

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Kildare Cumann na mBunscol Finals

Congratulations to Mr. Creevey/Mr. McGeedy and Mr. Fenton/Mr. McGrath whose teams qualified for the Cumann na mBunscol Finals in football and hurling respectively. We wish all the boys involved in the squad the best of luck.

The hurling final will take place tomorrow, Thursday 19th October @ 4pm in Moorefield.

The football final, a casualty of Ophelia, is now scheduled to take place on Tuesday 24th October @ 3.30pm also at Moorefield.

Parents who wish to bring their own children – please notify the Class Teacher in writing IN ADVANCE.

N.B. If an adult is planning to bring a pupil that is not their own son, the pupil's parent must have supplied written consent for this to this teacher, in advance. *No consent – no travel!*

Halloween Dress Up Day

Just giving you plenty of notice of the Halloween dress up day on **Friday 27th October**. You have lots of time between this and then to get your **creative** juices flowing in relation to costumes. The traditional prizes for best costumes in each classroom will of course be awarded. As is custom, also we request a €2 donation (per family) towards school funds for this non-uniform day.



PTA AGM

The Parent Teacher Association held its Annual General Meeting last week on Wednesday 11th October. A big thank you to the large numbers of parents who came along the evening. Among the items discussed on the night were:

Lip Sync:- which turned out to be, not only an excellent fundraiser for the new school ... over €37,000.00 has been raised, with some more contributions still to come in, but a marvellously enjoyable and entertaining event.

N.B. DVDs of the event are available @ €5.00 each. Orders through the school office.

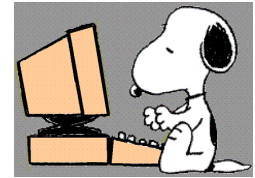
New School Building Project:- despite the huge effort to keep it on track, the project has fallen behind somewhat. Instead of the expected spring/summer start, it is beginning to look like an autumn start date. On the positive side, our planning permission came through at the beginning of August. Although there were 25 conditions attached, most were straight-forward design team items. One of the conditions imposed by the Co. Council was that some land fronting the Moyglare and Kilcock Roads, would have to be transferred to Kildare Co. Council to allow them to upgrade the junction and to provide adequate filter and cycle lanes. This condition was hugely pivotal as it

- was a requirement if the new school was to be permitted by the Co. Council.
- would help to alleviate some of the traffic issues locally.

The Board of Management expressed its thanks and sincere gratitude to Fr. Liam Rigney, now our 'former' Parish Priest, who worked tirelessly during his last week in Maynooth to ensure the administrative requirements at parish/diocesan level were in place to ensure this planning requirement was met. Míle buíochas Fr. Liam.

Typing classes

Searsol's After School Touch Typing courses for children have commenced in the school on Wednesday afternoons from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. This is a course specifically designed to teach touch-typing to children in a classroom environment with a trained tutor.



***** Free first session trial *****

The co-ordinator, is a very experienced children's typing tutor. The classes are suitable for anyone interested in having their son develop touch-typing skills.

For more info please contact: Sharon Lyons 086 386 4285 Web: www.searsol.com

Email: info@sharons-shortcuts.ie

ABC for Active Kids

Agility Balance and Co-ordination – indoor athletics programme for children starts Friday 10th November 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm in the Boys' National School, Maynooth. Suitable for Junior Infants up to 2nd class. For further information and booking contact Karen O'Hanlon, GNS and BNS athletics coach at 087-9816569.



Cross-Country Training

5th and 6th class cross-country training will commence on Friday 10th November 3pm to 4.15 p.m.

Changed Address/Phone Number/Email

If you have changed your address, phone number or e-mail address in the last 12 months, could you please give the new one to the school office immediately please.



Korean Visitors

Maynooth Boys' NS hosted a visit from a group of 25 school principals from Korea today. The group was on a one-week study trip to Ireland and England, looking at good practice in schools and at our education systems in general.



Although arranged at very short notice, the guests thoroughly enjoyed their visit, stated that they learned a lot and were taking new ideas back with them, and were particularly complimentary about the friendly atmosphere and welcome they received – the classroom visits being the highlight of their trip.