



Farewell

Ms Róisín Murphy is retiring from the teaching staff at St. Mary's BNS. Friday 28th of October will be her final day teaching at St. Mary's. Ms Murphy joined the staff in 1994 and she has worked as a mainstream class teacher, special education teacher and with pupils for whom English is an additional language. She is also an assistant principal and has worked as deputy principal on several occasions. Ms Murphy will be fondly remembered by pupils and colleagues alike – always caring, energetic and supportive, she will be sorely missed. While Ms Murphy is leaving before the move to the new building, her love of the Irish language and literacy won't be forgotten and will leave a lasting legacy as the school begins a new chapter in the new building. The whole school community wishes Ms Murphy the very best in her retirement and thanks her for her many years' of service.

Slán agus go raibh míle math agat Róisín.

New School Building

The move to the new school takes place on 7th November. On Monday 7th, school will start as normal in the old school. At around 10am, classes will say goodbye to the 1943 school and walk along the Moyglare Rd from the old to the new building.



From Tuesday November 8th, we will revert to our traditional opening and closing times of arrival at 9:20am (all pupils) and dismissal at 2pm (infants)/3pm (1st – 6th class).

The move is a huge milestone for the school and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the development of our new building. Our design team led by Todd Architects and construction team led by Woodvale Construction have worked to ensure we are walking into a state-of-the-art building that is finished to an excellent standard. Successive Boards of Management, including Peter Coakley (past Principal) also deserve huge credit for their work over many years. Finally, our current pupils and staff have been incredibly patient, understanding and supportive during the construction phase and I thank them for this and wish them many happy years in the new building.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Ms Dunning on getting married recently. We wish Ms Dunning and her husband a lifetime of happiness together.

6th Class 11 Aside Soccer Team

On Wednesday, 26th October, the 6th Class soccer team travelled to Kilcullen to play Kill in the FAI Kildare soccer final. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be Maynooth's day. They faced a very strong opposition, who took all of their chances and in turn, Kill went into an early lead. The boys battled hard throughout and never gave up. They played some beautiful passages of football and had some superb chances. They were unlucky not to convert a few. Maynooth did manage to hit the net, with a fantastic shot from Matthew Tyrell. It was a wonderful goal, but a little late for Maynooth to make a comeback. We are extremely proud of the team, topping the group and winning the semi-final to reach the final is an incredible achievement. A huge well done to all of the boys! **Mr McGeady & Ms McMahon**

Attendance

After the mid-term break, we will be introducing a revised Attendance Strategy. We will be looking to boost of attendance levels with several initiatives. In the newsletter each month we will give the details of our attendance rate. This will be in the form of a percentage and shown for the month and the overall attendance for the year.

Overall attendance rate is 92.7%

Attendance rate for this month is 91.7%

GOAL

Many thanks to all of those who supported our recent Jersey Day in aid of GOAL.

A magnificent total of €837.80 was raised on the day. 3rd and 5th classes also enjoyed a talk from local man David Burns, who works on the ground with GOAL's emergency response team. He explained to the boys where their support would go, and also discussed with them some more general principles about poverty and inequality. To top it off, some of our boys' photos were featured in the Liffey Champion that week. Well done to all!



Under 13 Hurling

The Under 13 hurling season came to a close last Thursday, with the boys reaching a county semi-final. Following a thrilling win against Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich, the boys set their sights on a semi-final against Clane. Played in difficult conditions in Rathcoffey, the boys put in a trojan effort against a very good Clane team. Clane were the victors on the day, but our hurlers kept hooking, tackling and blocking until the final whistle. The 6th class boys led by example, with the 5th class boys gaining valuable experience playing at the older grade. Mr. McGrath and Mr. McBrearty would like to thank the boys for their hard work and dedication this year. The boys in 5th class are looking forward to the Under 11 hurling season, which will begin in the springtime.

Mr. McGrath and Mr. McBrearty



Junior Infants

Senior Infants

1st Class

2nd Class

3rd Class

4th Class

MBNS Student Council



Aariz Qureshee
Rían Murphy

Daniel Carter
Frankie O'Malley

Peter Heaphy-Brigo-Montiano
Charlie Kinsella

Rhys Robinson
Henry Tran

Lucas Gu
Noah Comiskey

Brian Donlan
Senan Murphy

5th Class

Daniel Johnston
Conor Jones

6th Class

Warrick Becker
Charlie Murray

Pumpkin Patch 2022

Carve any pumpkin design you want, any size you want and bring it into school between Wednesday 26th and Friday 28th October 2022

All will go on display in school and the top pumpkins will win a prize!!!! Get designing today!!!



We are delighted to invite you to our *Amigos's Club* starting on *Thurs 10th Nov.*

Our club welcomes all new, international children in our school, to come together to chat and interact with each in a friendly open manner.

The Amigo's Club aims:

To welcome international children in a warm, open and friendly setting

To talk and interact in their native language where possible

To develop a sense of belonging and develop new friendships

To offer support to international children relocating to Ireland

To share cultures and life experiences with others

Dates for your Diary

Early finish for mid-term break

Friday 28th October

Mid-Term Break (School Closed)

31st October – 4th November

Junior Infants Parent Coffee Morning

26th November 2022

