



## MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Newsletter 6

20<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### Reminder - Christmas Holidays

Don't forget that the school will close on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 12 Noon for the Christmas holidays.

**ENSURE PROMPT COLLECTION PLEASE.** School will re-open on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 9.20 a.m.

### Amount raised in Christmas Café

The funds raised from the Christmas Café was €335.00. There was a great turn out and well done to all who took part. It was a great success, as always, and ensured a well-resourced Christmas party for the boys.



### Shine Star Shine!

On Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2017, Ms. Flynn's, Ms. McLaughlin's and Ms. Rafter's Senior Infants performed our Christmas play 'Shine Star Shine' in St. Mary's Church. We spent lots of time learning our lines and preparing our costumes for the big day. When the big 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!

### Junior Infant Nativity

The Junior Infants have their nativity play on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at St. Mary's Church 11a.m.** (Parents should collect their children at the church afterwards – not at the school.)



### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 3.00p.m. – 4.00p.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 !



### Intel Mini-Scientist

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November the 5<sup>th</sup> classes presented their Mini-Scientist projects in the P.E. Hall. There were lots of interesting displays on various science topics. The day began with both of the 5<sup>th</sup> classes going to their classroom early and collecting their experiments to set up the hall for the exhibition. Then the judges came in to examine our projects. They were amazed by the high

standard of all of the projects. After much deliberation the judges chose their winners. 'Electric Cars' (Cian O'Donovan, Dylan Murray, Michael Chambers, Conor Gillen) took second place. First place went to 'Hydraulic Arm' (Oisín Grehan and Shane O'Hora). All of the classes who visited us throughout the day loved our projects and so did their teachers! We received lots of praise and comments which we can keep in our booklets to look back on. Oisín and Shane went on to represent the school in the Regional Final on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December at Blanchardstown IT. They were thrilled when they secured a place in the Grand Final which will be held



in February in the Helix in Dublin. Well done to all of the boys who worked very hard to complete their projects this year and best wishes to Oisín and Shane in the Grand Final.

*Ms. Kelly and Mr. Creevey*

## Mangahigh Awards



Congratulations to all of the boys in 5th class for their participation in the Mangahigh Challenge during Maths Week 2017. 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. Congratulations to Joshua Flood who won a gold medal for earning over 250 points during the Ninja Challenge. Certificates were also received by those who earned the highest points while completing 5th class challenges.

*Ms. Kelly and Mr. Creevey*



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Top 10 Star Performers			
October 2017			
Ms Kelly's 5th Class 2017			
	13	24	58
1 Methul Atthanayake	13	24	58
2 Joshua Flood	2	4	66
3 Finn Geraghty	9	8	56
4 Karan Pillay	18	19	36
5 Andrew Wallace	5	5	46
6 Daniel Strickland	17	5	37
7 Euan Parkes	10	3	30
8 Inis Hagan-Kackus	33	11	16
9 Joseph Richards	14	6	21
10 Ronan Martin	14	15	10

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Top 10 Star Performers			
October 2017			
Mr Creevey's Fifth Class			
	16	14	41
1 Ben O'Malley	16	14	41
2 Seán O'Donnell	14	23	27
3 Oisín O'Donnell	25	14	29
4 Joseph McNulty	8	7	13
5 David Wasowicz	3	7	12
6 Dylan Murray	18	6	2
7 James Leigh	9	5	0
8 Cian O'Donovan	4	4	2
9 Stephen Dughy	6	3	2
10 Dylan O'Beime	0	4	3

## Saint Vincent De Paul Food Appeal



On the 12<sup>th</sup> of December we held our annual Food Appeal in aid of Saint Vincent De Paul. We held three 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 the fifth class boys who volunteered to help with the packing of all of the food that was collected from 3-4pm on the day.

We wish to thank all of the boys and their parents for your generous donations. 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. Well done boys!



Nollaig Shona!  
*Ms. Kelly.*

The boys would like to say thank you to Santa and Mrs. Klaus for making this special visit to our school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 2017



#### *Musical Statues Winners Jnr Infants – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class*

Rory Gough	Ms. Reilly	Junior Infants
Dylan McGovern	Ms. Ring	Junior Infants
Finley Moore	Ms. Dineen	Junior Infants
Conor Whitty	Ms. McLaughlin	Senior Infants
Matthew LeGood	Ms. Flynn	Senior Infants
Conor Landy	Ms. Rafter	Senior Infants
Robert Cullen	Ms. Patten	1 <sup>st</sup> Class
Joshua Martin	Ms. Drislane	1 <sup>st</sup> Class
Ryan Keogh	Ms. Lyons	1 <sup>st</sup> Class
Liam Kyaw	Ms. Sims	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class
Adam Matson	Ms. O'Mahony	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class
Szymon Wasowicz	Ms. Ní Cheallaigh	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class

#### *Basketball Winners 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class*

Conor Mescal	Ms. McMahon	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class
Shayan Haidry	Mr. Harraghy	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class
Nathan Byrne	Mr. McGrath	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class
Craig Fagan	Ms. Gunn	4 <sup>th</sup> Class
Daniel Durkan	Mr. Fenton	4 <sup>th</sup> Class
John Villu Burke	Mr. Creevey	5 <sup>th</sup> Class
Niall Coogan	Ms. Kelly	5 <sup>th</sup> Class
Frank Murtagh	Ms. Meehan	6 <sup>th</sup> Class
Sean O'Connor	Mr. Downes	6 <sup>th</sup> Class

#### *Number of sweets in the jar competition*

Junior end	-	Ebe Flynn
Senior end	-	T.J. Westwood





### **Homework Club**

The last day of homework club was Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2017. The new term will commence on 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 and boys from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes can register on that day.

### **2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Class After School Sports**

Applications will be taken for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Sports the first week after Christmas – 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. Sports Sessions will commence the following week. 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Class on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class on Fridays.

### **Tuesday Arts and Crafts**

Classes will resume again in January. We are currently mid-session. There are 3 classes remaining and registration for a new session will take place towards the end of January.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> Class After School Sports**

3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> Class After School Sports is now finished for this term. Re-registration will be when school re-commences in the new year.

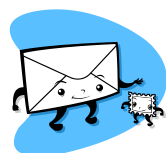


### **Twitter**

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!



### **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.

*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.*

