

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Easter Holidays

Easter holidays commence on Friday 11th April. Pupils finish at **12 o'clock**.

Under 10 Football

Our under 10 footballers got off to a winning start last Thursday, 3rd April, 2014. They beat Sallins by a scoreline of 4-2 to 1-5. It was a hard-fought win, especially in the second half when Sallins came back strongly. However, a great goal by Oisín Kearney sealed victory for Maynooth while Patrick O'Mahony, Tom Grehan and Matthew Diamond were also effective, but it was a solid whole team performance. We hope to play Kilcock in a friendly this Thursday 10th April and the remaining league fixtures are:-

Thursday 1st May – v- Clane (home)
Thursday 8th May – v- Celbridge (away)

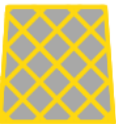
Parking

We would once again ask that all motorists collecting children from the school, observe fully the rules of the road. We particularly highlight the following in relation to the lay-by area:

Disabled Parking Spaces – you must have a disabled parking badge to use these. There are no exceptions to this – even if you feel you will only be a few minutes. If you are not a badge holder collecting a child, then you CANNOT park on this area.



Double Yellow Lines – no parking.



Yellow Boxes – No parking in these areas (They are necessary for Emergency Services Access Routes and also to allow buses to turn safely onto the Moyglare Road.)



Bus Bay – no parking from 8.30am – 9.30am
and 1.30pm – 4.30pm



School Gates – should NEVER be blocked. These are the Emergency Services access routes.

Senior Football Report

The Senior Footballers began their campaign with a well-earned win over Celbridge on Friday last. The opening exchanges were very tight, as two well matched teams played with determination and skill. Defences were on top in the first half with Maynooth holding a slender 2 point lead at the break. Immediately after half-time, we played our best football of the day, notching a succession of unanswered scores. Despite a late goal and a lot of pressure from Celbridge, we were able to hold out for a 3-10 to 2-7 victory. Our next match is at home to Naas on Tuesday at 2.30. Best of luck lads!

Book Rental

This is a good time to do a “clean up” on all your child’s book rental books. If books are not handed back in good condition, replacement books will have to be purchased by parents as per the Book Rental Agreement signed when joining.



6th Class Library Visit

On Friday, we went to the library with the girls' school to meet the author of a new book which the library picked out for us called "Blood Brother, Swan Sister". Her name was Eithne Massey. The book was set in 1014, during the time of the battle of Clontarf.

The main characters are *Dara, Skari, Elva, Arna, Biran Boru* and *Queen Kormlada*. The author also wrote "Where the Stones Sing", "The Silver Stage of Bunratty" and "The Secret of Kells", which was also a movie. *By Evan Jordan and Conor Vanduyvenvoorde.*



Mini 7's Hurling

On March 25th our Mini 7's Hurlers went to Celbridge GAA to take part in the local heats, where a place in the County Final was up for grabs. In difficult conditions our boys played some terrific hurling to defeat both Gaelscoil Uí Riada Kilcock and Scoil na Mainstreach Celbridge. This meant that our initial target of qualifying for the next stage had been achieved. The following week the boys travelled to Naas, where they were drawn to play a strong Naas side in the first game. As Naas had won their previous game, this meant it was a must-win game for us. The first half was a close affair with Naas leading by two points at half-time. Unfortunately, the second half didn't go to plan with Naas getting a few early goals. Our boys battled bravely to the end but it was Naas who ran out deserving winners on the day. Nonetheless our boys showed great pride, skill and determination in these games, something we can draw on

for the up-coming Under 13 Competition. Well done boys!

Panel

Ciarán Mahon
Eoin Kelliher
Cillian Kearney
Cathal McCabe

Conor Walsh
Cathal O'Donovan
Michael Richardson
Eoin Walsh

Ryan Halcomb
David Qualter
Luke Murnane



Famine Field Trip

On the 1st of April Ms. Kelly's 5th class and Ms. Meehan's 5th classes went on a field trip to learn about the Great Famine in Ireland. Seamus Kelly, a historian was our tour guide. The first place we went to was Castletown House. It was beautiful. Seamus showed us around the outside of the house and told us about its history. There were lots of paintings and different rooms. There was heaps of land outside!

After the tour of Castletown House we had lunch. We then walked along the avenue to reach the main gate. The next stop was the Famine Workhouse, presently known as Colourtrend. We learned a lot about conditions in the workhouse. The way people were treated there was terrible. Right beside the road near Colourtrend is a famine graveyard. We said a prayer for all those who lost their lives during the famine. The bus then picked us up and we were brought to the Obelisk, which is a folly that was built to provide work for people. It was magnificent and was 40m tall. We took lots of pictures. We really enjoyed our day in the sunshine and hope to do it again. *By Conor Murphy, Ciarán Browne and Eoin Kelliher.*



Basketball

Basketball got off to a bouncy start this term with a tremendous turnout from the boys of 4th and 5th classes! The boys have been training hard after school on Fridays in a bid to develop their skills before the inter-class tournament kicks off after the Easter Break. An exciting few weeks ahead!

