

# MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Reminder - Open Day

The school will be holding the annual Open Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February. This will give parents and other visitors an opportunity to visit the school and get an idea of what happens in the classrooms during the school day. We hope you will be able to visit us on Friday.

*All students received notes listing the times their classroom will be open for visits. If you want to visit your son's room, you need to come at the specified time (a one hour period) – otherwise you (and your son) will be disappointed.*

If you can make it, we highly recommend that you come a half-an-hour earlier to see the short musical play, *Jonah Man Jazz*, being performed by Ms. Duignan's & Ms. Dunning's classes.

## Meeting re New Second Level School

When: Tomorrow, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

At: 8.30p.m.

Where: Presentation Girls N.S.

This is a Consultation Meeting, requested by Gerry Jeffers, an independent consultant who has been engaged by Kildare VEC. He is keen to hear your views about the type of second level school that should be put in place.



## Free English Language Classes for Parents

Kildare VEC Adult Education section has confirmed that they will commence FREE ENGLISH LANGUAGE classes for parents of children in our school. The classes will begin on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February from 9.30am – 11.30am in the Pre Fab Classroom beside the school playground. They will continue each Monday morning during the school term. If you are interested in attending, please *make contact directly with the school office to register*.

## Coin Challenge 2013

Launching this years Coin Challenge.

Starting: This Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup>

Closing Date: Thursday February 28<sup>th</sup>.



### *The Challenge:*

Each class to collect as many coins as possible for 3 weeks, between Thursday February 7<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup>. Bring coins into the class as you find them and keep them in a jar. On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February we will have a Weighing Scales in the PE hall and each class will bring their stack of coin to the hall to Weigh-In. The class with the highest weight wins. A leader board will be on display.

### *What is to be Won?*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Class Trip to the Cinema
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Class party & Homework pass
- Highest Value Prize: Class party & Homework pass

Extra prizes also to be won on the day.

Thanks for your support & let the Challenge begin....

### Maynooth Credit Union Schools Table Quiz

The annual Schools Table Quiz for primary school pupils from Maynooth took place on Friday 1st February.

Approximately 30 teams of four took part in the quiz, which always provides great fun and enjoyment for the participants. It was very well supported by our pupils, who swept the boards by winning 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in the Under 13 and Under 11 categories. There was particular excitement when the Under 11 section went to a 5 question tie-breaker round to get the winning team.

A big thank you to Maynooth Credit Union who organised the event. They very generously provided ample refreshments for all participants as well as prizes for the successful teams. Thanks also to Mr. Fenton who co-ordinated the whole event in the school. The two winning teams now proceed to the Chapter Finals which will be held in March.

#### U-13 1st

Tom Damery  
Kristopher Gray  
Shane Whyte  
Evan Jordan

#### U-11 1st

Cathal McCabe  
Eoin Walsh  
Conor Vanduyvenvoorde  
Matthew Desmond

#### U-13 2nd

Conor Duff  
Dara Sweeney  
Ciaran Krahn  
James Carroll

#### U-11 2nd

Mark Gillen  
Killian Bracken  
Thomas Richards  
Ciaran Flanagan



#### U-13 3rd

Gareth Ashe  
Ethan Moran  
Cian Murtagh  
Filip Terescak

#### U-11 3rd

Morgan Dunne  
Adam Jordan  
Ryan Halcomb  
Carl Scanlon

### E-mails from School

When you receive an e-mail from us, at the top of each e-mail is a link to “Please confirm receipt by clicking here.” This is inserted automatically by our provider. We do not need you to confirm receipt and we are trying to get this removed/moved.



## Doodle for Google

In December, our school joined a large number of Irish schools in entering the Doodle for Google competition. This year's theme was 'My Invention' and the students were asked to use the Google logo as a backdrop or starting point. With so many pupils across the country entering, competition was always going to be tough. However, the school are delighted to report that one of our students has made the semi-finals (last 300). He is Ciaran Mahon from Mr. Creevey's 4th class. Ciaran has received a Certificate and a Letter of Congratulations from Google and his entry now moves on to the next stage where the 300 remaining entries will be whittled down to 75.

We congratulate Ciaran on his achievement so far and wish him luck in the next phase. Ciaran's 'Doodle' can be seen in the coming weeks on the 'Doodle for Google' website and of course on [www.maynoothbns.ie](http://www.maynoothbns.ie) with the other 5 school winners. Well done Ciaran!

### School Winners

2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Cathal Crowley	Ms. McMahon
4 <sup>th</sup> Class	Ciarán Mahon	Mr. Creevey
5 <sup>th</sup> Class	Conor Hegarty Morris	Ms. Tierney
5 <sup>th</sup> Class	Eoin Walsh	Ms. Tierney
5 <sup>th</sup> Class	Glen Nee	Ms. Tierney
6 <sup>th</sup> Class	James Wallace	Ms. Meehan



Special thanks to Ms. O'Connor who co-ordinated the Doodle for Google event in the school.

### 6th Class Language Classes

As part of a PTA initiative, the boys in 6<sup>th</sup> class participated in language classes for 9 weeks focusing on French, Spanish and German. The boys completed projects on the countries in which these languages are spoken, practiced some useful phrases and even sampled some authentic French, Spanish and German foods! We would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA for organising the classes and also Grace Duncan and Geraldine Krahn who so generously gave of their time for these classes, which were very worthwhile.

### Safer Parking

In the last Newsletter we asked all parents to:

- Please park legally when dropping/collecting your child to/from school.
- Have respect for the safety of pedestrians and other motorists.
- NEVER park in front of the school gates – these are Emergency Access routes.

Sadly, a small minority of individuals continue to ignore all of the above.

Today, the final road markings for the lay-by/bus bay/drop-off area were painted. Signs are being finalised. Next week we will publish full details of a comprehensive PTA. Board of Management, An Garda Síochana and Kildare County Council initiative to tackle these thoughtless, selfish motorists who are putting their own convenience ahead of the safety of others.

Meanwhile, a number of parents have mentioned a particular concern regarding pupils walking home. They have observed adults crossing at junctions near the school while the 'Red Man' was showing. Smaller children tend to just follow adults...and this has resulted in a few near misses. If you are walking to/from school, please remember to set a good example for all, when you are crossing at these junctions.



### School Uniform February Sale

Uniform Warehouse is holding a sale with 20% off school uniforms while stocks last. For further information, contact Uniform Warehouse on 628 9758 or [www.uniformwarehouse.ie](http://www.uniformwarehouse.ie)

## Diary Dates

Fri 8th Feb	Open Day
Tue 12th Feb	Service of Light 7.30pm (Pancake Tuesday!)
Wed 13th Feb	Ash Wednesday
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> & Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mid-Term Break – School Closed
Fri 22nd Feb	Confirmation 2.30pm
Wed 13th Mar	First Confession
Mon 18th Mar	Public Holiday – School Closed
Fri 22nd Mar	School Closes @ 12 noon – Easter Holidays