

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Important Notice - Extra School Closure

As the school building is used as a Polling Station, the school will be closed on Friday 26th February, due to the forthcoming election.

History Live

Michael Moylan of “History Live” visited our school on February 15th. Ms. Murphy arranged for his visit through the “Heritage in the Schools Programme”. All of the pupils in the 4th, 5th and 6th classes got the opportunity to participate in his unique workshops, which took place in the PE Hall. The students dressed in costumes and uniforms of the day and were shown various guns to illustrate the conflict.



The workshop commenced by Michael introducing the Home Rule Bill, the opposition of Ulster Volunteer Force and the setting up of the Irish Volunteers to oppose them. World War 1 was introduced by dressing up in the uniforms/helmets/guns of the day and Michael explained how the conflict upset the plan for Home Rule. He explained how the Irish Citizens Army was set up to protect workers who were on strike.



Using role play Michael explained how the Irish Volunteers, the Irish Citizen Army and the Irish Republican Brotherhood (I.R.B) became one group called the Irish Republican Army (I.R.A.) and how they decided to take on Britain while she was at war with Germany.



Michael showed and explained the history of guns from the musket to the machine gun and how the weapons were employed during the Easter week. He finished by explaining how the execution of the 1916 leaders united the country and how Michael Collins waged a hit and run war which led to the Free State in 1922. The workshop was very interactive and thoroughly enjoyed by all the students and teachers who attended - not to mention how much Irish History they learned in the process!

Note: While the visit was subsidised by the Heritage in Schools Programme, we need to collect a €1 contribution per pupil to meet the costs of the Workshops. Could you send this in directly to your son's teacher this week please.

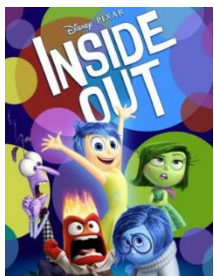
GAA Quiz

On Wednesday 17th February our school senior quiz team travelled to Ballymany school in Newbridge to compete in the Cumann na mBunscol quiz. Thirty schools from all over Co. Kildare participated in the quiz and there were



one hundred questions on a broad range of topics. The winning team scored an excellent 91 out of 100. Our lads performed very well, scoring 87 and finishing in a very credible 6th place. Well done to Daniel O'Meara, Jack Hourigan, Thomas Richards and Ciaran Flanagan.

Cycling Cinema



The Cycling Cinema held by the PTA at Maynooth Post Primary School on Saturday 13th February proved to be a huge success. Many thanks to all of the families who supported this very enjoyable event. Thanks also to all the hardworking volunteers who helped to run the event and the 'food outlets' - tuc shop, hotdog stand and the hugely popular popcorn stand.

Congratulations to all the boys who took part in the cycling competition.

They all did their bit in keeping the movie going for us on the night. In fact the technician said that there was a lot of surplus power in the batteries when they were finished! Congratulations to Mr. McGeady's class who generated the highest amount of electricity per cyclist on the night. They were the happy recipients of a very appropriate prize each - cinema voucher, McDonalds voucher, homework pass and goodie bag. The proud winners were:-

Roshan Bijo John, Conor Walsh, Jean Libert, Ryan Gillen, Constantin Melega, Yu Xiang Chang, Eniola Odumade, Stephen Odiashi, Thomas Lejnieks, Francis Hanlon, Daniel Broome and Stefan Czyzewski.



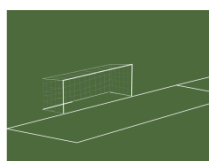
Board of Management

The new Board of Management held its first full meeting on 18th January, 2016. Among the matters dealt with were the function of the Board, the roles and responsibilities of the individual members, staff and pupil matters, school maintenance issues, Board finances and the new school extension.

While it is still very early in the process, the Board will be forming a building sub-committee. We are aware that there are many of our parents with experience and skills in this area and we hope that we will be able to tap into this expertise. If you feel that you might be able to assist us during the building process, either on the sub-committee or through providing occasional advice, could you please contact Mr. Coakley or Mr. Manus McCarron, Chairperson.

