



Farewell Message

It has been a busy and eventful year at St. Mary's BNS and I want to commend our pupils on the great work they have done over the year. They have certainly earned a break and I wish them and their families well on their summer holidays. I look forward to welcoming the boys back to school at the end of August; hopefully we will be starting out in our new building.

I want to wish our 6th class pupils every success as they progress to second level and we look forward to seeing and hearing of their achievements in years to come.

Regrettably, at this time of year we also say farewell to members of staff who are moving on. Ms. Dunne, who has worked at St. Mary's for over 10 years, is leaving the school and she will be greatly missed. Ms. Dunne has given great service to the school and will be very fondly remembered for her work with our choirs for sacraments and musicals over the years.

Patricia Moynan and Lorraine Rush, SNA's at the school are also leaving us as they retire at the end of the year. Both Patricia and Lorraine have given many years of dedicated service to the school and will be very fondly remembered by the pupils with whom they worked and their colleagues on the staff. We wish them both all the best in their retirement and next chapter in their lives.

We also extend best wishes to staff who are taking career breaks in the next academic year. We hope to welcome Ms. Mulroy, Ms. Lillis, Ms. Drislane, Ms. Nolan and Kim Palmer, (secretary) back to the school in the not too distant future.

Also, congratulations to Vinny Mulready (Kairos) who is retiring this summer.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the parents and guardians for their support over the year. I will keep you informed of details relating to the new school in the month of August.

GAA News

Football

In May, the Senior footballers competed in a Cumann na mBunscoil Blitz. They played against Sallins, Celbridge and Clane. Unfortunately, results did not go our way but the boys played some lovely football and never gave up. Best of luck to the 6th class boys as they move onto secondary school and continue their footballing careers. Thanks for all of your hard work this year. Ms. Mulroy and Mr. McBrearty.

Hurling

Members of our school hurling squad travelled to Carlow Town Hurling Club last Thursday to compete in the Leinster Lift and Strike Challenge. The boys represented Kildare and wore the jersey with great pride. On the day, the boys played Carlow, Meath, Laois and Dublin. We



showed great skill and determination and fought many brave battles. We had a very enjoyable day and it definitely won't be the last time the boys wear a Kildare Jersey!!

Mr. McBrearty and Ms. Lillis would like to thank the boys for the enthusiasm, passion and dedication they gave to school hurling this year. We hope all the boys have a wonderful summer playing hurling. We're very excited for next year's league already and are always on the lookout

for new recruits. Go raibh míle maith agaibh, Ms. Lillis and Mr. McBrearty

Sports Day

We hope sports day was a memorable occasion for all involved.

We were extremely lucky with the weather as it turned out to be a near perfect day. We are extremely grateful to the North Kildare Club for accommodating our senior classes, the boys really enjoy the excellent facilities on offer at the club and it makes for a great day. Thanks to Ms. Flynn and all the team at the school for organising and running the day's events.



Soccer

Huge congratulations to our senior soccer team who won the newly established North Kildare School's League on Friday 10th June. We won 3-1 against Scoil Uí Ríada. Goals were scored by Mark Greene (2) and Tomás McManus (1). Over the course of the competition as a whole, the boys represented the school particularly well and deserve great praise for this. Their win overall was the icing on the cake and well deserved. Thank you to Mr. McGeady and Ms. Ú. McMahon for their work with the team during the competition.

Team:

Shane Glynn
Ebe Flynn
Christopher Caulfield
Ryan Gao
Ben Nicholls
Szymon Wasowicz
Benjamin Stoneham
Luke Maguire
James Carty
Ryan Naughton
Darragh Linnane

Tommy Minnock
Mark Greene
Abraham Ayoola Oduntan
Brendan Munro
Tomás McManus
Ryan Schuller
Jamie Flood
Luke Healy
Samuel Flavin
Seán Munro
Fiachra Martin

Congratulations

Congratulations to Max Shnyruk, Mr. Terry's 4th Class who won a gold medal in the Irish Judo Association competition held on Sunday 29th May in Phibblestown, Dublin 15. Well done Max.

Go Fund Me

A state-of-the-art building is under construction and nearing completion on the grounds of the old school yard. The building is big and bright and everyone is very excited about moving to the new school. We want to equip the new building to a very high standard so as to give our pupils as many opportunities as possible to flourish during their time at St. Mary's BNS. We are raising funds for sports equipment, a stage, a multi-sensory room, external play equipment, an outdoor classroom and much more.

All donations are very gratefully received and will go directly towards enhancing the experience of pupils attending the school.

Many thanks to those who have contributed to our fundraiser which aims to raise €20,000.00. If you would like to contribute, please follow this link: <https://gofund.me/c9674ad3>

Student Council

What a successful year the Student Council have had in their first year of establishment! With the help of Ms. Kelly and Ms. Toolan, the Student Council representatives have worked diligently to introduce change within the school. During their monthly council meetings, they discussed and solved many problems which their peers presented to them in their classes. Together they have worked on introducing change in areas such as sustainability with our Plastic Free 4 schools project, friendship and developing relations between different classes and class groups through introducing buddy systems, while also brainstorming and planning projects to be completed in our new school building. Great leaders don't tell you what to do, they show you how it is done, and our student council have worked hard this year as role models to pave the way for our students and future student councils. Well done to all boys who were elected and congratulations on such a successful year.

The Race to Zero winners are Ms. Dineen's Junior Infant class and Ms. Griffin's 5th class. Also, the winners of the artwork posters are:

Name	Class	Teacher
Theodor Meszaros	3 rd Class	Ms. Lyons
Evan Grant	4 th Class	Ms. Toolan
Shuaib Islam	5 th Class	Ms. McMahan
Ian Tevnan	6 th Class	Ms. Meehan

Fís Film Festival

Well done to the boys in Mr. Terry's 4th class who submitted their short film to the Fís Film Festival competition. Their film, The Magic Cube, is a combination of live action and stop motion video. They worked extremely hard as a team and had jobs including scriptwriters, storyboard artists, directors, producers, actors, editors, animators and camera crew. The Fís judging panel will meet during the summer and we hope to hear good news of award nominations in September.

You can view the film at the following link <https://youtu.be/f8Cabkr1NWc>

Memories of Maynooth BNS

We showed a short film at our open night in the school to commemorate our old building. It was a great hit with some of our past pupils on the night so we've decided to share it with the wider community. Well done to Luke and Leo from Mr. McGeady's 6th class for helping Mr. Terry produce the film. It can be viewed at the following links

<https://youtu.be/oKA5oyQ-nU0> part 1

<https://youtu.be/4hCHHEEcPN8> part 2

The farewell event on June 17th was a great success and we really appreciated that so many people associated with the school attended. A big word of thanks must go to Ms. McLaughlin for organising the occasion, to the PTA for their support and finally to O'Neills supplying the beverages on the night.

▶ Preview YouTube video Memories of Maynooth BNS Part 1



▶ Preview YouTube video Memories of Maynooth BNS Part 2

