



### Reminder - Easter Holidays

Don't forget that the school will close on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> at **12 Noon** for the Easter holidays. **PLEASE ENSURE PROMPT COLLECTION.** School will re-open on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April** at 9.20 a.m.

### Kildare Fire Service Visit to 3<sup>rd</sup> Classes

On Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, Mr. Harraghy's and Ms. McMahon's 3<sup>rd</sup> class boys were lucky to welcome a special visitor Ms. Olena Karpenko who is a member of Kildare Fire Service to their classrooms.

The boys learned about fire safety at home. This included become familiar with how we can prevent fires by completing a safety check each night. They also learned about different strategies to use if they are ever caught in a house fire.

After completing some safety checks at their homes, the boys received a certificate to show that they have successfully attended a fire safety information day.

Thank you Ms. Karpenko and Kildare Fire Service!



### LIP Sync Fundraiser Update

Planning for our Lip Sync Fundraiser for the new school is fully underway. We have some very excited volunteers 'roped' into entertaining you, on June 16<sup>th</sup>, in the Glenroyal Hotel. If you would like to part of the show there's still some time left. Just send us an email to [mbnslipsync@gmail.com](mailto:mbnslipsync@gmail.com).

### SPONSORSHIP

We are looking for businesses and families to sponsor our event. If you own a business or work in one that would like an opportunity to advertise we are asking you to sponsor our event. Details of different sponsorship options will be circulated in a separate email, alternatively please contact the school for further information. **PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD and SUPPORT OUR WORTHY CAUSE!**



If you would like to be part of the committee or help out in the planning, in any way, why not come along to our meetings. We are looking for help with photography, social media hair, make-up, costumes, advertising, and sponsorship. Send an email to

[mbnslipsync@gmail.com](mailto:mbnslipsync@gmail.com)

### Active Schools Week

This year Active School Week takes place during the week 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April, immediately after we return from the Easter holidays. The boys are being permitted to wear their tracksuit to school each day that week as there will be lots of activities arranged for both staff and pupils.



## Sponsored Walk/Family Fun Day



This turned out to be a huge success and a really enjoyable day, followed by a great afternoon for the boys and their families. It was very successful in every aspect

- A great 1K Fun Run (54 boys participated in the run).
- An excellent turnout for the walk.
- A super afternoon's enjoyment at the Family Fun event.

A huge thank you to the volunteers who went to great efforts to ensure a fun day was had by all. They did such a wonderful job in organising the event. Thanks also to Mr. Creevey and his team for co-ordinating the run and to all the volunteer parents and staff members who gave their time so generously to make the day so enjoyable for others.

We are now in the "wrap up" phase. **We ask that the boys bring in their Cards and Sponsorship no later than this Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**, so that we can proceed with the raffle for a new bicycle which is taking place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Remember, every card with sponsorship on it will be entered in the raffle.

### Individual Results - 1KM Race winners

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Conan Lennon	Ms. Kelly's 5 <sup>th</sup> Class
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Stephan Odiashi	Mr Downes' 6 <sup>th</sup> Class
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	Joseph Richards	Mr Davis' 4 <sup>th</sup> Class

### Class Results

Best overall placings – Ms Kelly's 5<sup>th</sup> Class

Best participation – Ms Gunn's 4<sup>th</sup> Class and Mr Creevey's 5<sup>th</sup> Class (15 took part from each class)



## Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge took place from 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. It was a really enjoyable week during which we celebrated our national language and culture. There were lots of fun and enjoyable activities, 'as Gaeilge', during the week, including the Puc Fada, Trá na gCeist, Dramas, etc. Prizes were awarded for *An Gaelgóir is Fearr* and *Gléasta is Fearr* for every class.

The Banna Ceoil from Maynooth Post Primary School came and played for our pupils during assembly – our very own 'Tradfest'. We also had our own radio station in school during the week.

A lot of work had been done throughout the school for Seachtain na Gaeilge and the corridors were beautifully decorated with artwork from classes. The week culminated with LÁ GLAS on Thursday. We hope that all the boys enjoyed the activities for Seachtain na Gaeilge and that it will encourage everyone to speak 'cúpla focail gaeilge' at home and in school.

