

Parent Teacher Meetings

At the annual parent teacher meeting, an appointment is scheduled for every pupil in each class. On a given afternoon, there are appointments for approximately 15 other parents so *it is essential that everybody sticks to the allotted 10 minute meeting.* If you wish to have a longer discussion with your son's teacher, you will need to arrange a further appointment – the meeting on the day cannot be extended, as it would unreasonably delay everybody else.



Therefore, if you find yourself waiting for your meeting beyond your allotted time, please knock on the classroom door.

Meetings with class teachers will normally take place in your son's classroom. Likewise, Resource Teachers will be located in their rooms for meetings with parents. Names and locations will be clearly displayed inside the front door.

After School Hours

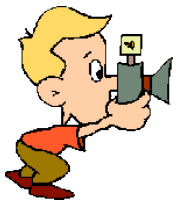
Our insurers have reminded us that children should not be allowed to re-enter the school building after they have left at the end of the school day – for example, to collect a book/copy/coat that they left behind in their classroom. Please keep this in mind if your son suggests going back for something.

Wet Mornings

Further to the teaching staff volunteering to undertake additional supervision before the commencement of the school day, procedures for wet mornings have improved significantly for the pupils.

Entrance to the building at 9.10am remains via the door at the shelter ONLY, (the front/main entrance will be locked). However, instead of having to assemble in the PE Hall, the boys are now permitted to go directly to their classrooms.

Good behaviour on the way to and in the classrooms before 9.20am when their teacher is an absolute requirement. Please be aware that if this is not adhered to, the privilege of entering the school before 9.20am may be withdrawn from individual pupils.



Class Photographs

All class photographs are on display in the Junior Corridor to the left as you enter the front door. Order forms were previously sent home and should be returned with payment (€18) by Monday 23rd November, 2015. Cheques should be made payable to Kevin Carr.



Intel Mini Scientist

Our 5th Class boys are participating again this year in the annual Mini Scientist Competition and judging will take place on 26th November, 2015. The Intel Mini Scientist competition is an initiative which allows our students to develop science related projects and encourages enthusiasm and practical learning in the area of science. Best of luck boys!



Enrolment Ceremony

Congratulations to the 6th class boys who participated in the Enrolment Ceremony for Confirmation which took place last night, Wednesday 11th November in St. Mary's Church.



Autumn Arts Programme

At this time of the year, we try to organise extra activities which go beyond the normal classroom programme and give the boys an opportunity to participate in enjoyable, educational and interesting experiences. The programme varies from year to year and class to class. Some of the activities have charges, while others are provided free of charge by Kildare Co. Council Library Services and Maynooth

University. We are particularly grateful to Kildare Co. Council's Artist for a Day Schools Programme, which subsidises some of the activities, leaving us needing to request only a relatively small fee per pupil for the programme.

Junior Infants

9 th November	Imogen Gunner	Our Musical Heritage
7 th December	Julie Duane	North Pole Songs & Stories

Senior Infants

11 th November (second activity to be confirmed)	Imogen Gunner	Our Musical Heritage
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1st Class

To be Confirmed (2 nd activity to be confirmed)	Aileen Lambert	Traditional Irish Songs
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2nd Class

To be Confirmed	Aileen Lambert	Traditional Irish Songs
19 th November	Fred Freeman	Burns for Bairns (Mr. Fenton's)
25 th November	Oisín McGann	Author Visit (Mr. McGrath's)
10 th December	Wassa Wassa	Drum Workshop



3rd Class

16 th October	Johnny Phelan	Circus Skills Workshop
25 th November	Oisín McGann	Author Visit
10 th December	Wassa Wassa	Drum Workshop

4th Class

14 th October	John Joyce	Author/Cartoonist (Ms. McMahon's)
16 th October	Johnny Phelan	Circus Skills Workshop
6 th November	Debbie Thomas	Sensational Writing
25 th November	Oisín McGann	Author Visit (Mr. Davis')
10 th December	Wassa Wassa	Drum Workshop



5th Class

6 th November	Debbie Thomas	Sensational Writing
13 th November	Robot Soccer	@ Maynooth University
10 th December	Wassa Wassa	Drum Workshop

6th Class

19 th November	Deirdre Kellehan	Action Comet (Mr. Creevey's)
27 th November	Paul Wood	Artistic Landscapes of the Great War
(2 nd Activity for Ms. Kelly's to be confirmed)		



To follow next term – Irish History Live 5th/6th Classes

Special thanks to Ms. Roisin Murphy who has co-ordinated this extensive programme for the whole school.



