

## MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER  
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28<sup>th</sup> April 2023



Year to date: 91.8% (Academic year target: 93%)  
March: 92.2%, April: 92.8% (to date)

Well done on a continued effort from pupils and parents to boost our attendance rate; let's keep it up until the end of the year!

### Construction

The building project is nearing completion. It is expected that the new yards and staff car park will be handed over early in May. This will mean improved recreation space for pupils during break times. During the course of the construction project, the generosity of our neighbours in Maynooth University and Stepping Stones Special School has meant that we always had sufficient space for pupils to get outside for break times. We are very grateful for this and thank them for their patience during the course of the construction project.

There may be some changes to the arrangements for day-to-day access to school grounds and the collection of pupils before the end of the year. Details of changes will be communicated prior to them being introduced.



### Book Rental Scheme Books

It would be worthwhile for all parents/guardians to review rental scheme books now.



The Scheme operates on the basis that:

- Books are properly maintained.
- They are not written on, (except in the case of specified workbooks, mainly at the Junior end of the school).

Books that are lost or damaged must be replaced but a little upkeep/maintenance now saves in the long run.

Funding has been provided by the Department of Education for the school's book rental scheme this year. This will mean a very significant reduction in the costs for parents associated with booklists and school requirements. Some charges for school materials, photocopying, insurance, etc. will remain in place.



### **Lost Property**

There are a number of unclaimed items in the Lost & Found area. The majority of these items are not labelled. If your child is missing an item, please call into the school on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 3:10pm - 4:00pm** where these



items will be on display in the PE Hall. Entry is via the side door.

After this date, any remaining items will be donated to our local St. Vincent De Paul or to our School Care Team.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### **PTA News**

A quick update from the PTA, who meet on the first Tuesday of every month; new members are always welcome!

We hope the Readathon was a great incentive to get the boys reading over the Easter break. We will let you know next month the final figure raised. The PTA are delighted to be able to support the school library through this fundraiser, which every boy in the school benefits from.

Thank you to all those who kindly made a voluntary contribution for this academic year. The link will remain open till the end of the month.

We are delighted to advise that the PTA are holding a Summer Fair in our new school building on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Please pop the date in your diary as we would love to see lots of you there. There will be local craft stalls, games on the Astro for the kids and lots more. The event will be open to the community of Maynooth and surrounds from 1pm - 4pm. More details to follow....

To contact the PTA, email [bnspta614@gmail.com](mailto:bnspta614@gmail.com)

### **Standardised Testing**

Standardised tests (Drumcondra Test, Micra-T & Sigma-T) will be administered to children in classes from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> in May. The tests look at literacy and numeracy. They are a useful measure of a child's reading and mathematical achievement and they can show a child's progress in those areas. However, the tests are only a snapshot in time and quite specific in what they assess – the results are only part of a much bigger picture and teachers look at the results in that way. Parents should avoid placing undue emphasis on the tests and/or the results of the tests; care should be taken not to arouse undue anxiety in children when it comes to the tests and/or their results. Results are shared with parents in the school report for their own information – parents do not have to discuss the results with other parents or with their son(s). Please treat the tests as a very limited measure of how your son is doing in two specific areas regardless of the outcome.

## Report Cards

End of Year Report Cards will be issued towards the end of June. These will be available on Aladdin Connect and parents will be notified when they can be viewed.



## Seachtain na Gaeilge



Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge den scoth againn sa scoil ón 13-17 Márta. I rith na seachtaine, tharla go leor gníomhaíochtaí éagsúla ar scoil. Tháinig daltaí ó MPP ar cuairt chun ceol traidisiúnta a sheinm. Bhí an-sport agus spraoi againn go léir. Ghlac na paistí páirt i gcomórtas labhartha don seachtain go léir. Bhí comórtaisí eile againn freisin cosúil leis an púc agus an cic fada. Bhí tráth na gceist, dramaíocht, dánta, amhrainn agus céilí againn i ranganna éagsúla. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir as ucht an iarracht déanta le haghaidh Lá Ghlas.

