

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Halloween Dress Up

On this Friday, 24th October, we will be having a Halloween Dress Up Day. Instead of wearing their uniform to school, the boys may wear their Halloween outfits and there will be prizes for the 'best dressed' in each class. For the pleasure of not wearing their uniforms, we ask for a contribution of €2 per pupil (a maximum of €3 per family), towards school funds.

Halloween Safety

Just a reminder to be vigilant in relation to the dangers that your children could be exposed to at Halloween. Please be sure to make them aware of the risks associated with fireworks, bangers, etc. which they may come in contact with. Also, in the past, children have received serious injury and burns in the vicinity of bonfires. We strongly recommend that primary school children be accompanied in the vicinity of a bonfire. Wishing you a Happy and Safe Halloween!



Football Update

The Under 11 Cumann na mBunscoil Football competition got underway in late September. Our first assignment was a tough visit to a very good Clane team. After a shaky first period, we played very well in the second half, drawing level with ten minutes remaining. However, it was the Clane team that finished strongest and despite our best second half efforts, we lost out by three points. This now meant that a win was essential in the next game which was away to Naas. Again a slow start cost us and we had a mountain to climb at half time. Two quick second half goals gave us a chance, but unfortunately the gap was too wide to bridge successfully. There is now one game remaining versus Celbridge. As they have also lost against Clane and Naas neither team can progress to the semi-finals. We are, however, determined to get a win under our belts so this game will go ahead after the mid-term break. Managers Mr. Creevey and Mr. McGeady are both very praising of the boys and said that this Under 11 team has shown that they have some real talent - a number of these players will certainly feature in the Under 13 team in the new year. Good luck in the play-off lads.

U-11 Hurling Final

The U-11 hurlers have qualified for the County Final which is being played in Moorefield GAA Club on Wednesday October 22nd at 2.00 p.m. All supporters are very welcome. Our opponents on the day will be St. Corbans, Naas.

To date, the boys have shown a huge amount of hard work, energy and commitment to reach this stage of the competition. We are hopeful of another big performance tomorrow to help us retain our title! Best of luck to Mr. Fenton and the boys!



Thank you

We would like to thank all the generous parents who donated lots of books to the school over the past few weeks. This has helped greatly in restocking the libraries from Junior Infants to 3rd Class.

Road Safety Week

This week Monday 20th to Friday 24th October is Road Safety Week in our school. The children are learning about the importance of **seatbelt wearing and road safety** through the Seatbelt Sheriff and Hi Glo Silver Campaigns. They are also rapping and dancing to the **Safe Cross Code** which is a fun way to learn about crossing the road safely. So, if you hear a voice calling from the back of the car "I'm Seatbelt Sheriff - Time to Belt Up" - you'll know your son is bringing the road safety message home to you!



Autumn Programme

For the last few years we have organised an Autumn Programme of activities, including trips and visiting specialists. We are doing this again this year and every class will be included. Activities are being arranged through Kildare Co. Council's Artist for a Day Programme, Maynooth Library, Maynooth University, Heritage in Schools Programme and others. As there are costs associated with the Autumn Programme, there will be a small contribution per student, which we will collect after the mid-term break.



Some of the activities already scheduled include:-

Visiting Storyteller (Junior and Senior Infants),
 Author Visits (4th and 5th Classes)
 Jack Flash Magic Show (A Senior Infant Class)
 Irish History Live (3rd and 4th Classes)
 Comets (5th Class)
 Robotic Soccer (6th classes and a 5th class)
 Dinosaur Show (TBC)

We are awaiting confirmation of a number of other events and activities (including the 1st and 2nd class who haven't been listed yet!)



Liffey Celtics Basketball Club

Boys train on Saturday afternoon in Confey G.A.A., Leixlip from 5.00p.m.- 6.30 p.m. Contact Jenny (087) 2650462.

After School Activities

Enrolments for Session 2 of After School Activities will take place on Thursday 23rd October 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 **3rd November, 2014**.

Improvers classes are every Tuesday 3-4 p.m. commencing Tuesday **4th November, 2014**.

2nd Class After School Sports Club

Every Monday commencing **3rd November, 2014**.

3rd and 4th Class After School Sports Club

Every Tuesday commencing **Tuesday 4th November, 2014**.



Arts & Crafts (1st – 6th Class)

Every Tuesday commencing **Tuesday 4th November 2014**. (*Classes will go ahead depending on numbers).

5th and 6th Class After School Sports Club

Every Thursday commencing **Thursday 6th November, 2014**.



Homework Club

Homework Club is on Monday – Thursday from 3rd to 6th November (to cover missed days due to Croke Park Hours). The next session begins on **Monday 10th November, 2014**.

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I wish my son to partake in (please tick)

Monday Guitar Classes (Beginners)	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 2 nd After School Sports Club	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday Guitar Classes (Improvers)	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday Arts & Crafts	€35	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 3 rd /4 th After School Sports Club	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday 5 th /6 th Class After School Sports Club	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homework Club (Mon – Thur)	€60	<input type="checkbox"/>

Child's Name _____

Class _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____