

# MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## Hampers

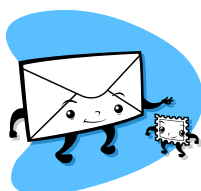
The themed gift hampers, which will be raffled on our Fun Day Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2014. They are currently on display in the school lobby. Tickets can be purchased every morning or on the day. Tickets are 50c each or 3 for €1.00.

Class	Hamper
<i>Junior Infants</i>	<i>Butterflies</i>
<i>Senior Infants</i>	<i>Movie Night Theme</i>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Class</i>	<i>Baking Theme</i>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Class</i>	<i>Summer Splash</i>
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Class</i>	<i>Day at the beach</i>
<i>4<sup>th</sup> Class</i>	<i>A World of Art</i>
<i>5<sup>th</sup> Class</i>	<i>World Cup</i>
<i>6<sup>th</sup> Class</i>	<i>Sports Theme</i>



## Booklists

Booklists were distributed yesterday. They need to be returned to your son's class teacher by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.



## 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 (if you have not already done so). Reports will be posted from the school the week beginning on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June. *N.B. If a stamped addressed envelope is not received, the report can only be obtained in September by request.*

## Community Games

Congratulations to the Maynooth team who won the Community Games Quiz in Newbridge on 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2014. The team comprised of girls and boys and they now go on to the national final in August. Well done to Ciarán Flanagan, Eoin Walsh, Jack Hourigan and the girls ... Siobhán McGarry and Ellen McKimm.

## Pupil Belongings

We would like to remind you of the importance of labelling your child's belongings, items of clothing in particular. Unmarked coats, jumpers, tracksuits, etc., can be very difficult, (if not impossible), to locate and return to its owner. Note: Iron-on name tags have proven to be a very popular solution. The school does not recommend any provider in particular, but the following companies provide this service:

mynametags.ie  
namelabels.ie  
mystuff.ie

Dalkey, Co. Dublin.  
Naas, Co. Kildare.  
Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.



## Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day was held last Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May and was a great success. A big thank you to all staff and to Mr. Creevey in particular - the mastermind of the event. Another huge thanks to North Kildare who kindly allowed us to use their premises.

## Kool Kids Summer Camp

Kool Kids Summer Camp for children from Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class will take place from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 10am – 3pm. Cost is €70 per child with a reduction of €5 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.

## Excited.ie

On 28th May, Maynooth Boys' N.S. was invited to participate in Excited.ie - The Digital Learning Festival 2014 - which was being hosted at Dublin Castle. The Conference was billed as follows: *EXCITED – The Digital Learning Festival will bring together digital learning trailblazers from Ireland and abroad to celebrate and learn from past achievements. In consultation with teachers, young people and leaders in enterprise and academia we will chart the way forward for the future of technology in education.*

Special thanks to teacher Mr. Noel Davis and pupils Robert Parker, Liam Nulty and Cian Colclough who demonstrated digital video production and the school's engagement with FÍS - an annual digital film making project organised through the Department of Education's PDST Technology in Education section. Maynooth Boys' N.S. was one of 10 Primary Schools from across the country who were invited to display at Excited.ie



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Tour

On 29<sup>th</sup> May we went to Viking Splash and Dublinia. Viking Splash is a “dukw”. It is a yellow viking boat with wheels. The driver’s name was Gerry and he was wearing a Viking costume. He was a very funny fellow, telling us jokes and making us laugh. We then went to Dublinia. This is a big museum based on Vikings and what they did long ago. Our tour guide was called “Ross”. He showed us around and explained everything to us. There were Viking hats, skeletons and lots of different artefacts. We really enjoyed both places and would highly recommend them to everyone. *By Eoin Wallace and Cathal Crowley – Ms. McMahon’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Class.*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Tour

At 9.20 a.m. in the morning we left the school in a double decker bus. When we got there we got off the bus and boarded the Viking Splash Tour. We had to wear lifejackets. We were all very excited going into the water. We spent about 20 minutes in the water. In the afternoon we got off the Viking Splash and had our lunch in the rain!. We then went to Dublinia Museum and learned about the Vikings. When we finished in the museum we went back to school having really enjoyed our day. *By Stephen Kerrison – Ms. Staunton’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Class.*

### 4<sup>th</sup> Class Tour

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May we went on our tour to Dunmore Caves and Kilkenny Castle. We went to the caves first which are 350,000 years old. This is one of the darkest places in Ireland but luckily for us, there was artificial light! They had stalactites and stalagmites. These take thousands of years to form and look like ice. They hang from the ceiling and grow from the ground. We then went on to Supermax for our lunch. Unfortunately, they ran out of chicken! After lunch we went to



Kilkenny Castle. We firstly went to the drawing room and saw a “Waking Table” where they laid out dead bodies. We all backed away when the tour guide told us this! The bedrooms upstairs were very impressive and included a Chinese room. This was very ornate with Chinese paintings, silks and lots of colourful material. The picture gallery was beautiful with a huge fireplace showing the history of the families that lived there – the Butlers. The ceiling looked like an upside down long ship. Afterwards we played soccer in the grounds. We had a spectacular day and would highly recommend this tour to everyone. *By Ben McNevin and Ciarán Flangan – 4<sup>th</sup> Class Mr. Downes.*

## Diary Dates

See [http://www.maynoothbns.ie/blogs/?page\\_id=1449](http://www.maynoothbns.ie/blogs/?page_id=1449)