Junior Infants Musical Heritage Workshop

Junior Infants were visited by Imogen Gunner on Monday 9th November for a Musical Heritage Workshop. We were introduced to lots of different musical instruments. We listened to Imogen play the violin and we even got an opportunity to play some musical instruments ourselves! We had great fun shaking, banging and rattling the percussion instruments to the beat of the music! We marched and danced around the room listening out for the different sounds of the instruments. Some of us even got to conduct the class! It was great fun!

Ms. Ring, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Dineen Junior Infants

Donations for Role Play

One of the methodologies we use in the Aistear programme is learning through Role Play. To enhance this activity, props/costumes/toys for a variety of different roles are needed. We are currently trying to build up the necessary resources and hope that you may have some of the items and no longer need/want them. See below for a list of some of the roles and the types of items we are looking for. If you can help out, just send them in to your son's teacher or drop them off at the office - and our infant classes will put them to good use.

Roles

Types of Materials Needed

Doctor	Doctor/Nurse Costume, Play medical accessories – stethoscope, bandages
Garda	Garda costume & accessories – handcuffs, phone, etc.
Fireman	Fireman costume
Shopkeeper	Cash Register, money, toy food items, basket/trolley
Bank/Post Office	Cash Register, phone, money, cards, envelopes, stamps
Builder	Builder costume, construction toys, toy builder tools – hammer, spanner, saw
Kitchen/Restaurant	Kitchen, toy food items, play kitchen utensils, chef costume
Home Corner	Dolls, play highchair, buggy, clothes, bottles, feeding equipment, cot, blanket
General Dress Up	Costumes & Accessories

Note: We are always delighted to receive complete jigsaws as well.

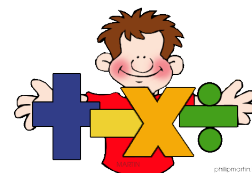
Maths Week 2015

During Maths week many of our pupils participated in the Mangaigh High Maths Challenge. Last year, we participated in the Mangaigh High Challenge on a whole school basis....and finished in the Top 5 Irish Primary Schools.

This year the focus was on individual participation and the results were outstanding. 120 of our pupils were awarded 'virtual medals' online.

As a special recognition of their achievement of being awarded over 100 virtual medals, 6 of our pupils were presented with 'Real' Mangaigh High Maths Challenge Medals. Congratulations to the 'Top 6 Mathematicians'

	Points	Teacher	Class
Mark Gillen	210	Mr. Creevey's	6 th Class
Ryan Gillen	189	Mr. McGeady's	5 th Class
Patryk Hodurek	180	Ms. Kelly's	6 th Class
Jack Murnane	138	Ms. Kelly's	6 th Class
Azeez Moyosore	120	Ms. Kelly's	6 th Class
Ross Lynch	104	Mr. Creevey's	6 th Class



Sensational Writing 4th & 5th Classes

On Friday the 6th of November, the two 4th Classes and the two 5th Classes, took part in a creative writing workshop with the children's author, Debbie Thomas. As an introduction to the workshop, she told the boys that she had recently interviewed the world famous

children's author, Michael Morpurgo, about his life as an author and about the latest book he is writing. It is based on the life of a decorated British soldier, Henry Tandey, who fought in World War 1. She told us a fascinating story about Henry Tandey.

During the writing workshop, Debbie showed the boys how easy it can be to come up with a simple story or poem using the first words, thoughts or ideas that come into your head, no matter how random they might be. By working in pairs and in groups, the boys used her helpful tips to write interesting and exciting short stories and poems in the space of a few minutes. They were all surprised by how imaginative they could be in such a short time and they really enjoyed taking part in the workshop, which will help with their creative writing skills.

Tidy Towns Award Winner

Congratulations to Darragh Bergin, Ms. Rafter's 1st class, whose work and commitment to Maynooth Tidy Towns throughout the year, was recognised at their recent awards ceremony. Darragh was the very deserving recipient of the Junior Award for 2015. Well done Darragh!