Bhain na daltaí agus na múinteoirí taitneamh as an Seachtain go léir - bhí seachtain iontach againn!  
Ms. McLaughlin

## Buaiteoirí Seachtain na Gaeilge - Winners Seachtain na Gaeilge

Class	Teacher	An Duine Gléasta is Fearr
Jun Infants A	Ms. O'Mahony	Finn Cotter
Jun Infants B	Ms. Reilly	Adam Corcoran
Jun Infants C	Ms. Kelly	Finn Kelly
Sen Infants A	Ms. Murphy	Jack Cunningham
Sen Infants B	Ms. Cowley	Daniel Carter
Sen Infants C	Ms. Ní Bhriain	Vincent Flynn
1 <sup>st</sup> Class A	Ms. Dunning	Peter Heaphy Briso-Montiano
1 <sup>st</sup> Class B	Ms. Patten	Nathan McEvoy
1 <sup>st</sup> Class C	Ms. Gillen	Jan Mujadin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class A	Ms. Harkin	Cillian Fahy
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class B	Ms. Daly	Darragh Nolan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class C	Ms. Devlin	Daniel Tighe
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class A	Ms. Lyons	Andy Donos
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class B	Ms. Mahon	Johnny McDonagh
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class C	Ms. Knight	James Fahey
4 <sup>th</sup> Class A	Mr. Kilkelly	Thomas Nolan
4 <sup>th</sup> Class B	Mr. McGrath	Nathan Byrne
4 <sup>th</sup> Class C	Ms. Griffin	Timofei Morenov
5 <sup>th</sup> Class A	Ms. Meehan	James Quigley
5 <sup>th</sup> Class B	Ms. Lamb	Cian Hanlon
5 <sup>th</sup> Class C	Mr. McBrearty	Finn Johnson
6 <sup>th</sup> Class A	Ms. Lynch	Euan McGrath
6 <sup>th</sup> Class B	Ms. McMahan	Aaron Moran Trejo
6 <sup>th</sup> Class C	Mr. McGeady	Francesco Galanello
Oaks	Ms. Toolan	Shane Fahy



### **Sports Day 2023**

The provisional date for Sports Day 2023 is 15<sup>th</sup> June. Sports Day will take place on this date weather permitting. In the event of poor weather Sports Day will take place on either 22/6 or 27/6.

Junior and Senior Infants and 1<sup>st</sup> Class will have their sports day on the school grounds. All other classes will spend the day at the **North Kildare Sports Club**. We are extremely grateful to the Club for their continued support and partnership in providing a fantastic venue for our annual sports day. Parents of pupils in 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> classes will need to make arrangements for drop-off and collection from the North Kildare Sports Club on the day of the event.

### **School Tours**

Teachers are planning school tours for the final term. Parents will receive information and a payment link in the coming weeks.



### **Building of the Year!**

Our new building was shortlisted for Educational Building of the Year in the recent Building and Architect of the Year Awards. Unfortunately, we did not win the award but were delighted to have been considered and shortlisted.

### **Cross Country Runners**



Well done to our cross country running team on a brilliant performance in the Cumann na mBunscol Cross Country races held in Rathcoffey on 30<sup>th</sup> March. The boys raced strongly over the 1200m course and secured a team bronze. Charlie led the team home taking an excellent individual 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Team: Charlie Nugent, Darragh O'Donnell, Darragh O'Donohue, Conor Jones, Cathal Farrell, Mickey Mullin, James Clarke, Mark O'Connor, Matthew Haugh, Finlay Moore, David Oke, Rory Scanlon, Cathal Corcoran, Joe Robinson, John McDonagh

### **FAI North Kildare Primary 5s Soccer**

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 24 boys from 6<sup>th</sup> Class represented the school in the FAI North Kildare Primary 5s Soccer in Leixlip Amenities. Our three squads of 8 players played against schools from all over North Kildare, in what was a very competitive 5 aside soccer tournament throughout the day. All three teams did very well in their respective groups, with a mix of results against some very strong schools. Our C team ended the day unbeaten and just missed out on reaching the semi finals on goal difference. Well done to all 24 boys for representing the school so proudly and giving their all for the school jersey.

**Squad Members:** David Pascariu, Adam Glover Ledwith, Luke O'Connor, Warrick Benn Becker, James Clarke, Odhran O'Neill, Mark O'Connor, David Oke, Aaron Moran Trejo, Matthew Haugh, Ryan Keogh, Oisín Deloughrey, Aidan McKenna, Matthew Coughlan, Francesco Galanello, Cathal Farrell, Tadhg Farrell, Liam Clarken, Cian Igoe, Fionn Lockett, Luke Curran, Daniel Reilly, Alex Tran, Eliaz Malak

**Mr. McGeady and Ms. McMahon**



### **Football**

Cumann na mBunscol competition for U13 and U10 boys has commenced in the last week.

The boys have been training hard and have shown great team work. The U13 boys got off to a great start with a win over Celbridge and the U10 boys narrowly lost after extra time but played great on the day. We really look forward to the weeks ahead.

***Ms Ní Bhriain, Ms Devlin, Ms Dineen and Ms Harkin***

## **Dates for your Diary**

Monday and Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Closed
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	School Closed (staff in service)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	First Holy Communion
5 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	School Closure
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Sports Day