Maynooth Community Games

Art Competition for boys and girls under 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 and Handwriting Competitions for boys and girls under 10 and under 12 take place on Thursday 25th February, 2016 at 7 pm in the Presentation Girls School.

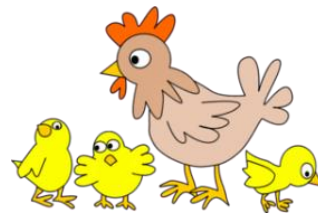


6th Class 5 A-side Soccer

On this Thursday, 25th February 24 boys from the 6th Class will represent the school in the FAI Aviva 5-a-side Soccer competition in Kilcullen. This year the event is being held in Kilcullen, so they will have a 'bit' of a journey on the day. The boys will be split into three separate squads of 8 for league stage of the competition. We wish them the best of luck.

Hatch Programme

Last year we introduced a lovely, novel programme in the infant classes - the Hatch Programme. It turned out to be a huge success and was extremely popular, not only with the infant classes, but with everybody throughout the school. We are delighted to confirm that our PTA have kindly agreed to sponsor this wonderful activity again this year. Watch out for the first of the new chicks, any time after Monday 29th February, 2016.



Spelling Bee

Tomorrow 24th February the school will hold its 3rd annual Spelling Bee Competition for 5th and 6th class. Each class will be represented by three pupils and the overall winner will go on to represent the school in the Kildare finals. Good luck to all the boys who are participating.

Confirmation

Best wishes to the boys in 6th Class who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Raymond Field on Friday 4th March in St. Mary's Church at 11.00 a.m.



Open Day

Our annual Open Day was a great success again this year with 307 adult visitors through our doors. We were delighted to see so many people coming in to see our school and the boys. Míle Buíochas to all the staff who worked with the boys to make the day such a success. Also thanks to the PTA for providing refreshments in the PE Hall.

After School Activities

Session 3 of After School Activities finishes this week. Session 4 will commence next week and continue until the end of April - **two weeks activities before Easter and four weeks after Easter. The week commencing 14th March will be a 'catch up' week for Homework Club, guitar lessons and 5/6th Class Sports (who are currently one session behind). There will be no other activities held that week.**

NB The 5/6th Class Sports will be held on **Tuesday** 15th March, (not on the usual Thursday).

Enrolments for Session 4 of After School Activities will take place on Thursday 25th February from 9.10 a.m. to 9.20 a.m. in the P.E. Hall; class teachers cannot accept applications. As many of the 5th/6th class boys will be at the 5-a-side on Thursday, the 5th/6th Class Sports Club (only) may register at the office on Monday morning 29th February, 2016. The application form below must be in an envelope with the appropriate fee enclosed. For administration purposes, applications cannot be accepted unless in an envelope with the pupils name, class details etc marked clearly on it. All classes will run for 6 weeks. Please complete attached registration form below.



Guitar Classes (1st – 6th Class)

Beginners classes are every Monday 3-4 p.m. commencing Monday **29th February, 2016** (for boys who were already attending).

Improvers classes are every Tuesday 3-4 p.m. commencing Tuesday **1st March, 2016**. Boys from last year's improvers' class return to this class.

2nd Class After School Sports Club

Every Monday commencing **29th February, 2016**.

3rd and 4th Class After School Sports Club

Every Tuesday commencing **1st March, 2016**.



****Arts & Crafts (1st – 6th Class)****

Every Tuesday commencing **1st March, 2016**. (*Classes will go ahead depending on numbers).

5th and 6th Class After School Sports Club

Every Thursday commencing **3rd March, 2016**.

Homework Club

Homework Club is on Monday – Thursday. Session 4 commences on Monday **29th February, 2016**.



I wish my son to partake in (please tick)

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| 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 | €60 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Child's Name _____ Class _____ Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____