Halloween Day Dress Up Awards

	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
M.s Ring JI	Odhrán O'Neill	Tadhg Farrell
Ms. Murphy JI	Daniel D'Alessandro	Tomasz Migdal
Ms. Dineen JI	Luke O'Connor	Senan Jennings
Ms. Dunning SI	Alex Durkan	Matthew Oloyede
M. Sims SI	Seán Travers	Ian Carlota
Ms. Flynn SI	Fiachra Martin	Ruben Curran
Ms. Toolan 1 st	Ciaran Verbruggen McGinn	Keith Sherriff
Ms. O'Mahony 1 st	Joshua Wigman	Harry Jefferies
Ms. Rafter 1 st	Joseph O'Connor	Ciarán Farrell
Mr. McGrath 2 nd	Elliot Flynn	Wilhelm Gaszka
Mr. Fenton 2 nd	Aidan Walsh	Martin Hill
Mr. Downes 3 rd	Dylan Murray	Paul O'Dea
Ms. Tierney 3 rd	Finn Geraghty	Alfred Nicoll
Mr. Davis 4 th	Tal Kuchanov	Zach Rosen
Ms. McMahon 4 th	Paul Morrissey	Daniel Hever
Mr. McGeady 5 th	Dawid Sumera	Stephen Kerrison
Mr. Murphy 5 th	James Ashe	Blaine Haughton
Mr. Creevey 6 th	Cian Allende	Ross Lynch
Ms. Kelly 6 th	Harvey McNevin	Jack Tracey



Olympic Handball Champions! *By Daniel O'Meara and Jack Murnane.*

On Monday the 9th of November the sixth class Olympic handballers were chosen to represent our school in an annual tournament held in Confey GAA. We arrived in Confey by train at about 11am, had a little snack and started to warm up to get ready for our matches.



First up was Maynooth A Team against San Carlo A Team (Confey). Maynooth started very well with a goal from Patryk Hodurek. Then in quick succession we got a second. Although we were dominating San Carlo managed to get a few shots away. Fortunately, Cian Allende made some great saves. Tom Kelly ran down the wing and took a shot which went in top bins. Oisín Kearney followed with a wonderful shot and it succeeded through the keeper's legs. We won the match 4-0.

The Maynooth B Team then played the San Carlo B Team. From a free just outside the six metre circle, Daniel O'Meara threw the ball up and Fionnan Brady's powerful shot went in over the keeper. San Carlo equalised and were soon one up. Killian Bracken worked hard to block threatening goals. Maynooth scored a second with a very well worked Conor Whyte goal. San Carlo, however, snatched a winner. The match finished 3-2 to San Carlo.

Maynooth had a two match break so we could settle down and strategise. In the first match Lucan Easts B beat San Carlo A 1-0. Then San Carlo B beat Lucan East A.

Next up was Maynooth B Team against Lucan East's A Team. Cian O'Neill scored a goal to put us in front. Daniel O'Meara followed with a second goal and Aidan Duffy scored the third. In the last throw of the game Lucan scored but Maynooth won easily 3-1.

In the next match Maynooth started exceptionally well with Jack Murnane lobbing the keeper to score the first goal of the match. He then scored another two to put us 3-0 ahead. Rory Byrden scored a quality goal, followed by two goals from Azeez Moyosore to finish the game 6-0 against Confey.

In Maynooth B's third place final they won 5-0 against Lucan Easts. Fionnan Brady, Cian O'Neill, Mikey Dunphy, Conor McBrearty scored again. Maynooth played very well and they came third overall in the tournament.

In the final Maynooth A played Confey in a very intense battle with Maynooth coming out on top. Even though Confey got a goal we dominated the game, with Jack Murnane scoring three goals to ensure a Maynooth Victory.

We would like to thank Blake Vanduyvenvoorde who has helped us to prepare by delivering voluntary training session and also Ms. Kelly who keeps us motivated and has trained us every week during her lunch break! They are very proud of us and are delighted we retained our school's champion title!

Squad: Adedamola Adedrian, Aidan Duffy, Andre Allende, Azeez Moyosore, Cian Allende, Cian O'Neill, Ciarán Flanagan, Conor Bradley, Conor McBrearty, Conor Whyte, Daniel O'Meara, Daniel Tjani, Fionnán Brady, Harvey McNevin, Jack Hourigan, Jack Murnane, Josh Moran, Killian Bracken, Mikey Dunphy, Oisín Kearney, Patryk Hodurek, Pearse McKeever, Rory Byrden, Tom Kelly.

The fifth class team are set to play their tournament on the 23rd of November – best of luck lads, we're rooting for you!



Diary Dates

Wednesday 18th November

Thursday 19th November

Friday 4th December

Tuesday 8th December

Friday 11th December

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Cake Sale

Feast of Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Santa Visit

