

Covid Lockdown Book



We are delighted to announce that our “Covid 19 Lockdown Book” is currently being published and is available for all to buy. This book is an account of real life experiences of our students during this difficult time, and will most definitely be part our history for a long time to come! We have included over 90 submissions in the book so it will be a keep sake for generations to come.

The Book can be purchased through Aladdin for €10.00 from now until Monday 30th May!

Plastic Free 4 Schools Project – A Message from the Student Council

The Student Council would like to ask for the whole school community’s support in helping our pupils to protect the environment. For the **first stage** of our project, we need to reduce single use plastics in our lunchboxes.



Please ensure your son’s lunchbox follows these **five project guidelines** below:



1. Use a lunch box that you can put food into loose.
2. **Say no** to clingfilm, tinfoil and plastic sandwich bags.
3. **Avoid** juices and smoothies with plastic straws.
4. **Avoid** disposable cutlery. If you have any clean it and reuse it.
5. Clean and recycle all rigid plastics at home.

Finally, don’t throw away your **plastic bottle lids**! We will have a drop box location in the school lobby for plastic drinks lids to prevent these from going to landfill. Small plastics are most harmful to our oceans. We hope to repurpose them for use as counting materials in infant classes, so we need lots of different colours and sizes!



Sports Day



Our annual Sports Day returns again this year. We hope to hold the event on Thursday June 9th. In the event of poor weather, we have a back-up date of Tuesday 14th June.

Junior infants, senior infants and 1st classes will have their sports day on the school grounds.

2nd – 6th classes will have their sports day in North Kildare Rugby Club.

Detailed arrangements for drop-offs and collections will follow in a separate email.

We are extremely grateful to the North Kildare Rugby Club for their continued support and use of their grounds for this important event in the school calendar.

Junior Infants 2022



We will have school visits for next year’s junior infant classes on 2nd, 8th & 10th June. To facilitate the visits our current Junior Infants will finish early as outlined below:

- Ms O’Regan’s Junior Infants A – Finish at 12pm on Thursday 2nd June
- Ms Drislane’s Junior Infants B – Finish at 12pm on Wednesday 8th June
- Ms Dineen’s Junior Infants C – Finish at 12pm on Friday 10th June

Construction of the New School – Site Visits

Our new building is really taking shape and colour. There was great excitement in the school when the scaffolding was taken down on the rear elevation of the west block (...the side that looks onto the astro pitch) to reveal a bright, modern building.

Members of the Student Council visited the site and were given a guided tour by Mr Kirwan and the Clerk of Works (Edgar). The boys were amazed at the space and brightness of the inside of the building and had plenty to report to their fellow pupils when they returned to school.

There is still a lot of work to be completed before the the building is ready but everyone is working towards a move for the first term of the 2022/2023 school year.



Book Rental Scheme, Stationery and Booklists

Information on the school's book rental scheme and next year's booklists has been emailed to parents. The school provides a one-stop-shop for books and stationery. The scheme is convenient and represents excellent value – for example, the book rental fee for 5th class is €55 whereas the cost to purchase the books is €205.69. Parents are encouraged to make payments for school requirements and booklists by Friday 10th June to ensure that the school can prepare sufficient stock in advance of the new school year.



School Uniform

The Board of Management has decided to delay changes to the school uniform next year. There will be additional consultation with parents on this issue in 2022/2023.

The school uniform and tracksuit will remain unchanged next year. The school will revert to the pre-Covid arrangement whereby tracksuits are worn on PE days and the uniform on every other day. There is one exception to this.

Junior and senior infant pupils may wear either the uniform or tracksuit on any day, but must wear the tracksuit for PE days.

Not Returning in September 2022?

If you think your son will not be returning to school in September, please emails the school office – schooloffice@maynoothbns.ie. 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.



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the boys who made their First Holy Communion on 9th May, 2022.

Hopefully the boys enjoyed this very special occasion with their classmates and families.

A big word of thanks to the teachers and staff involved with the classes, Mr McGrath, Ms Daly, Ms O'Mahony, Ms Horgan and Marlene.

Thanks also to Kim and Elaine in the office for their work to support the sacrament classes this year and to Dom for making sure the pupils had a class celebration in school on the following day.