6th Class 5 A-side Soccer

On Thursday 27th March last, three teams from 6th Class represented the school in the FAI Aviva 5-a-side Soccer competition in Kilcullen. The teams were drawn in very competitive groups against schools from other parts of Kildare. Our A team finished top of their group to qualify for a place in the semi-finals against a very strong Ballymany team. The boys competed brilliantly in the semi-final, but unfortunately Ballymany proved to be too strong and skilful in the end. All 24 boys who travelled to Kilcullen should be very proud of their fantastic efforts and performances in all their matches. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported the boys on the day. *Mr. McGeady and Mr. Creevey.*

Names

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*Cathal McCabe
Darragh Doddy
Daragh Hewson
Barry Kinirons
Enea Hoxha
James Flattery
Shane Whyte
Patrick Feely-Sheerin*

B

*Eoin Monaghan
Eoin Walsh
Cian Murtagh
Harry Dunne
Odhrán Brady
Steven Toderic
Donnacha Wall
Ethan Moran*

C

*Daniel Gligor
Aditya Palissery
Kevinas Gauronskis
Adrian Gumbo
David Finnegan
Matthew O'Keefe
Evan Jordan
Ashraf Ali Hassan*

PTA

Date for your Diary

This year, the PTA Sponsored walk/run and family fun day will be held on Sunday 8th June. As well as a much needed fundraiser, it promises to be a great Fun Day for all the family. More details to follow, closer to the date!

First Class Parents

The PTA are looking for volunteers from 1st class to help out or to bake something for the Communion reception on Saturday 10th May, 2014. It would be great if you could come along on the day for an hour or if you are unable to then maybe you could bake something or provide a plate of sandwiches?

We really appreciate any help you can give... and remember, next year someone will return the favour to you.

Please email the PTA at mbns.pta@gmail.com and let us know if you can help on the day or what kind of baking you will donate.

Voluntary Contribution

A huge "Thank you" to all families who have already submitted their voluntary contributions (€50). If it had slipped your mind, you can still submit your contribution in an envelope marked with your son(s) name, class and teacher. Cheques should be made payable to "Maynooth BNS Parent Teacher Association" and the envelopes can be given to your son's teacher. For those who wish to pay by bank transfer, our bank details are as follows:

Account name: Maynooth BNS Parents' Association
Account No: 49849009
Sort Code: 98 60 95



DIARY DATES

12th April (noon) – 27th April
 Mon 5th May
 Saturday 10th May
 Thursday 22nd May

Easter Holidays - School Closed
 Public Holiday - School Closed
 First Communion
 Proposed Sports Day

After School Activities

Enrolments for Session 4 of After School Activities will take place on Thursday 1st May from 9.10 a.m. to 9.20 a.m. *in the P.E. Hall*; class teachers cannot accept applications. The application form below must be in an envelope and the appropriate fee enclosed. The envelope must have marked on it: *Pupil's Name, Class & Teacher, The Activity* and the *Amount Enclosed*. For administration purposes, applications cannot be accepted unless in this format. All classes will run for 6 weeks. Places are limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. Cheques should be made payable to Maynooth BNS. Please complete attached registration form below.

Guitar Classes (1st – 6th Class)



Beginners classes are every Monday 3-4 p.m. commencing Monday 12th May, 2014. Pupils who attended Monday classes last term will continue to attend Monday classes.

Improvers classes are every Tuesday 3-4 p.m. commencing Tuesday 6th May, 2014.

2nd and 3rd Class After School Sports Club

Every Tuesday commencing Tuesday 6th May, 2014.

Arts & Crafts (1st – 6th Class)



Every Tuesday commencing Tuesday 6th May, 2014. (*Classes will go ahead depending on numbers).



5th and 6th Class After School Sports Club

Every Thursday commencing Thursday 8th May, 2014.

Homework Club

Homework Club commences Monday 12th May, 2014.



Spanish Class

Every Thursday commencing Thursday 8th May, 2014



I wish my son to partake in (please tick)

Monday Guitar Classes (Beginners)	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday Guitar Classes (Improvers)	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 2 nd /3 rd Class After School Sports Club	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday Arts & Crafts	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday 5 th Class After School Sports Club	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday Spanish Class	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homework Club	€60	<input type="checkbox"/>

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Amount Enclosed € _____