

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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School Closure

School will be closed on Friday 23rd May, 2014 to accommodate voting for the European and Local Elections.

Sports Day Deferred

Due to our Under 10 Football Team having reached the Kildare Cumann na mBunscoil Co. Final on Thursday 22nd May, in Newbridge at 2.30 p.m., our sports day has been deferred until *Monday 26th May* (weather permitting).



Hurling

The hurling season is now in full swing! To date we have played and won three group games against Celbridge, Clane and Naas.

Our first match was away to Celbridge on Thursday 8th May, 2014. From the start our boys took the game to their opponents and built up an early lead, something they never relinquished. Playing a nice brand of fast hurling the boys ran out easy winners on a scoreline of 4-8 to 0-1.

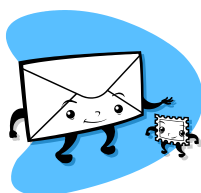
Our next match was also an away fixture and similar to the first game our boys made a great start, scoring two early goals. From there to the finish this game was a much tougher affair, played out on a tight pitch. Nonetheless, the boys showed great character to grind out a 3-6 to 1-3 win.

Last Friday (16th May) the boys played Naas in Maynooth GAA. In excellent conditions the boys produced a fantastic display to win a highly entertaining game on a scoreline of 5-5 to 3-6. The boys have now qualified for the Under 13 County Finals which are due to take place on 11th/12th June (to be confirmed).

Well done to Mr. Fenton and the boys. Best wishes in the final!

Under 10 Football

Our under 10 footballers have reached the County Final on Thursday 22nd May at 2.30p.m. in Moorefield GAA. This is a great achievement by the boys, having beaten Celbridge and Sallins and losing narrowly to Clane in an exciting match. They played the semi-final last Thursday against Kildare Town, who qualified as winners of the South Kildare Section. Maynooth started off well and went ahead at half-time by 1-4 to 0-1, thanks to a goal by Patrick O'Mahoney and points by Tom Grehan and Oisín Kearney. Maynooth defended well in the second half and eventually won by 1-9 to 0-2. Cillian Geraghty scored a lovely point to crown a fine performance. Pearse McKeever made some great saves to keep Maynooth in front. The boys will face the winners of the Clane/Naas semi-final in Thursday's final. Well done lads!



Reminder - Stamped Addressed Envelopes

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.) Reports will be posted from the school the week beginning on Monday 9th June.

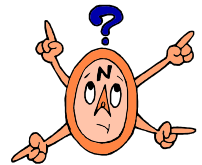
N.B. If a stamped addressed envelope is not received, the report can only be obtained in September by request.

6th Class Confirmation Donation to Trócaire

Congratulations to the boys in 6th class who made a donation to the charity Trócaire. The boys “dug deep” and contributed a total of €475.00 from gifts they had received for the Confirmation. The 6th class boys continued a longstanding 6th class tradition of contributing to a charity. Trócaire, which by co-incidence is based in Maynooth, provides on-the-ground support in third world countries. The generous contribution of the boys is bound to be put to good use. Maith sibh ranga sé!

GPS Co-ordinates

Do you have a Sat Nav? We are looking for GPS co-ordinates for the lay-by in front of the school and would appreciate it if you could ring or send them in on a note as we would like to include them on the “Contact us” page on the website.



Lost Property

As the end of the year draws closer, we appeal to you to ensure that your son is not missing any coats/jackets or uniform items. There is still a good deal of lost property awaiting collection. Anything not claimed by Friday 13th June will be disposed of to charity.



Graduation

The Graduation Ceremony for 6th class will take place on Thursday 26th June at 8pm. We will contact parents of 6th class boys closer to the event but in the meantime be sure to put the date in your diary/calendar.

New Junior Infants Classroom Visit

We will be welcoming the new pupils, due to commence in Junior Infants in September, to visit their classrooms on Friday 13th June, 2014. To accommodate this visit, it is necessary for our current Junior Infants to finish school at 12.10pm on that day.

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.

Book Rental

REMINDER to do a “clean up” on all your child’s book rental books as they will be handed on to another child next year. 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.



Sponsored Walk and Family Fun Day

All families should have received sponsorship cards and a communication about the day by now.

We hope you will be able to support the activity and participate in what should be a very enjoyable day on June 8th.

School Entry Security

Since we improved school security by introducing the door controlled access system, all visitors, be they strangers or parents, are required to access the school through the main entrance via the School Reception Office.

If you are coming to the school, please go to the main entrance, even if you notice an open door where classes/students/staff are entering or leaving the building. If you do try to enter via another entrance, in compliance with school safety procedures, a staff member will be obliged to refer you to use the main entrance.



Choir

A big thank you to the boys for all their enthusiasm and commitment to the choir throughout the year. The Peace Proms was a huge success. They also sang beautifully at the Confirmation and the Communion and we ended the year last night with a concern at the Girls School. For the first time the Boys' and Girls' Schools performed together and it was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the parents for their support of the choir during the year.

School Calendar 2014 – 2015

Month	Date	Day	Note
August	28 th	Thursday	School Re-opens 9.20am (Senior Inf – 6 th Class)
	29 th	Friday	Junior Infants Start School 10.00am
October	27 th –31 st	Mon – Fri	School Closed Mid-Term Break
November	3 rd	Monday	School Re-opens 9.20am
December	19 th	Friday	Close at 12.00pm Christmas Holidays
January	5 th	Monday	School Re-opens 9.20am
February	19 th –20 th	Thu – Fri	School Closed Mid-Term Break
February	23 rd	Monday	School Re-opens 9.20am
March	16 th	Monday	School Closed School Holiday
	17 th	Tuesday	School Closed St. Patrick's Day
	27 th	Friday	Close at 12.00pm Easter Holidays
* March/April	30 th /31 st /1 st		School Closed Easter Holidays*
April	13 th	Monday	School Re-opens 9.20am
May	4 th	Monday	School Closed Public Holiday
	5 th – 8 th	Tue – Fri	School Closed Mid-Term Break
	11 th	Monday	School Re-opens 9.20am
June	1 st	Monday	School Closed Public Holiday
	2 nd	Tuesday	School Closed School Holiday
	30 th	Tuesday	Close at 12.00pm 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 16/2014.) This should be taken into consideration when making plans for the holidays, trips, etc.*