



In Service Day - Reminder

There is no school on **Thursday 24th October, 2019** as staff are attending Primary Language Curriculum in-service training on that day.

Halloween Dress Up Day

Halloween dress up day is on **Friday 25th October, 2019**. Instead of wearing their uniform to school, the boys may wear their Halloween outfits and there will be prizes for the 'best dressed' in each class. We ask for a contribution of €2 per family towards school funds. The money raised will be used to purchase additional maths equipment.



N.B. No 'prop weapons' should be brought into school and no props are allowed into the yard during break times.



Drop-off and Collections

Thank you to parents and guardians for their ongoing cooperation in relation to 'no parking' at the front of the school during peak drop-off and collection times. The bay on the Moyglare Road is reserved for buses and disabled parking during peak times. The school is very grateful to Aldi for allowing parents and guardians to park during collection times.

Parent Representatives on the Board of Management

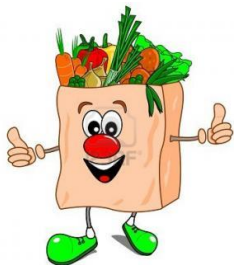
Barry Stoneham and Claire Minnock were elected to the Board of Management for the next term (2019 – 2023). The election took place at the recent PTA AGM.

Maynooth Access Group – Art Competition

Draw a picture, paint a painting or create a sculpture on the theme '**Maynooth in 30 years – a town for everyone**'. Age categories are birth – 3 years, 4 – 7 years, 8 – 11 years, 12 – 15 years, 16 – 18 years. Entries accepted from groups or individuals but must be submitted by 4pm on 13th November. Contact Donna Moran on (087) 6927 914 for further information.



Bag Pack Fundraiser



The sports teams will be doing a Bag Pack on Saturday 16th November, 2019 in Tesco, Maynooth from 10.00 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. to raise funds for school teams.

The following times have been allocated to the teams:-

Hurling Team	-	10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.
Football Teams	-	11.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Soccer and other sports	-	1.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

The boys involved will receive further information and permission slips from their team coach(es).

Parent Teacher Meetings

Meetings will take place on **Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st November**. There will be more information on this immediately after the October break.

Communion – Important dates for your diary



- First Confession: **Tuesday 10th March 2020 @ 1.15pm in St. Mary's Church**
- First Holy Communion: **Saturday 23rd May 2020 @ 11.00am**

Confirmation – Important dates to remember

- Confirmation Meeting for Parents: **Tuesday 12th November 2019 @ 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church**
- Ceremony of Light: **Tuesday 4th February 2020 @ 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church**
- Confirmation Ceremony: **Thursday 27th February 2020 @ 11.00am**



New School Building Project

The building project is still in the tendering stage, the Board of Management and design team are awaiting approval from the Department of Education to proceed to the final stage of tendering. Once approval is granted there will be roughly a 4 month period before the main contractor is appointed. The Board will communicate with the school community once a clearer timeline emerges.



Playing Cards

The number of cards that the boys can bring in to school is limited to 5 playing cards only per child. These include Pokeman, Match Attacks, Yugio, Top Trumps etc.

Best of luck !



We have two members of staff competing in the Dublin City Marathon this Sunday 27th October.

Best of luck to Mr. Kirwan and Mr. McGrath and we hope you have good running weather and the wind at your backs.

Intel Mini Scientist Competition



The boys from our three 5th classes are busy getting ready for the Intel Mini Scientist Competition. The competition allows primary school students to develop science-related projects which are then exhibited at fairs held within their own schools. Our fair will be held on Wednesday, October 23rd, and the boys are looking forward to showing the fruits of their hard work to the other classes, as well as to the judges from Intel. Well done to all involved.

Maths Week 2019

Maths week took place last week, 14th – 18th October, with some follow up activities taking place this week. Lots of events took place including balloon construction, dinosaur hunts, robotics workshops, a snap maths fair and an art competition, to mention but a few. The boys had great fun learning about and participation in Maths! This year we linked in with the Froebel teacher training college and many of the activities were supported by the Froebel students and staff, including the visit from renowned mathematician and speaker Dr Mark Saul.

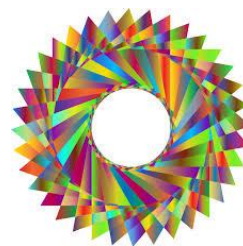


Thank you to Ms. Gunn and her team for organising a successful Maths Week!

