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Summer Holidays

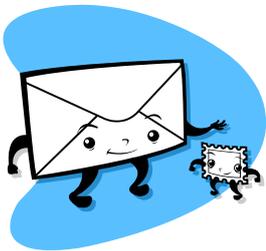
The school closes at 12.00 o'clock on Thursday 30th June for our summer break. The Board of Management and Staff bid you farewell and we wish you all a very enjoyable summer – let's hope the sun continues to shine on us!

If you need to contact the school during the summer please email us on maynoothbns@yahoo.ie Don't expect an immediate reply, but someone will get back to you.

(Please Note that this service is for important/urgent enquiries only. Information about the school calendar and opening times will be available on the school website - www.maynoothbns.ie.)



Reports - Stamped Addressed Envelopes



Report Cards were emailed last week. If you had difficulty opening the attachment, especially on a phone, you might try to open it on a computer or other device. Otherwise, please contact the school office and we will re-send it to you. If you wish to receive a copy of your son's report in hard copy, you must send in a stamped addressed envelope by Wednesday 29th June, 2016 with a note of your son's name and his Teacher's name, to the school office (not to the class teacher).

Green Army



Following Ireland's fantastic win over Italy last night, we have decided to join the Green Army tomorrow.

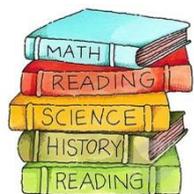
All the boys are welcome to wear **GREEN** to school tomorrow (Friday 24th June) to show their support for the Irish team, ahead of Sunday's big game.

(Note: This is NOT a No Uniform Day, so no contribution is requested.)



Book Rental Scheme – Volunteers Needed Friday / Monday

Our Book Rental Scheme Co-ordinators, Barbara and Lorna, have been doing wonderful work over the past few weeks, making sure that they will have everything in place for all of the scheme members (the vast majority of you) before we break up next week.



The final push is on and help would be hugely appreciated. If you have **an hour (or 2?) to spare** this **Friday 24th, or Monday 27th**, we would be delighted to see you anytime **between 10am-4pm**. If you can help, just call in to the School Office and we will point you in the right direction!

Graduation

The Graduation Ceremony for 6th class will take place on Thursday 28th June in the Post-Primary School at 8pm. Again, Mr. Johnny Nevin of Maynooth Post Primary school has kindly made their Canteen Hall available to us for the occasion.

We look forward to seeing the 6th class boys and their families on the night. Don't forget to bring some baking if you can!



Under 13 Hurling Champions

Medal Presentation



There will be a medal presentation for our victorious U13 hurling team next Monday, June 27th. The presentation will take place in the P.E. Hall at 1.15p.m.

On the day the boys will be presented with their county medals by Martin Fitzgerald (Kildare Senior Hurler) and there will be an opportunity for their parents to take some photographs if they so wish. We'd be delighted if you could make it.



Sixth Class Sleep In

Last Friday night the sixth classes held a 'Sleep in' in the school. This was done to raise awareness of homelessness in Ireland and to raise money for Focus Ireland. The pupils arrived at 9.00p.m. armed with sleeping bags, pillows, bowls and spoons. They gave up their comfortable beds for the night and slept on the classroom floor. It was great fun!



Thanks to all of the boys for being so well behaved. Thanks to Tesco Maynooth for providing breakfast. Thanks to all of the teachers (15 in total) who gave up their Friday night to help out. We are proud to announce that almost €1,200 has been raised for Focus Ireland. Well done everyone!

PTA

The PTA would like to sincerely thank parents for all their support, help and participation throughout the year at all the events organised and assisted by the PTA. Your help made the work of the PTA so easy and such a pleasure. Looking forward to another great year next year!

This year's sponsored walk and race were another huge success and were followed by a great afternoon for the boys and their families. A huge thank you to the volunteers who went to great efforts to ensure a fun day was had by all. Without helpers the day simply could not go ahead.

Finally, a very big thank you to all the volunteers throughout the year. Regardless of whether you volunteered once, twice or on several occasions, your time and efforts are very much appreciated. Thank you.

Danger for Young Children



On two occasions in recent weeks, children from Infant classes have been left on the playground, unaccompanied, after the bell had been rung. Although the adults had seen them onto the playground, they had not been seen safely into the school building. In both cases, their class lines had already gone into the building, so the children panicked and started to leave the school to go after their parents.

So please, NEVER drop off a young pupil on the school grounds after 9.20am and expect him to find his own way to his class. Such behaviour would place your child at risk. If your child is not on the playground when the bell rings, he must be accompanied into the school by an adult.

Pupil Belongings

We would like to remind you of the importance of labelling your child's belongings, items of clothing in particular. Unmarked coats, jumpers, tracksuits, etc., can be very difficult, (if not impossible), to locate and return to its owner. Note: Iron-on name tags have proven to be a very popular solution. The school does not recommend any provider in particular, but the following companies provide this service:

mynametags.ie
namelabels.ie
mystuff.ie

Dalkey, Co. Dublin.
Naas, Co. Kildare.
Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny.





Staff Student Soccer Match

The Annual Staff-Student soccer match takes place on Tuesday 28th June at 2.00 p.m. This is being billed as the highlight of the year and should not be missed!

Uniform/Footwear

The uniform code on footwear is **DARK – Black or Navy** shoes or runners only. We ask that you bear this in mind if purchasing footwear for your son during the summer.



Lost Property

As the end of the year draws closer, we appeal that you ensure that your son is not missing any coats/jackets or uniform items. There is still a good deal of lost property awaiting collection. Anything not claimed by Friday 27th June will be disposed of to charity.

Buying a New Schoolbag?



Some members of the Maynooth Social Justice Group have just returned from Zambia, where among other things, they distributed school items such as pencils and copies, etc., which were donated by children who had made their First Holy Communion this year. During this process, they noticed that the children's schoolbags were literally plastic bags.

As we sometimes decide to 'upgrade' our children's bags for a new school year, the Maynooth Social Justice Group would hugely appreciate donations of bags no longer needed, but still in good condition. We are happy to collect such bags here in the school, right up to the day of the holidays, (either via your son's teacher, or directly to the school office).

Best News 'til Last??

The Board of Management is delighted to announce that a new school building has been approved for Maynooth Boys' NS. A state-of-the-art, twenty four classroom school, with a modern 400m² PE Hall and all the associated additional accommodation, has passed Stage 1 Approval by the Department of Education & Skills. Planning of the detailed design will be commencing immediately.

This building programme is part of the ADAPT 18 scheme set up by the DES Building Unit. The 'A' stands for accelerated and the '18' stands for September 2018, the date at which they are aiming to open the new school. The intention is to build a new school immediately in front of the existing building, which means that we can continue in our current accommodation until the new school is ready – a fantastic bonus.

Busy times ahead, but wonderful news!

More to follow in due course.