

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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Reminder - Christmas Holidays

Don't forget that the school will close on Thursday 22nd December at **12 Noon** for the Christmas holidays.

PLEASE ENSURE PROMPT COLLECTION. School will re-open on **Monday 9th January 2017** at 9.20 a.m.

Amount raised in Cake Sale & Raffle

The funds raised from the Cake Sale and Raffle was €2,010. There was a great turn out and well done to all who took part. It was a great success as always.



Shine Star Shine!

On Friday the 16th of December 2016, Ms. Flynn's, Ms. Mc Laughlin's and Ms. Rafter's Senior Infants performed our Christmas play 'Shine Star Shine' in our local church, St. Mary's. We spent lots of time learning our lines and preparing our costumes for the big day. When the day finally arrived we were very excited. We had Mary, Joseph & the baby Jesus. We had narrators, stars, shepherds, angels and kings. We had a great time performing our play. Thanks to everyone who came to see us. Happy Christmas everyone!

From all the boys in Senior Infants!

Carol Service



Office closed on Tuesday 20th December from 1.00 - 2.00 p.m.

To facilitate the attendance of all pupils and all staff **at the Annual School Carol Service**, the school building will be closed between 12.45 – 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 20th December. (The phone will not be manned during these times either.)

Note: If you do not wish your son to attend the Carol Service, you may collect him at 12.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Live Streaming from St. Mary's Church

As St. Mary's is a progressive Parish and has live streaming from the church, this may benefit parents/relatives who are unable to attend school activities in the church. It has been used previously by relatives who have been unable to travel First Communion and Confirmation ceremonies.

It has also been mentioned that grannies and grandads unable to travel to attend their grandchild's Nativity Play, might like to view join in on the net. The link below goes straight to the camera, so feel free to share it with those who can't be there on the day.

<http://www.maynoothparish.org/live-streaming/>

Carol Singing

The boys from 4th classes and some of the school staff joined together to perform what has become an annual Maynooth BNS tradition. Carol Singing at Tesco's on Thursday 15th December from 2.30 – 3.30p.m. in aid of the Maynooth branch of the St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you very much for your support and to the boys for their wonderful singing and festive spirit !



5k St. Vincent de Paul Charity Run

Members of Karen Richards' athletics group from 5th and 6th Classes took part in a charity 5k in Maynooth College yesterday. The boys donated a sum of money to St. Vincent de Paul. The race involved four laps of the old college. It was a challenging distance for their age group but they all finished with style. Well done boys. And many thanks to Karen Richards for her great work with the boys every Friday afternoon after school.



Cake Sale Raffle Prize Winners

1 st Prize	Eoin Hever	Senior Infants
2 nd Prize	Christopher Caulfield	1 st Class
3 rd Prize	Liam Cohen	1 st Class
4 th Prize	Paul Morrissey	5 th Class
5 th Prize	Ian Crawford	4 th Class
6 th Prize	Brendan Munro	1 st Class
7 th Prize	Ebe Flynn	1 st Class
8 th Prize	Raphael Pericica	5 th Class
9 th Prize	Oisin Kirwan	Junior Infants
10 th Prize	Liam McDonald	3 rd Class
11 th Prize	Ethan Kelly	Senior Infants
12 th Prize	Diarmuid Flynn	2 nd Class
13 th Prize	Alex Tilly	4 th Class
14 th Prize	Dara O'Donnell	Senior Infants
15 th Prize	Darren Flynn	5 th Class



The boys would like to say thank you to Santa and Mrs. Klaus for making this special visit to our school on Friday 9th December.

A huge thank you to all of his PTA elves who not only worked so hard all day long helping Santa, but built his 'grotto' and spent a lot of extra time preparing for his visit. We're sure Santa will put something special for you in your stockings.

Finally our thanks go to the firemen of Maynooth Fire Station who gave Rudolph and the other reindeers transporting Santa to the school in their big red Fire Brigade.



