

# MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Seachtain na Gaeilge 10-14 Márta 2014



Tá Seachtain na Gaeilge ar ais arís. We have some great events planned for the week including Cic Fada, Cic agus Puc Fada, Gaeilgeoir is Fearr, Gléasta is Fearr. Also, the banna ceoil from Maynooth Post Primary School were due to play today but, unfortunately had to cancel due to illness. Senior classes are doing Tráth na gCeist and Lá Glas is on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>. We also have our own radio station in school during the week. 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.

Many thanks to Mr. Downes, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Fleury and Ms. Meehan who co-ordinated this year's Seachtain na Gaeilge. Maith Sibh!

## Lá Glas

In conjunction with Seachtain na Gaeilge, we will be holding a Lá Glas on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

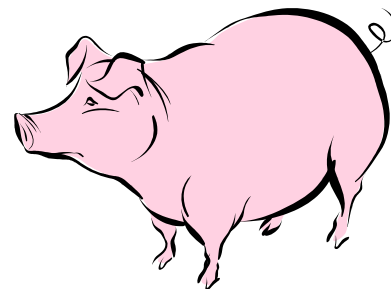


## Coin Challenge 2014

A big thank you to all the boys who collected coins for the Coin Race. During the month of February they filled their “virtual” class Piggy Banks in the hopes of collecting the greatest weight of coins. There was great excitement on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February when a team of parents co-ordinated the Weigh-In. The top two classes (weight) were identified and announced on the day. (1st) Mr. McGeady's 6<sup>th</sup> class and (2nd) Ms. McMahon's

1st class.

Since then a lot (...and I mean a LOT) of coins, especially 1 cent and 2 cent coins, have been counted. We can now confirm all the prize winners, you can see the full list on [www.maynoothbns.ie](http://www.maynoothbns.ie).



## World Book Day

World Book Day took place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014. To celebrate, both 1<sup>st</sup> Classes were invited to a special Author's Workshop in our local library. The boys got to meet the Irish author and illustrator Dolores Keaveney. She read some of her books to us. Our favourite story was Jenny the Little Brown Hen. Dolores also taught us lots and lots about bees. She showed us her Beekeeper suit and we got to see some real honey comb. That was very exciting. Before we left Dolores had some presents for both our classes. We got a challenging jigsaw puzzle and also a digital copy of one of her books so that we can read it again and again. Thank you Maynooth Library for arranging this fun activity.

## PTA Clothes Collection

Following previous successful clothes collections, the PTA are planning another collection on the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April. Exact times will be notified to you beforehand. Meanwhile, now is a good time to clear out the wardrobes and start putting clothes you won't need again into bags.



### Thank you

Thank you to the 5<sup>th</sup> class parents who kindly volunteered to provide the refreshments for the boys (and their families) who made their Confirmation in February. This hospitality greatly adds to the special occasion as it not only provides a little snack, but allows for families and the boys to meet up for a while, before they all go their separate ways for their own family celebrations.

Míle Buíochas.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Class Parents

Just as 5<sup>th</sup> class parents host the Confirmation refreshments, it is tradition that 1<sup>st</sup> class parents host the First Communion Day – you will then be the beneficiary the following year! We hope that many of you will volunteer to help out with Communion Day on 10<sup>th</sup> May this year.



New volunteers needed and if not available on the day, perhaps you might provide some baking instead. We will circulate 1<sup>st</sup> class parents directly on this after Easter. Meanwhile if you haven't already volunteered and if you would be willing to donate an hour (or two!) at some stage please e-mail [mbns.pta@gmail.com](mailto:mbns.pta@gmail.com) or phone the office (01) 6293021 and a PTA member will be in touch with you.



### Mobile Phones Collection

We are again collecting used mobile phones towards acquiring ICT equipment for the school. If you have any old phones and would like to support us, could you please send them in to your son's teacher or drop them off at the school office.

### Olympic Handball

Congratulations to both our 4<sup>th</sup> Classes who won the Handball Competition in Confey GAA Club. This was a fantastic result for their first ever attempt at the competition. Best of luck to 3<sup>rd</sup> class who will be competing at their level next week.