Fr McEvoy had a huge number of confirmations and communions this year but he ensured that each ceremony was a very special occasion for the boys in our school. We are very grateful to Fr McEvoy for all he does with our sacrament classes and his work this year with our pupils.

Reminder – Parking in Staff Carpark

Please be aware that parking on the old campus of Maynooth Post Primary campus is reserved for staff of St. Mary's BNS and the newly opened Stepping Stones special school. There is no additional space for parking outside of the two staff groups.

Please do not park here from 8.00am to 3.30pm as these spaces have been allocated.

New School Website

Have you seen our new school website? We've gone live with a new and improved site. Why not head over to <http://maynoothbns.ie/> to take a look. Thanks to Ms Flynn and Mr Davis for their work on our new website over the past year.



U13 Soccer Team Success

Over the last few weeks, the U13 Soccer Team, with players from both 6th Classes, has been taking part in the inaugural North Kildare Schools 11 Aside Soccer League. There are four teams in the league, Scoil na Mainistreach (Celbridge), St. Joseph's NS and Scoil Uí Ríada (Kilcock), and Maynooth BNS.

In our first game on 4th May, the team played against Scoil na Mainistreach in Leixlip Amenities. In a very dominant first half display, the boys played some brilliant attacking football and went 3 nil up at half time with superb goals from Mark Greene, Shane Glynn and Ryan Naughton. Scoil na Mainistreach came back into the game in the second half, putting our boys under relentless pressure and managed to score 3 goals to level the game. Thankfully, after some defensive heroics and some incredible saves from Christopher Caulfield, the boys broke away to score two more excellent team goals through Mark Greene and Fiachra Martin to seal a well-deserved 5-3 win.

Our second game on 19th May was against St. Joseph's NS. Playing into a very strong wind in the first half, the boys did very well to create a lot of good chances and went close to scoring on a number of occasions. Unfortunately, we went behind just before half time. Our team started the second half very brightly and completely dominated, playing with the wind. The boys came very close to scoring on several occasions only to be denied by the cross bar, the post and some good saves from the St. Joseph's goalkeeper. We eventually prevailed and scored two great goals through Mark Greene and Fiachra Martin to win the game 2-1.

The team are now through to the league final in a few weeks' time with one game to spare. Their third and final group game is next Tuesday 31st May against Scoil Uí Riada in Leixlip Amenties at 1pm. A huge well done to all the U13 squad members for their fantastic attitude and brilliant efforts in training and in their matches so far. It has been a pleasure to work with such a talented group of boys, who have represented our school and the school jersey so proudly. Many of the players have very bright futures ahead of them on the soccer pitch. A big thank you to many of their parents, who came along to support the team at both matches.

U13 Squad: Christopher Caulfield, Brendan Munroe, Darragh Linnane, Tommy Minnock, Ben Nicholls, James Carty, Seán Munroe, Ryan Schuller, Shane Glynn, Jamie Flood (Captain), Ryan Naughton, Tomás McManus, Benjamin Stoneham, Sam Flavin, Luke Maguire, Luke Healy, Mark Greene, Fiachra Martin, Ebe Flynn, Ryan Gao, Abraham Oduntan, Szymon Wasowicz

Mr. McGeady and Ms. Ú McMahon

School Tours 2022

School tour season is underway and we are delighted to have our traditional school tours back for 2022/2023. Parents have already received details of the tours for each class. Keep an eye out for additional information from your son's class teacher which will be posted on Aladdin Connect in advance of the tour date.



Date	Class	Venue/ Activity
30/05/22	Junior Infants	Clonfert
23/05/22	Senior Infants	Lullymore
02/06/22	1 st Class	Astropark Tallaght
22/06/22	2 nd Class	Dublin Zoo
10/06/22	3 rd Class	Astropark Tallaght
30/05/22	4 th Class	Sport Ireland Campus
20/06/22	5 th Class	Clara Lara
20/06/22	6 th Class	Clara Lara

Dates for your Diary

Additional closure	Friday 3rd June
Bank Holiday	Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th June
Sports Day	Thursday 9th June (Tuesday 14th June standby date)
Old Building Farewell	Friday 17th June
6th Class Graduation	Tuesday 28th June
Last day of school	Thursday 30th June at 12 noon