Winners of Santa's Party Games 2016

Musical Statues Winners Jnr Infants – 2nd Class

James Quigley	Ms. Reilly	Junior Infants
Jack O'Sullivan	Ms. Murphy	Junior Infants
Tadgh Bowden	Ms. Dineen	Junior Infants
Odhran O'Neill	Ms. McLaughlin	Senior Infants
Adam Glover Ledwith	Ms. Flynn	Senior Infants
Dan Lyons	Ms. Rafter	Senior Infants
Adrian Sokolowski	Ms. O'Mahony	1 st Class
Liam Cohen	Ms. Toolan	1 st Class
John Mullally Walsh	Ms. Lyons	1 st Class
Ciaran Vergruggen McGinn	Ms. Sims	2 nd Class
James Farrell	Mr. Fenton	2 nd Class
Darragh Bergin	Mr. McGrath	2 nd Class

Basketball Winners 3rd – 6th Class

James Travers	Ms. McMahon	3 rd Class
Paul Mathias	Mr. Harraghy	3 rd Class
John Villu Burke	Ms. Gunn	4 th Class
Alon Kes	Mr. Davis	4 th Class
Saimonas Gauronskis	Mr. Creevey	5 th Class
Orr Zexer	Ms. Kelly	5 th Class
Darragh McCartin	Ms. Meehan	6 th Class
Christian Condron	Mr. Downes	6 th Class



Saint Vincent De Paul Food Appeal



On the 14th of December we held our annual Food Appeal in aid of Saint Vincent De Paul. We held assemblies and gathered the food from each class into our P.E. Hall. We then sorted the food into categories before packing them into boxes for collection that evening. Many thanks to Ms. Kelly's 5th Class for volunteering to help with the packing of all of the food that was collected.

We wish to thank all of the boys and their parents for your generous donations. We were overwhelmed by the response! Your donation will go a long way towards making Christmas special for those in our community who are in need of a little extra help this Christmas. We hope that by participating in the Food Appeal that the boys

always remember to help those most in need, especially at Christmas time.

Congratulations boys on a fantastic Food Appeal – the biggest one yet!
Nollaig Shona! Ms. Kelly and Ms. Patten.



Twitter

Did you know that Maynooth Boys' NS has a Twitter page? You can see it on the homepage of the website. If you would like to have up-to-date information about what's going on in the school, be sure to sign up to Twitter on your smartphone (available from Play-Store - Android and the App Store - Apple) and follow us using the Twitter handle @maynoothbns. Make sure you 'favourite' or 'retweet' our stories!



Intel Mini-Scientist

On the 17th of November the 5th Classes presented their Mini-Scientist projects in the P.E. Hall. There were a lot of interesting displays on various topics such as the brain, skittles science, heat and energy, pollution, sound frequency, electricity and human power, to name a few.

My two favourite projects were 'The Brain' and 'Sound Frequency'. The day began with both of the 5th Classes going to their classroom and collecting their experiments

to set up in the hall. When we had completed our setup the Senior Infants came in and were surprised by how many science experiments we had made. Then the judges Emma and Carmel came in to examine our projects. They were amazed by the high standard of all of the projects. They could only pick a first and second. After much deliberation the judges chose their winners. 'Human Power' (Darren Flynn, Max Connell and Raphael Pericica) came second. First place went to 'Sound Frequency' (Liam O'Connor, Mark McMahon and Conán Lennon). I was delighted that my friends came first as they get to go to the Regional Final on the 8th of December. We were all very happy for them and wish them luck – well done boys!



The day continued and we showed our projects to the other classes. They loved our projects and so did their teachers! We received lots of comments and likes, which we can keep in our booklet to look back on. We hope next year's boys have as much fun as we did making our projects.

By Max Connell



W5 Science Magic

At half past twelve we walked to Maynooth University, where we were escorted into a room. We felt like college students sitting on the chairs with the small desks attached! I sat in the second row. Some girls from the Presentation Girls' National School filled the rest of the room.

David then began the magic science show. He first filled a teacup with water. He started to mix the teacups up very slowly. He stopped and asked us which teacup contained the water. We easily guessed the right answer. He mixed them up again but faster this time and again we guessed the right answer. For the

third time he mixed them up super-fast, he stopped and the water had disappeared! David said he would show us how at the end of his show.

