

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
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16th March 2023



Year to date: 91.6% (Academic year target: 93%)

February: 93.1%

We have noticed a marked improvement in attendance. Keep up the good work everyone.

Congratulations to Ms. Lynch's 6th Class who achieved 100% attendance for the week 13/3 to 16/3.

Confirmation Congratulations

Congratulations to our 6th class boys who made their confirmation on Friday 3rd March. The boys were really well prepared by Ms. Lynch, Ms McMahon, Mr. McGeady, Ms. Nicholl and Joanne – thanks to the teachers and well done boys! The school would also like to thank Fr. McEvoy and his team at St. Mary's Church for making the occasion a memorable one for the boys and their families.



A big word of thanks to our secretaries, Elaine and Helen, for their work preparing booklets for the ceremony.



International Day

Last year, we held our first Diversity Day at St Mary's BNS. This occasion gave us an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the variety of religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds present within our school community.

Building on the success of that event, this year we are planning an International Day on Wednesday, March 29th. Each class has chosen one country to study from the 36 countries that are represented in our school. Class projects will be on display in the hall between 3pm and 4pm on International Day, and parents are very welcome to call in and see the children's work.

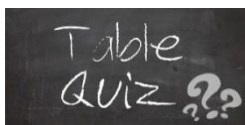
In addition, on that day, the boys will be encouraged to wear an item of clothing that says something about their own religious, ethnic or cultural identity. A Kerry jersey, for example, might represent a grandparent who came from that part of Ireland. Similarly, a child who was born in France might wear something red, white and blue.

Finally, we have organised for students in every class to participate in an African drumming workshop on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of that week. The cost is €2.50 per child. Payment can be made through Aladdin Connect - **Ms. Mahon**

Board of Management

The Financial Report to Parents for the 2021/2022 school year is available on request from the office.

Cumann na mBunscol Quiz



On Friday 10th February, our senior quiz team took part in the Kildare Cumann na mBunscol quiz in Scoil Mhuire Ballymany. Over 30 teams took part in what was a tough, tense and thrilling competition. After ten rounds, our quiz team had scored an amazing 94 correct answers out of 100 questions. This placed them in second place. We are very proud of the team's achievements, of their hard work and diligent preparation. Team Members: Fionn Lockett, Ruairí Connolly, Daragh O'Donnell and Oisín Deloughry. **Mr. McBrearty**

No Dogs on School Grounds

There has been a marked increase in the number of people bringing dogs onto school grounds at drop-off and collection times. Reminder – No dogs allowed on school grounds – except guide dogs. Please do not take offence when you are asked not to bring a dog onto the school grounds.



WSE - MLL Update

Inspectors from the Department of Education carried out a Whole School Evaluation during the week of 6th March. The evaluation examined all aspects of the school; Management, Leadership and Learning. The Board of Management expects to receive the formal report in the coming weeks and looks forward to sharing the findings with the parent body of the school.

Building Update



The old school building is now completely demolished. Work has started on the outdoor classroom and we are very excited about seeing the final outcome. Work on the new playgrounds and staff car park is also well underway. A tentative date for completion is around the May Bank Holiday weekend.

We need your co-operation



Parents are reminded that they must not use the car park at Stepping Stones Special School when dropping and/or collecting pupils from St. Mary's BNS. This is private property. By agreement, Maynooth BNS staff may park there, with their Parking Permits clearly displayed.

Easter Camp 2023

Easter Camp 2023 will run in St. Mary's BNS from Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th April next. Information leaflets including application form, details of activities and cost have been sent home with the boys this week. Please check their homework folders. **Mr. McGeady and Ms. Sims**





Choir event

Our school choir took part in a talent showcase on the 26th February in St. Catherine's Infant School in Cabra. This was a fundraiser for the Teachers' Musical Society's upcoming musical. The boys performed Viva la Vida with Ms. Lamb on the piano to a large crowd and did themselves and the school proud. A great performance! **Ms. Lamb**

Amber Flag

On Monday 27th February we held a ceremony to raise our Amber Flag, in recognition of a healthy and inclusive environment that supports wellbeing.



St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Maynooth St. Patrick's Day Parade takes place once again this Friday. Starting at 11am from Greenfield Shopping Centre (Donovan's), it will march down the Straffan Road, onto Main Street and finishes at Tesco Car Park circa 12noon. In conjunction with Maynooth Autism Friendly Town there will be a designated quiet zone between Silken Vale and the train station.

Dates for your Diary

St. Patrick's Day	17 th March
School Holiday	20 th March
School closes for Easter Holidays at 12noon	31 st March
Easter Holidays	3 rd - 14 th April

Lucy's Pop Choir (Advertisement)

Lucy's Pop Choir is for all you grown-ups who love singing, and pretend to be your fave singer in your car when no one's watching... we know you all do it! BUT WAIT... were you thinking you'd be asked to audition, or sing on your own, or read sheet music?! Not here my friend. You're safe with us. You just want to have a bit of fun, do a bit of singing, meet some new people and get a chance to let off some steam, right? Don't worry. We got you covered. Lots of singing, lots of giggles and all the happy endorphins! We meet every Wednesday during the school term, 7.30-9pm at the new Maynooth Boys' National School in the main hall. Book in for a free taster and come and find out why this is exactly the thing you've been missing in your life!



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