

# MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Booklists

Booklists have been distributed to all the boys. Please note that **all booklist orders must be returned to the class teacher by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June.** Orders received after this date cannot be processed. If you are purchasing the school books yourself, please remember that the booklist must be returned with payment for school requirements. If you have more than one child in the school, please send in separate payments in the relevant envelopes.

A small book grant may be available to some families who meet qualifying criteria – contact school office.

## Reminder - Stamped Addressed Envelopes

If you have not already done so, please send in a stamped addressed envelope to your son's teacher 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.***

## Sports Day

Unfortunately, Sports Day is very much dependant on the weather. We've already had to defer from our first 3 choices (last Thurs, Fri & Mon). Due to other pre-arranged activities, such as school tours, 6<sup>th</sup> class activity day, etc., the next available date is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June. We will be monitoring the weather forecast closely and finalise a decision before the end of this week.

## Not Coming Back?

If you think your son will not be returning to school in September (and you have not already informed us) please contact the school office. It is really helpful to us if we have accurate numbers in planning ahead for next year. N.B. If you tell us your son might be leaving and your plans subsequently change, he will NOT lose his place.

## Graduation

The Graduation Ceremony for 6<sup>th</sup> class will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm. Again, Mr. Johnny Nevin of Maynooth Post Primary school has kindly made their Canteen Hall available to us for the occasion. A slight departure from the traditional end of year format is that the Annual Staff-Student soccer match will not be held that afternoon. Instead, it will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Book Rental Scheme**

Over the past few years, in an effort to reduce costs to families, we have introduced the rental of some books on the booklist. These include Alive O Textbooks and English Readers (throughout the school) plus History and Geography Textbooks (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes).

In the future, it may well be possible to introduce the rental of several other books, if sufficient help is available. This is something that the PTA will investigate in the autumn. As the cost of books might be near (but not necessarily dear!) to your heart now, keep this in mind when expressions of interest are being sought in the Autumn.

### **New Junior Infants Classroom Visit**

We will be welcoming the new pupils, due to commence in Junior Infants in September, to visit their classrooms this Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June at 1.20pm. As previously notified, to accommodate this visit, it is necessary for our current Junior Infants to finish school at 12.15pm on Friday.

### **Cecil Day Lewis Literacy Awards**

The Cecil Day Lewis Literacy Annual Writing Competition was held in May. Congratulations to three of Ms. McGunn's third class pupils who were selected as winners: Derek Ikhinmwin, Daniel McLoughlin and Alex Gavin. The boys were invited to the award ceremony which took place on 31<sup>st</sup> May. Congratulations also to Conor Murphy who received a Highly Commended Award.

### **Sponsored Walk**

A big thank you to all who took part in and supported our Sponsored Walk. Over €3,900 was raised, which means that funds are now available to provide an Interactive Whiteboard solution in every classroom. Míle buíochas also to our PTA who organised and co-ordinated the event. The Trail Quiz was a bit hit this year and added greatly to the enjoyment of those who took part.

### ***Trail Quiz Draw***

Winners of €20 vouchers for Sports World:-

Dillon Reddy

Ms. Finn's Snr Infants

Cian Farrell

Ms. Meehan's 6<sup>th</sup> Class

Sinéad Walsh c/o Eoin Walsh

Mr. McGeady's 4<sup>th</sup> Class

### **After School Spanish**

The last class for after-school Spanish is taking place next Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. The boys in Ms. Alonso's class have been learning how to say and spell the name of school subjects, food, parts of the body, colours, time, seasons and many other new words and expressions. It has been a very enjoyable time with many new Spanish words learnt and many games played. A big congratulation to all the boys enrolled in after-school Spanish for all your effort and interest in learning a new language. Muy bien, chicos!

*Ms. Alonso*

### **Community Games Athletics**

Community Games Athletics is taking place on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June in the GAA Club, Moyglare Road. Entry is €2 per child. Events for Under 8 up to Under 16<sup>th</sup> years old.

### **Tesco Tokens**

With the end of the school year fast approaching, we are putting out one last call for any Tesco Tokens that might be lying around the house. We would appreciate it if they could be dropped in to the collection box within the next week. Thanks to all who have collected for us this year. We will issue the final count in due course.

### **Kool Kids Summer Camp**

Kool Kids Summer Camp for children from Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class will take place from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July from 10am – 3pm. Cost is €75 per child with a reduction of €10 for each additional child. Lots of activities will be happening: sports, art, cooking, gardening and much more. Book early to avoid disappointment! For more information visit [www.maynoothbns.ie](http://www.maynoothbns.ie) or contact Ms. Kelly/Ms. McLaughlin in the school.

### **Uniform Warehouse – Tesco Shopping Centre Maynooth**

As well as calling to the shop itself, parents can now buy uniform items online at the following web address: [www.uniformwarehouse.ie](http://www.uniformwarehouse.ie). A large selection of School Bags, Name Tags and Sports Wear are also available in store.

## Diary Dates June

Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Tour - Croke Park
	6 <sup>th</sup> Class Community Day
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Class Tour - National Aquatic Centre
	Senior Infant Tour - Tayto Park
	<b>Deadline for Booklists</b>
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Infants finish at 12.15pm
	New Junior Infant Visit 1.20-2.20pm
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day (Provisional!)
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year School Mass 11.30am St. Mary's Church
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Class Tour – Clara Laragh
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> Class Graduation
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Staff Student Soccer Match
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Holidays 12 Noon

## School Calendar 2012 – 2013

Month	Date	Day	Note
August	30 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	School Re-opens 9.20am (Senior Inf – 6 <sup>th</sup> Class)
	31 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	Junior Infants Start School <b>10.00am</b>
October	29 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Mon – Fri	School Closed Mid-Term Break
November	5 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	School Re-opens <b>9.20am</b>
December	21 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	Close at <b>12.00pm</b> Christmas Holidays
January	7 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	School Re-opens <b>9.20am</b>
February	14 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Thu – Fri	School Closed Mid Term Break
February	18 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	School Re-opens <b>9.20am</b>
March	18 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	School Closed Public Holiday
*	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday	Close at <b>12.00pm</b> Easter Holidays*
*	25, 26, 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mon - Wed	School Closed Easter Holidays*
April	8 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	School Re-opens <b>9.20am</b>
May	6 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	School Closed Public Holiday
May	7 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tue - Fri	School Closed Mid-Term Break
June	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday	School Closed Public Holiday
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Close at <b>12.00pm</b> Summer Holidays

*\*In the event of the school having to make Exceptional Closings (due to snow, power loss, etc.) these holidays may be cancelled to make up the lost days. (This is a Department of Education guideline, Circular 34/2011.) This should be taken into consideration when making plans for the holidays, trips, etc.*

