

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Helen Leaving



We are very sad to inform you that, after 15 years of wonderful service to the school, we will very shortly be saying farewell to our school secretary, Helen O'Kane.

Helen is planning to relocate to Glasgow during the Easter Holidays, so unfortunately, her last day with us will be on Wednesday 16th March, when we break up for Easter.

Helen has been the first point of contact for so many of our parents and has become near and dear to the hearts of all – pupils, parents and staff.

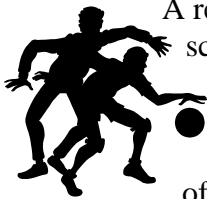
We wish her the very best of health and happiness in her native city – Glasgow's gain will certainly be our loss!



Accidents at School

Recently, while reviewing procedures around when children have accidents at school, it was suggested to us that it would be appropriate to contact parents in the case of impact injuries to the head and for other significant cuts, etc. As the school staff members are not qualified to assess such injuries, we will bring them to your attention, so that you are aware of the accident and may wish to monitor, or further assess it yourself.

Easter Camp



A reminder to all pupils from 1st-6th class that the annual Easter Camp takes place in the school from March 21st to 24th. This is a great way to spend some of your holidays by enjoying a wide variety of sports and some arts and crafts activities. Every pupil from 1st-6th has received an application form but if it's been mislaid there are more available from the school office or from Mr. Creevey. Sign up fast as places are limited!!



Spelling Bee 2016

This year's Spelling Bee was a great success. It took place in the PE Hall on Wednesday 24th February and all the classes from 4th – 6th made up an enthusiastic audience. Three boys were chosen to represent their class from 5th & 6th class. There was a very high standard with the following words included – satellite, literature, economics and revolution.



In the end, Conor Wright from Ms. Kelly's 6th class emerged victorious. Conor will represent the school in the Kildare final in Athy on March 10th. Best of luck Conor!

Well done to all the Spelling Bees from 5th and 6th classes.

After School Activities

Next week the only After School Activities that will run will be: Guitar and Homework Club on Monday and Tuesday and 5th/6th Class Sports on Tuesday (catch up from session 3). All activities will recommence after Easter.

Cycling Challenge

There was a mix up with some of the winners' names in our previous Newsletter. The incorrect Ryan and Conor were attributed with being on the winning team. The names should have read - **Ryan Gillen** and **Conor Walsh**. Well done boys and apologies for the error.

Proclamation Day

On Tuesday 15th March, we will be celebrating Proclamation Day here in the school. At 10am, members of the Maynooth 1916 Celebration Committee will be facilitating our Flag Raising Ceremony, which will be attended by all of the pupils in the school.

If you are free at that time, all are welcome to attend the ceremony which will take place on the playground.

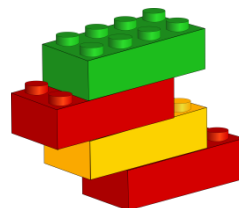
Aistear - Can you help?



Aistear is a structured, learning through play, programme. Our Junior and Senior Infant teachers are reorganising this part of their work over the coming weeks.

Each class will work on a theme for a period of weeks and will need to take a good selection of resources to stimulate and engage the pupils.

The teachers have identified a “WISH LIST” of resources, under 6 different headings below. If you have any of these items, which you no longer need (they must be in very good/excellent condition), we would really appreciate if you could donate them to these classes. They can be given directly to the Infant teachers, or through the office.



1. Hospital/Vetinary Clinic	2. Shop	3. Home Corner/Restaurant
Doctors Kit	Cash register	Kitchen
Prescription forms	Money (Play/toy)	Cutlery Plastic
Receptionist coat/badge	Food items Plastic	Phone
Bandages	Basket/trolleys	Dolls
Plasters	Purse	Pram/doll bed
Syringes	Phone old	Baby clothes
Latex gloves		Baby items
Empty medicine bottles		Mammy/daddy dress up clothes
Books about body		Tea set (play)
Phone (old)		Placemats
Leaflets		Cash register
Toy animals		Cleaning equipment i.e. toy Hoover
Laptop		
4. Travel Agent	5. Building Site	6. Gardening Centre
Phone	Hard hat (play)	Tools-spade, rakes, watering can toy
Laptop (old)	Builders outfit	Pots
Tickets	Tractors	Flower books
Suitcase	Construction toys i.e. lego, knex	Gloves
Clothes	Tool belt	Aprons
Beach ball		Phone
Empty sunscreen bottles		Cash register
Globes		Sandbox/pit for soil
Travel agent outfit		
Toy planes		
Maps		

Note: If you can donate any of these items, it would be really helpful if you could send them in before the Easter break.

Míle Buíochas!