



Academic year target: 93%

Year to date: 94.1%

October 2023: 93.6%

Our attendance rates have been very good this term; they have improved on last year and we are on target to better our overall 93% attendance rate for the year. Five of our classes have achieved 100% weekly attendance since we started awarding the Attendance Cup this year – well done to the boys in Ms Mahon's 3rd Class, Ms Daly's 3rd Class, Ms Wemyss 1st Class, Ms O'Regan's Acorn Class and Ms Toolan's Oak Class on achieving this. Well done boys, keep it up!

Mr Kirwan

Halloween Dress-Up Day – Friday 27th October

Halloween dress-up day is on **Friday 27th October, 2023**. On this day, the boys can wear their Halloween outfits instead of their school uniform. This year we strongly encourage all pupils to reuse or upcycle Halloween costumes that they already own or make their Halloween costumes from recyclable materials. This can include any household items that would otherwise go into the bin - we would love to see how you reuse them to create some cool and crazy costumes! As always, there will be prizes for the most creative and imaginative costumes and we'll be keeping an eye out for sustainability too.



N.B. No 'prop weapons' should be brought into school and no props are allowed into the yard during break times.

Please remember we are a nut-free school. Check that there are no nuts in lunches or treats on the day.

PTA News



On Friday 6th October, the 'Shoda' truck pulled up to the school and surprised the staff with tea, coffee and delicious pastries. This was a small acknowledgement from all the parents in the school to congratulate the staff on the fantastic Whole School Evaluation Report received earlier this year. The staff were so appreciative of this gesture.

Our plans are well under way for the Christmas season and hopefully there will be a visit from the man in the red suit! We have begun organising Christmas cards and we hope the boys enjoy completing their templates. **We would ask all parents and guardians to ensure they are aware of the cut-off dates for payments and ordering as late orders cannot be processed.**

We look forward to seeing many of you at the **AGM on the 13th November (8:15pm).**

Parking – Stepping Stones Special School

Please do not park at or near the dedicated bus entrance for Stepping Stones Special School. This includes a small area of tarmac near the entrance and lane that needs to be kept free of vehicles also. Stepping Stones were extremely helpful during the building project at St. Mary's, allowing for staff parking and pupil playgrounds on their site and it is difficult to see how our school would have operated without their cooperation. Please return the goodwill by keeping their bus lane and entrance free of cars and other vehicles.

Pumpkin Patch 2023

The boys were invited to carve a pumpkin with a design of their choice and we have been amazed at the creativity shown.

All will go on display in the school pumpkin patch and the top pumpkin designs will win a prize!!!!



Please remember to collect your child's pumpkin at the end of the week!!

Ms Flynn

2024 Enrolments



The enrolment process for pupils applying to join junior infants or Croí na Coille in 2024 will commence in early December. The dates will be published in the school's Annual Attendance Notice shortly in advance the of process commencing.

GOAL Jersey Day



Many thanks to all of those who contributed to our recent Jersey Day collection in aid of GOAL. A fantastic amount of **€957.90** was raised. The boys also participated in a workshop given by GOAL representatives, where they learned more about the work of the organisation.

Ms Mahon

6th Class Soccer Team

The 6th Class Soccer Team played in the county semi-final on Wednesday against a very good Ballymany team in Newbridge. The boys were very unlucky to lose 5-3 despite showing great skill and determination to try to win and reach the county final. They deserve huge credit for all they have achieved over the last few weeks and for representing the school with great pride.



Ms McMahan/Mr McGeady

Student Council Members MBNS 2023/24



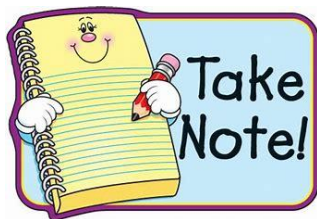
Chairperson	Secretary	Organisers
Robert Toma Mr McGeady - 6 th Class B	Finley Moore Ms Lamb - 5 th Class C	Evan Corcoran Ms Mahon - 3 rd Class B Eli Morris Ms Meehan - 4 th Class B

Class Representatives			
Junior Infants	Senior Infants	First Class	Second Class
Ms Cullen: Riadhaan Memon	Ms McGahan: Daire Dennehy	Ms Gillen: Ken Maza	Ms Harkin: Ted Davis
Ms Sims: Danny Collins	Ms Nicholl: Jack Rafter	Ms Weymss: Alex Mullen	Ms O'Brien: Rian Carter
Ms McLaughlin: Eamonn Hargadden	Ms Murphy: Adam Corcoran	Ms Patten: Frankie O'Malley Ms Toolan: Shane Fahy	Mr Garvey: Tommy Lyons
Third Class	Fourth Class	Fifth Class	Sixth Class
Ms Daly: Eric McLevins	Ms Griffin: Jude Lyons	Ms Lamb: Finley Moore	Ms Mc Mahon: Tim Benz-Smyth
Ms Knight: Noah Hennessy	Ms Meehan: Eli Morris	Mr McGrath: Joshua Sankay	Ms Lynch: Evan Barton
Ms Mahon: Evan Corcoran	Mr Davis: Logan McMahon	Mr McBrearty: Aidan Lockett	Mr McGeady: Robert Toma

Morning Club registration is now closed. We no longer have places available for new pupils. A registration form must be completed each academic year to secure a place. If you have not registered your son in September 2023, he does not have a place. Morning Club does not accept any responsibility for unregistered pupils. If your son has attended Morning Club in the past 12 months but has not attended since September 2023, please email to discuss availability.

Morning Club will continue to operate using the drop-in system that we currently have in place for registered members only.

Email: morningclub2021@gmail.com



Dates for your Diary

Mid-term break (normal closing times) Friday 27th October

Mid-Term break (School Closed) 30th October – 3rd November

School re-opens Monday 6th November

New After School and Weekend Activities

Shooting Stars After School

A new after school activity is starting in early November. If interested, please see the details below:



Venue: Maynooth Boys National School
For who: 1st class to 6th class
When: Wednesday's 3pm to 4pm
Dates: November 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, and December 6th
Cost: €50 per term
Contact: Eoghan O'Meara @ 0879593010 / eoghan175@gmail.com
Register at: www.shootingstarsoccerschool.com

Kildare Soccer Stars



Soccer Stars Kildare is a child led soccer school, that encourages fun and friendship in a non-competitive environment, where children can learn the fundamentals of playing football and an introduction to their life and love of sports.

Our classes in Maynooth Boys National School run **every Sunday. The class is 45 minutes long** for the children age **between 18 months to 5 years old.**

We introduce children to sport through fun, friendly and pressure-free soccer activities.

Football is the perfect game for developing young bodies for any type of sport and this is all done with a smile on their face and a ball at their feet. We encourage all parents to join in the class to encourage their children and increase not only their enjoyment but yours too.

Soccer is the world's most popular sport probably because it is a sport anyone can play and keep playing their entire lives and any age

If interested in joining, please contact: **Soccer Stars Kildare Manager @ 0873997040**
or email: kildare@soccerstars.ie