

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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Christmas Holidays

Don't forget that the school will close on Friday 19th December at **12 Noon** for the Christmas holidays. **PLEASE ENSURE PROMPT COLLECTION.** School will re-open on **Monday 5th January** 2015 at 9.20 a.m.

We would like to say a big thank you to all who helped the school in so many different ways over the past year and, in particular, to our Parents' Association who work tirelessly to support the pupils and the school. Míle Buíochas agus Nollaig Shona díobh go léir.



It may be almost holiday time, but there are still lots of activities happening in the school.

- Wednesday 17th: Carol Singing at Tescos 3-4 p.m.
- Thursday 18th: Carol Concert at St. Mary's Church, 1-2 p.m., where all the classes will be singing their christmas song.
- Friday 19th: Junior Infant Nativity Play at St. Mary's Church 11a.m. (Parents should collect their children at the church afterwards – not at the school.)

Please Note: *Some school activities take place in St. Mary's Church. If you do not wish your son to attend there, you may collect your son early from school on those days.*



Maynooth Credit Union Art Competition Winners

Recently, Maynooth Credit Union held its annual art competition among the Primary Schools in Maynooth. There were 3 categories – 7 yrs & under, 8-10, 11-13 years, with 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in each. We are delighted to confirm that the boys achieved 5 out of the 9 awards as follows:

8 – 10 Yrs	1 st	Bradley Jenkins	Ms. Meehan's 5 th Class
	3 rd	Mateusz Imiolczyk	Ms. Meehan's 5 th Class
11 – 13 Yrs	1 st	Kamil Sztyler	Ms. Kelly's 6 th Class
	2 nd	Robert Flynn	Ms. Meehan's 5 th Class
	3 rd	David Power	Ms. Meehan's 5 th Class

A big thank you to Maynooth Credit Union for organising this competition and for their generous sponsorship of the prizes – selection boxes and 'cash'!



St. Vincent de Paul Food Appeal

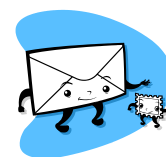
A very sincere thank you to all the boys and their parents who contributed so generously to the appeal for food items towards Christmas Hampers for families in need in Maynooth. Your response was absolutely amazing. Yesterday morning we had 2 special assemblies where the boys brought their food

donations to the hall and we celebrated the positivity with some festive songs. A huge thank you also to Ms. Kelly and Ms. Meehan for organising the collection and also to all the teachers for organising the collection in their classrooms.

The food you donated was collected last night by local volunteers and, before the middle of next week, it will be delivered to homes in the area, where it will make a real difference.

Recycling

Don't forget to save – postage stamps and old mobile phones and send them in to us after the holidays.



Intel Mini Scientist

Following their success at the school final of the Intel Mini Scientist Competition, where they were selected from 24 entries, Rory Byrdon, Mikey Clarke, Tom Kelly, Jack Murnane presented their project at the

Leinster Regional Final held at Intel on Thursday 11th December.

Their project on “Hydraulics” which aroused a lot of interest from the attendees on the day, really impressed the Judges and no-one was surprised when they were selected as Leinster regional Winners.



They now take their project forward to the Intel Mini Scientist Grand Final on 23rd January, probably in the Science Gallery at Trinity College. Congratulations to Rory, Mike, Tom and Jack on their wonderful achievement.

Cake Sale Raffle Winners

In case you haven't already heard, the raffle results were as follows:

Name	Class	Prize
Finn Whyte	Senior Infants Ms. Flynn	Soccer Game
Conor Mescal	Senior Infants Ms. Patten	Headphones
Henry Furjanic	Senior Infants Ms. Dunning	Spirograph
Arthur Byrne	2 nd Class Mr. Fenton	Shred Master Guitar
Sam Horgan	2 nd Class Mr. Fenton	Led Dynamolygte Torch
Cian Brody	3 rd Class Mr. Downes	Robodog
Raphael Pericica	3 rd Class Ms. McMahon	My Little Sweetshop
Conor McBrearty	5 th Class Mr. Murphy	Sweet Dispenser
Ann Marie O'Reilly		Chocolates
		Blade Attack – donated to St. Vincent de Paul

The total amount raised towards funding school activities this year was €1,510.00. Thanks to everybody for their support.

Santa Visit/Christmas Party

Friday 12th December proved to be a very exciting day at the school. It began with the siren of the Fire Brigade in the school yard. Thankfully they weren't here to put out a fire. Instead they were bringing a VIP visitor to the school – Santa Claus. Our Junior and Senior Infant classes went out to the yard to welcome him and even sang some Christmas songs for him.



Over the entire day each class visited Santa in his special grotto in the PE Hall. He was very well assisted by a group of elves, who also organised lots of fun activities for the boys as they waited their turn to visit Santa.

A huge thank you to the PTA, Gemma Brazil and her volunteer elves for providing this wonderful day for the boys.

Santa Party Prize Winners

Musical Statues

Ms. Rafter 1 st Class	Wilfred Josh Dela Torre
Ms. Toolan's 1 st Class	Martin Hill
Ms. Murphy's 2 nd Class	Methul Atthanayake
Mr. Fenton's 2 nd Class	David O'Brien

Basketball Shots

Ms. McMahon's 3 rd Class	Dylan Kelly
Mr. Downs' 3 rd Class	Frank Murtagh
Ms. McMahon's 4 th Class	Ben Davis
Mr. Davis' 4 th Class	Francis Hanlon
Ms. Meehan's 5 th Class	Conor Whyte
Mr. Murphy's 5 th Class	Jack Murnane
Ms. Kelly's 6 th Class	Ramon Branagan
Mr. McGeady's 6 th Class	Luke Murnane
Mr. Creevey's 6 th Class	Michael Smyth

Guess the number of sweets in the jar

Jnr Inf – 2 nd Class	
Mr. Fenton	Max Cojocar (132 in Jar) Guessed 132
3 rd – 6 th Class	
Mr. Creevey	Mario Mathias (157 in Jar) Guessed 156

Diary Dates

5 th January:	School re-opens 9.20 a.m.
6 th January:	PTA Meeting 8 p.m.
30 th January:	Credit Union Table Quiz.
3 rd February:	PTA Meeting 8 p.m.
13 th February:	Open Day
19 th /20 th February:	Mid-term break – school closed
24 th February:	Ceremony of Light (6 th class Confirmation boys) 7.30 p.m.
3 rd March:	Confirmation

We wish all the pupils and their families a very Happy, Holy and Healthy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

