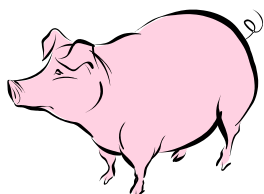


Reminder Enrolments for September 2015

If you have not already enrolled your son, or if you are aware of a neighbour who has not already done so, it is important to register the child with us before the end of the month. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school office (Phone: 01 6293021 or email us via 'Contact Us' form under 'School Office' tab on www.maynoothbns.ie).

The Coin Challenge



Student Challenge: To find and collect as many euro currency coins as you can, between now and 6th February. Pick up loose coins from around the house, or off the footpath. Put away small change from your pocket money. Collect coins whenever you can – but avoid wallets and purses! And, remember, the value of the coin doesn't matter – it's the weight that counts.



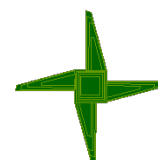
Bring your jar of coins into your class by Friday 6th February. On Monday, February 9th, each class will bring their collective Coin Stash to the PE hall where they will be weighed and the heaviest collection WINS, so start collecting your coins (anything from 1c up to €2 coins allowed). Top class wins a Class Party, but there will be lots of other prizes as well, (including the Piggy Bank Prizes for best name and best decorated).



Best wishes to the choir who are busy preparing for their performance in the Peace Proms at the RDS on 31st January, 2015. This is the second year that they are participating in this wonderful event, where they collaborate with other schools from around the country as well as some renowned musicians and vocalists not to mention (*the Peace Proms Orchestra*).

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week runs from the 26th – 30th January, 2015. During this week we acknowledge and celebrate the Catholic Ethos of the school. Classes will be involved in extra activities. We will also be celebrating Grandparents Day during the week and preparing for St. Bridget's Day which falls on Sunday 1st February, 2015.



Doodle for Google

Well done to all the boys from 2nd to 6th class who entered the Doodle 4 Google Art Competition before the holidays. The winners were announced at assembly this week. The Class Level Winners were:-

2 nd	Andrew Wallace	Mr. Fenton
3 rd	Patrick Gligor	Ms. McMahon
4 th	Roshan Bijo John	Mr. Davis
5 th	Ryan Scott	Mr. Murphy
6 th	Timofei Cotorobai	Mr. McGeady

Overall the top 6 entries across the school are now forwarded to Google for entry into the final. These were:

2 nd	Andrew Wallace	Mr. Fenton
2 nd	Dylan O'Beirne	Ms. Murphy

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Patrick Gligor
Timofei Cotorobai
Daniel McLoughlin
Kamil Szt Tyler

Ms. McMahon
Mr. McGeady
Mr. McGeady
Ms. Kelly

School Uniform - Footwear

Just a reminder that all pupils are expected to have the correct school uniform footwear – plain dark shoes/runners, preferably black, but dark navy is acceptable.



Community Games Art Competition

The annual Community Games Art and Handwriting Competitions will take place in the Boys' School on 13th February from 3pm until 5pm for boys and girls from U 8's to U16's. Entry fee is €3.00.

Old Mobile Phones

Don't forget that the school is collecting mobile phones.

We are collaborating with Irish Autism Action and, as well

as supporting a worthy cause, we will also receive ICT

equipment for the school. If you have any phones to donate, please send them in through your son to his class teacher, or you may also hand them directly to the school office.



Check the Calendar

We have a very busy programme ahead this term, with lots of activities and event scheduled.

Please check the monthly calendar on the school website

http://www.maynoothbns.ie/blogs/?page_id=1449 so that you don't miss out on anything.

Pupils of the Week

Congratulations to the current pupils of the week. They are:-

Junior Infants	Ms. Sims	Alex Durkan
Junior Infants	Ms. O'Mahony	Ebe Flynn
Junior Infants	Ms. Fleury	Fiachra Martin
Senior Infants	Ms. Patten	Conor Mescal
Senior Infants	Ms. Flynn	Ryan Cattigan
Senior Infants	Ms. Dunning	Leo Callan
First Class	Ms. Rafter	Oisin Mag Uiginn
First Class	Ms. Toolan	Rayan Atmeh
Second Class	Mr. Fenton	Jo Harry Padilla
Second Class	Ms. Murphy	Joshua Flood
Third Class	Ms. McMahon	Yonathan Revah
Third Class	Mr. Downes	Frank Murtagh
Fourth Class	Mr. Davis	Rawak Atmeh
Fourth Class	Ms. McMahon	Daniel Murphy
Fifth Class	Ms. Meehan	Mateusz Imiolczyk
Fifth Class	Mr. Murphy	Cian O'Neill
Sixth Class	Mr. McGeady	Eoin Richards
Sixth Class	Mr. Creevey	Cillian McCartin
Sixth Class	Ms. Kelly	Michael Mazilu

School Attendance

The National Education Welfare Board has recently come under the newly formed umbrella body TÚSLA. You will be familiar with the NEWB as having overall responsibility for School Attendance.

We have been required to monitor school attendance and, disappointingly, have discovered a worrying trend. For every month this year, attendance figures have been worse than the same month last year.

Missing School = Missing Out

At recent assemblies, we've emphasised to the boys that missing school = missing out; a day missed = a day lost. While absolutely recognising that a child who is ill should not be in school, we ask that parents try to ensure that there are no avoidable absences for your children.

Attendance Awards

To encourage the boys and to promote a positive attitude towards school attendance we are introducing attendance awards – commencing at the end of this week, as follows:

Weekly Class Awards

Trophy for best class attendance.

Special Prize (e.g. no homework, extra play) for 100% attendance.



Termly Awards

Class: Pizza Party for best class attendance.

Individual: Full attendance awards.



Yearly Awards

Class: Class outing for best class attendance.

Individual: Full attendance awards.

We trust that we can depend on your co-operation and support in promoting a positive attitude towards attendance an ethic that will stand to them life-long.

Meanwhile, we emphasise again, and will continue to repeat at class level, that no pupil should attend school while sick.