

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Number 6

Date: 13th March 2024



Attendance

Academic year target: 93%

Year to date: 92.8%

February 2024: 92.6%

March 2024: 92.9%

Confirmation Congratulations

Congratulations to our 6th class boys who made their confirmation on Thursday 7th March. The boys were really well prepared by class teachers Ms Lynch, Ms U McMahon and Mr McGeady with support from Ms. E McMahon and Mr. Melrose and Eileen (SNA) - thanks to the teachers and well done boys! The choir was in full voice and added to a great occasion; well done to the 4th & 5th class boys involved and to Mr Davis and Ms Lamb. We would 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.

It was great to see the return of the post-ceremony reception in the hall; thanks to the PTA for organising this.



Board of Management – Financial Report for Parents

The summary of the financial report for the 2022 - 2023 is available to view on request at the school office.

The 2022 – 2023 year was extremely busy in terms of finances with income and expenditure of roughly €24 million being handled by the school. The vast majority of this was related to the building project. The school treasurer, Hilary Qualter, and secretary, Elaine Finn, deserve great credit for their part in managing the last year's accounts.

PTA News

We were delighted to welcome the 6th class boys making their Confirmation on Thursday 7th March for refreshments in the hall after their ceremony in the church. They were accompanied by their parents, guardians, grandparents, sponsors and lots of excited siblings! It was lovely to see all the boys looking great on the day. Thank you to those that volunteered on the day to help.



We are humbled with the reaction to our decision to support the school library this academic year and very thankful for the donations to date. The link will remain open until 19th March.

We are excited to have the Readathon taking place over the Easter holidays, more on that next week! If you wish to contact the PTA to donate an hour to volunteer at events or any queries, please drop an email to bnspta614@gmail.com

Seachtain na Gaeilge



We will be celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge again this year and we are planning lots of activities that focus on the Irish language and culture. Our traditional Lá Glas will be held **on Friday March 15th**. Pupils are encouraged to wear green on the day. Wearing green is optional but fun and games are guaranteed!

Staff News - Congratulations

Best wishes and congratulations to Ms. Dunning on the birth of her new baby son, Ms. Reilly on the birth of her baby daughter, and to Ms. McMahon on the recent birth of her baby son also. We send them and all their families our very best wishes.

Congratulations to Ms O'Brien on her recent marriage. We wish Ms O'Brien and her husband a lifetime of happiness together.



Farewell to Staff

We say farewell to Sandra Hawkins who finished at St Mary's recently and we wish her all the best for the future. Sandra worked as a cleaner in the school during the busy Covid period and during the move to the new building.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

On Wednesday, March 6th, Niall Quinlan from Trócaire came to our school to chat to the boys about the agency's Lenten campaign. This year, the focus is on helping people in Malawi who are dealing with the effects of climate change and a lack of access to clean water.



Trócaire boxes were distributed to the boys at the start of Lent. They can be returned to the parish, or to the school after the St Patrick's Day break. Many thanks for your generosity for this worthy cause.

School Library

Thank you to parents who have donated towards the school library. As previously communicated, this year the school is not looking for its typical Annual Voluntary Contribution (€35 in recent years), but instead, a request for donation of € 20 per family to go directly towards the new school library is being made. The payment link is live on Aladdin Connect but it closes on 19th March. Thank you for supporting us in this exciting project.

Official Opening

The official opening of the new school building will take place on 31st May 2024. Planning is well underway for the event and we hope that it will be a great occasion for everyone involved with the school. There will be more information about this in the coming months.

Dates for your Diary

Lá Glas	Friday 15 th March
School Closure	Monday 18 th March
School Closing @ 12pm	Friday 22 nd March
Easter Holidays – School Closed	Monday 25 th March – Friday 5 th April
School re-opening @ 9.20am	Monday 8 th April