

# MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## **Easter Holidays**

School will close at **12pm** on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March for Easter Holidays and will re-open on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 9.20am. **Please ensure prompt collection.**

## **Garda Band Tomorrow**

We are delighted to confirm that the Garda Band will be performing for our school tomorrow. As our own hall is not big enough to accommodate all of our pupils, Fr. Liam Rigney has very kindly allowed the performance to take place in the church.

We are exceptionally lucky to be selected to receive a visit from the Garda Band who have demands/requests from all over the country. Just last weekend they played at the Ireland - v- Scotland match at Croke Park and now, a few days later they will be playing for us.

Special thanks to Siobhan (Conor and Ciaran's mum) who plays in the band and helped guide us through the application process. We are requesting **a contribution of €1 each** from the boys, which will go towards acquiring additional music equipment for classroom use.

Note: Family members are welcome to come along to what promises to be a wonderful engaging performance which commences circa 11.15/11.30 a.m.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Class Gaelic Football Coaching**

Over the past few weeks the two 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes have been getting some Gaelic Football coaching from ex-pupil John Comerford. The boys really enjoy these sessions and can't wait for Tuesday morning to come around. We are delighted to see past pupils returning to the school to pass on their skills to the next generation. We are also delighted for, and very proud of, John who was recently named captain of Kildare Minor Football Team for 2010. This is a great honour for John and Maynooth. We wish him and his Kildare team well in their upcoming campaign. Congratulations also to another past pupil, Shane Delaney. Shane is a member of the Kildare Minor Panel with John. Good luck lads!

## **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class Rugby Blitz**

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March, the two 5<sup>th</sup> & two 6<sup>th</sup> classes from Maynooth B.N.S. went to North Kildare for a Rugby Blitz. It was organised by Louis. There were lots of different schools there. We were split up into teams and played against every school. It was really fun and we got very mucky. We played on several different pitches including the astro and the field. Maynooth did very well and won most of their games. It was really enjoyable and we say thanks to Louis for organising the Blitz and coaching us every Thursday.

*By Patrick Flanagan & Cian Whyte*

(Note: 'Louis' is the North Kildare Rugby Club schools' coach)

## ***Seachtain na Gaeilge 2010***

*Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge den scoth againn idir 5-17 Márta. Bhaineamar an-taitneamh as ha himeachtaí éagsúla.*

A wide ranging list of activities took place internally in classes and externally in the whole school with lots of colour, and a great gaelic atmosphere. Each class performed *as Gaeilge* at Junior and Senior assemblies with prizes given on the day for *Gaeilgeoir is fearr*. A special *céilí* was held at Junior Assembly where each class displayed their dancing talents. Senior classes performed dramas and song *as Gaeilge* with a special version of *Cailín na Gaillimhe* performed by Mr. Creevey's class.

Table quizzes were held at each class level from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class participated in an Irish Poetry Competition.

We finished Seachtain na Gaeilge with *Lá Glas* on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. The school looked amazing with its sea of green!

*Míle buíochas do gach duine a ghlac páirt ins na himeachtaí go léir.*

### *Gaeilgeoir is fearr*

Ms. Tierney	Jack Gilligan	Ms. Kelly	Conor Strickland
Ms. McMahan	Michael Geoghegan	Ms. Dunning	Rory Byrden
Ms. Flynn	Jack Hensey	Ms. Gunn	Eoin Richards
Ms. McMahan	Scott McEvoy	Mr. Davis	Ashraf Ali Hassan
Ms. Ring	Daniel Gligor	Mr. Murphy	Edward Gligor
Ms. Murphy	Thomas Davis	Ms. Meehan	Sam Burke
Mr. Downes	Aodhán MacGearailt	Mr. Creevey	Niall Kinirons
Ms. McLaughlin	Emad Alsaleh	Mr. McGeady	Gavin Williams
Mr. Fenton	Cillian Madden		

*Míle buíochas also to the eachtain na Gaeilge committee who planned and organised the events for the week: Ms. M. Tierney, Mr. D. Downes, Ms. S. Murphy, Ms. E. Cuckley, Ms. R. Flynn, Ms. R. Murphy*

### **Junior Infants visit Manor Mills**

On Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March, Junior Infants went on a tour to Manor Mills. The purpose of this trip was to explore all the various shops in the shopping centre as well as the role of the shopkeeper. Everyone had a great time remembering all the different shops as well as the different types of food in Dunnes Stores! Some of the boys met their mums on the trip and we also met Dominic doing his shopping. Ms. Murphy took lots of photos, some of which will be on the website soon! We even got to buy treats for when we got back to the classroom. We ate them while we were resting after our long walk. We were very tired. Looking forward to our next trip.