### Buaiteoirí Seachtain na Gaeilge - Winners Seachtain na Gaeilge

Class	Teacher	'An Gaelgeoir is Fearr'	'Gléasta is Fearr'
<b>Junior Infants</b>	Ms. Dineen Ms. Murphy Ms. Reilly	James Nolan Conor Landy Ríán Hollywood	Finn Johnson Craig Lennon Oliver Malatin
<b>Senior Infants</b>	Ms. McLaughlin Ms. Flynn Ms. Rafter	Oisín de Loughry Eoin Hever Joshua Martyn	Tadhg Farrell Josh Alcorn Fionn Lockett
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Class</b>	Ms. Lyons Ms. Toolan Ms. O'Mahony	Oluwatishe Adesanya Benjamin Stoneham Dexter Lawless	Fiachra Martin Sean Travers Adrian Sokolowski
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Class</b>	Mr. McGrath Ms. Sims Mr. Fenton	Meghant Srivastava Dylan Chase Finn Whyte	Darragh Bergin Oliver Janicki Joshua Wigman
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Class</b>	Ms. McMahon Mr. Harraghy	Tristan Farrelly Joe Harrington	Daniel Durkin Craig Fagan
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Class</b>	Ms. Gunn Mr. Davis	Yacov Dumitru Joshua Flood	Conor O'Giollain Ronan Martin
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Class</b>	Ms. Kelly Mr. Creevey	Lochlann Parkes Matthew Diamond	Daragh Coakley Séimi Jordan
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Class</b>	Mr. Downes Ms. Meehan	Ethan Walker Cathal Crowley	Brian Wilkes Mangirdas Svipas

## Easter Camp

Just a quick reminder that the annual Easter Camp takes place in the school from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April 10-2.30 pm. All pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class have received flyers for this camp. Places are strictly limited to 50 and are filling up fast! All Application Forms should be returned to Mr. Creevey – spare Application Forms are available from the Office.

## Has your son Book Rental Scheme books?

It would be worthwhile for all parents/guardians whose children are in the Book Rental Scheme to review the books now.



The conditions of the scheme that you agreed to included that books:

- must be properly maintained.
- cannot be written on, (except in the case of specified workbooks, mainly at the Junior end of the school).
- that are lost or damaged must be replaced.

It is easier to do a little upkeep/maintenance now, than to have to replace a book at the end of the year.



### Book Rental Scheme 2017/2018

You will be pleased to hear that Book Rental Scheme fees will remain the same for the new school year ahead. Once again we are using the ePayment facility for Booklists for your convenience.

This is now our preferred method of payment as it is more secure, avoids children being responsible for carrying sums of money into school and significantly reduces administration. So, you all you need to do is:-

- Pay online
- You will be issued with an online receipt, which states a payment reference for your transaction

By paying online, you are agreeing to the terms and conditions of the Book Rental Scheme agreement, which can be viewed on our school website.

(Note: When the tour details/booklists are finalised, you will receive a link by email, which will allow you to pay directly from your computer, phone or other hand-held device.)

ePayments can be made between **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.**

Alternatively, there will be two dates allocated for those who cannot make ePayments and wish to pay by cash. These dates are **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June and Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.** We cannot accept cash other than on these two dates. Please note as we do not hold cash on the school premises for security reasons therefore, we would ask that you bring the exact amount as stated on your son's booklist as we will not have change in the school office.

## ACCORD

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, the boys in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class had a one-day Relationships Programme. Accord, which is under the auspices of the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin, provides trained facilitators for this school's programme. The aims of this programme are:

- To give clear correct information about the changes which take place at this time of transition at a spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical level.
- To encourage healthy relationships.
- To help them question what they see around them, and to discern between good and bad choices.
- To encourage a good sense of self.

The hope is that the programme will have left the students with a better awareness and understanding of their own sexuality, thus encouraging a more positive attitude to growing up and a greater insight into relationships, both now and in the future.

## Not Coming Back?

If you think your son will not be returning to school in September, please contact the school office. It is really helpful to us if we have accurate numbers in planning ahead for next year.

N.B. If you tell us your son might be leaving and your plans subsequently change, he will NOT lose his place.

## Diary Dates

Don't forget to check out the calendar on the School Website for up to date information on scheduled events in the school. See [http://www.maynoothbns.ie/blogs/?page\\_id=1449](http://www.maynoothbns.ie/blogs/?page_id=1449)

### FAI Primary 5 Aside

On Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> March last, seven boys from 6<sup>th</sup> Class represented the school in the Kildare Finals of the FAI Primary 5 Aside Competition in Kilcullen. Our team was drawn in Group 1 against schools from Kilcock and Naas. The boys played four matches, two matches against each school, and showed great skill, courage and determination in all their games. The games were played at a fast pace and intensity with very little to separate all three schools in terms of ability. The boys were unfortunate not to have luck or time on their side to progress to the final on the day, despite their tremendous efforts. They should be extremely proud of their performances. Well done to the boys and their Manager Mr. McGeady.



**Squad Members:** Jack Egan, Tom Grehan, Cillian Geraghty, Conor Walsh, Stephen Odiashi, Hugh Doddy, Daniel Farrell. (Patrick Mahoney and Eoin Wallace were unable to play due to injury and illness)

### DIARY DATES

**7<sup>th</sup> April**

**24<sup>th</sup> April**

**24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**1<sup>st</sup> May**

**6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Easter Holidays commence @ 12 Noon**

**School Re-opens @ 9.20a.m.**

**Active Schools Week**

**Public Holiday – School Closed**

**First Holy Communion, St. Mary's Church @ 11.00a.m.**