After all of the commotion of spinning teacups David selected volunteers. He took three plastic cups and placed a small baking tray on top. He carefully placed three small tubes onto the tray and balanced three rubber eggs on the tubes. He used a broom as a lever and asked the volunteer to let go. Two of the eggs successfully landed in the cups.

Next Patrick Gligor volunteered. David asked him to sit on a stool and make himself really big, then really small. When Patrick did the 'starfish' he slowed down. When he did the 'mouse' he spun faster. For the next experiment David used a wheel with no handles. He began to spin it and handed it to the volunteer. When she tried to move the wheel on its side it didn't move but the girl did! For the final experiment David needed not one but two volunteers... Ido Zak and Daragh Coakley. David then gave them a capsule each and told them to shake the capsule and that they were going to BLOW! False alarm... there was nothing in the capsule! David then placed a vitamin tablet into the capsule and added one centimetre of water. The volunteers were asked to shake them as hard as they could and the cap flew off and hit the ceiling like a rocket.

We then learned about acid and alkaline. When you mix an acid with an alkaline it created a gas. The W5 science team have a liquid that helps you to tell an acid and alkaline apart. They also lit a fancy empty teabag on fire. When the fire reached the bottom of the bag the remains floated into the air.

I really enjoyed W5 Science Magic because I learned a lot about liquids and gases. Oh yes, I nearly forgot – the teacup!!! So, the reason the water disappeared was because David put baby powder in the teacup before adding water! Thank you Ms. Kelly for bringing us!

by Cillian Noon - 5th Class



Mangahigh Awards

Congratulations to all of the boys in 5th Class for their participation in the Mangahigh Challenge during Maths Week 2016. The boys were highly commended for their efforts to complete Maths challenges online. Both classes were delighted to use the school Notebook laptops, purchased by the PTA. They also completed a huge number of challenges at home. Medals were

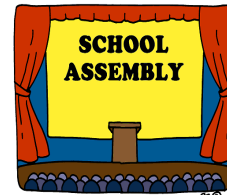


received by those who earned the highest points while completing 5th class challenges.

Overall winner: Adewale Adederman (Mr. Creevey's class).
 First runners up: Liam O'Connor (Ms. Kelly's class) and Vishal Tutte (Mr. Creevey's class).
 Second runners up: Daragh Coakley (Ms. Kelly's class) and Paul Morrissey (Mr. Creevey's class).

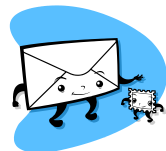
November Assembly

The first assembly was held in November and a Remembrance ceremony was held. At the beginning some people spoke about good people and that they knew. One pupil spoke about his great grandad who fought for Ireland against the British and he saved Eamon De Valera. Mr. Downes' 6th Class boys recited the poem 'Mid-Term Break' by Seamus Heaney and Ms. Meehan's class recited the poem 'I See His Blood upon the Rose' by Joseph Mary Plunkett. Famous people who died during the month of November were also remembered and a pupil spoke about the people of Aleppo in Syria who are under daily attack by ISIS. He spoke about how the Red Cross are trying to bring as much aid as they can to help.



The 6th Class boys then did a play called 'Nicodemus'. This play is about a Jewish teacher who was very interested in Jesus. He had seen Jesus' work miracles and but the other Jewish teachers did not like Jesus at that time.

After the play was over, Mr. Coakley announced the winners of the 'Doodle 4 Google' competition. The drawings were very imaginative and creative and all of the winners drawings were on the screens in school.



Postage Stamp Re-cycling

Our school is involved in the collection of postage stamps which help to save Irish bogs. Please save your Christmas stamps and drop them into the office. Thank you.

3rd Class After School Sports

3rd Class After School Sports is now finished for this term. Re-registration will be when school re-commences in the new year.

*We wish all the pupils and their families a very Happy, Holy and Healthy Christmas.
 We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.*