Maths Week Prize Winners

Geometric Art

Aidan Wenda Gao	Junior Infants	Ms. Kelly
Jack Hillan	1 st Class	Ms. Murphy
James Iredale	2 nd Class	Ms. Gunn
Paul Mathias	6 th Class	Ms. Meehan



Snap Maths

Odhrán Van Velzen	3 rd Class	Ms. Sammon
Cian Igoe	3 rd Class	Mr. McGrath
Ethan Kelly	3 rd Class	Mr. McGrath
Tommy O'Rourke	3 rd Class	Ms. Sammon
Benjamin Stoneham	4 th Class	Ms. McMahon
Jamie Flood	4 th Class	Ms. McMahon
Ryan Gao	4 th Class	Ms. McMahon
Sam Flavin	4 th Class	Ms. McMahon
Ben Nicholls	4 th Class	Ms. Lillis



Mangahigh Maths

Josh Dela Torre	6 th Class	Ms. Meehan
Darragh Donoghue	3 rd Class	Mr. McGrath
Jack O'Rourke	6 th Class	Ms. Meehan

Third and Fourth Class Rugby Blitz



Pupils from 3rd & 4th class took part in a rugby blitz at North Kildare Rugby Club on Friday 18th October. Several schools from the locality took part in what was a great day of sport and fun. A big thank you to North Kildare Rugby Club for hosting the event and to Bernard Robinson who coached the boys in advance of the blitz and organised the event.

U13 11 Aside Soccer Squad

The U13 11 Aside Soccer Squad took part in the Kildare Soccer League over the last few weeks. Competing in the North Kildare section of the competition, the squad played two matches against Scoil na Mainistreach boys' school from Celbridge and Gaelscoil Uí Fhíach from Maynooth. Our first game took place on the 2nd October against Scoil na Mainistreach. After going behind early in the first half, the boys fought back with Craig Fagan scoring a hat trick of goals to lead 3 -1 at half time.

Scoil na Mainistreach pulled another goal back before Vlad Macari scored a fourth goal to put us in control of the game. Unfortunately, due to tiredness and some very lucky long range shots, Scoil na Mainistreach managed to put together an unexpected comeback to win a highly skilful and entertaining game 5-4. The boys were understandably very disappointed after being in the lead for most of the game.



Our next match took place on the 7th October against Gaelscoil Uí Fhíach. In the first half, the boys played very well and were extremely unlucky not to score from some excellent chances. The Gaelscoil scored first to go 1-0 up at half time. The boys dominated the second half in search of a deserved equaliser, but they were continually denied by the brilliant heroics of the Gaelscoil goalkeeper who also saved a penalty. The Gaelscoil then caught us twice on the break to score two late goals to seal the match. All of the squad deserve great praise for all of their fantastic efforts and dedication both in training and in matches over the last 6 weeks. Thank you to all the parents who travelled to support them for both games. Mr. McGeady and Mr. Davis are very proud of your efforts. Well done boys and thanks to Mr. McGeady and Mr. Downes for coaching the team.

Gaelic Football



Our two under 11 squads have played games in recent weeks. Our 'A' squad have played Clane, Celbridge and Sallins. They performed very well in the Celbridge game in particular but were unfortunately unable to get out of the group. Some of this squad will go on to represent the school senior team after Christmas.

Our 'B' squad travelled to Ballymany to take part in a blitz. We had three games to play. Our first game was a defeat to the eventual winners Naas. Our second game was our best performance of the day with some excellent score taking on display in a victory over Celbridge. Our third game was a nail biting affair with Kilcullen just pipping us by a point. Well done to all of the lads who took part and thanks to Mr. Creevey for coaching the team.

Under 13 Hurling Team

Congratulations to the u13 hurling team this year. They won two out of their three matches and made it to the semi-final against Clane. It was a great match and the boys showed great skill and determination. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be on the day and they were narrowly defeated. Ms Lillis and Mr McGrath would like to thank the boys for their commitment this year. We are looking forward to the u11 season after Christmas.



Well done to the team and thanks to the Mr. McGrath and Ms. Lillis for coaching the boys.

Dates for your Diary

Mid-Term Break (School Closed)	28 th October – 1 st November
Bag Pack Fundraiser	16 th November
Parent Teacher Meetings	20 th & 21 st November
Book Fair	18 th – 22 nd November
Junior Infants Vaccinations	25 th & 26 th November