeking to provide additional resources/activities for pupils on the Junior Yard (Junior Infants to 2nd class). It has been decided to provide additional, improved marking for new playground games. Stencils have been acquired and paint bought.



We are now looking for help with two items:

- How do we get the old worn markings off the playground? Can you advise or help with this?
- Are you arty, (or even if you are not)? We need some volunteers to help with painting the stencils and games onto the yard (during the Easter Holidays).

If you can help out with either of these please phone/text Jenny Martin at (087) 9872986.

Kildare Education Centre Course for Parents

Venue: Kildare Education Centre

Dates: Tues 20th and 27th March, 2012

Time: 7.00p.m. - 9.30p.m.

Title: “An Introduction to the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and Teenagers - A Tool for Inspiring Teachers and Teenagers”.

Online bookings essential. www.eckildare.ie

Library Visit - Ms. Meehan's 6th Class

Our class visited Maynooth Library on 27th February as part of Engineers Week 2012. Gerry McMahon from NUI Maynooth told us all about the work of an engineer and set up lots of fun experiments for us to try out. We had such an enjoyable trip. Some of us are even considering engineering as a future career.