

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER



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### Christmas Holidays

Don't forget that the school will close on Friday 21st December at **12 Noon** for the Christmas holidays. **PLEASE ENSURE PROMPT COLLECTION.** School will re-open on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013** at 9.20am.

### Christmas Carols

The boys from the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> classes will be performing their Christmas Carols in the Church on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 2.15 – 2.45pm. They have been busy practicing a lovely selection of Carols over the past few weeks. All are welcome.

*Note:* Children should be collected as normal from school at 3p.m.

### Carol Singing

This year, due to health and safety restrictions at the venues, we've had to reduce the number of participants at our annual Charity Carol singing.

A selection of boys from 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Classes representing our school will be carol singing in the following venues:



Tesco Maynooth: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 3.30-4.30pm.  
Manor Mills Shopping Centre: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 3-4pm

If you feel like coming along to lend your support and voice, we'd be delighted to see you – dress optional for adults, but Santa Hats essential (very desirable) for the boys!

The proceeds from the carol singing will go directly to the local St. Vincent de Paul who do wonderful work in providing food hampers (including Christmas Dinner) and other essentials, for needy families here in the Maynooth Community.



### Reminder - Christmas Plays

We have two Christmas and Nativity Plays taking place this year in St. Mary's Church. If you have a son in Junior Infants or Senior Infants then be sure to mark the dates below in your diary/book your time off - whatever you need to do - to be available on:

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Senior Infants - Shine Star Shine 1.15 - 2pm  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December: Junior Infants Nativity Play 11am

### School Choir Concert Performance

We're delighted to announce that the school choir will be doing a number of performances next Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. During the morning they will be singing for their fellow pupils. In the afternoon, at 2p.m. in the PE Hall, they will perform for

their parents and other adults who would like to hear them sing. Ms. Duignan's 4<sup>th</sup> class will also be performing a short play as a prelude to the event.

### **Cake Sale**

A huge thank you to all of the boys and their parents who contributed to the cake sale on Friday last. We were amazed at the amount and the quality of the baking that you so generously donated. The result was a highly successful event. We were able to keep the sales tables supplied while all of the classes visited. The 'coffee shop' which was organised by the Parents' Association was again a huge hit with the adults.



The raffle we ran in conjunction with the cake sale was also very well supported. Thanks to sponsors of the prizes and particularly to the very talented Henry Flynn, who created the wonderful 'Snowman Christmas Cake' as first prize. Special thanks to Ms. Flynn who co-ordinated this fundraising event and to Ms. Duignan's 4<sup>th</sup> Class boys who were budding salesmen on the day! A total of €1836 was raised.



### **Winners of 'Guess the Number of Sweets' Competitions**

'Guess the Sweets in the Hat' Liam O'Connor in Ms. Patten's 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
'Guess the Sweets in the Jar' Kristian Hogan in Ms. Meehan's 6<sup>th</sup> Class

### **Raffle Winners**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Large Snowman Cake	Cian Herbert
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	Small Snowman Cake	Paula McTernan, Matthew O'Keefe, Kallum Gilligan, Tom Lanigan
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wobbly Shelf	Carl Scanlon
7 <sup>th</sup>	Teddy	Paul Hourigan
8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>	2 Haribos	Alex Gavin
10 <sup>th</sup>	Bay Blade	A. J. Byrne
11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup>	Xmas Decorations	Dawid Wojcicki, Darragh Coakley
13 <sup>th</sup>	Snow Globe	Steven Toderic
14 <sup>th</sup>	Mood Beam	Eoin Wallace
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	Selection Box	Martina – Parish Office, Cian Durkin



### **Special Visitor??**

There is a rumour that Santa will be in the Maynooth area on Friday and we are hoping that he will call in to see us on Friday morning. It might help in persuading him to visit, if all the boys are in bed early on Thursday night!

### **Folens Christmas Annuals**

Folens Christmas Annuals are still available from the school office until this coming Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. We highly recommend these publications for their fun, creative, interesting and educational content. Cost is €4.

## Maynooth College Annual Christmas Charity Fun Run

*Extract from organiser's feedback to participants* –“Many thanks to all for such a good turnout last Friday and a special thanks to Maynooth Boys National School - the fabulous support and the 'high-fives' kept us all going!” This refers to Mr. Creevey's 4th class boys who went over to the South Campus last Friday to support this charity event. Instead of running the 5K they walked a designated parallel walkway and, as the above quote clearly shows, provided great support to the runners. The event raised €625 for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



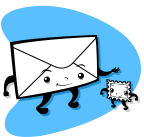
Special mention must go to our own students, Eoin, Thomas & Joseph Richards who completed the 5K Run in very impressive times. Well done lads!

## Christmas Hamper Raffle

Two members of staff, Dominic and Mr. McGeady, are participating in the annual NUIM Maynooth to Galway cycle in early 2013 in aid of the Jack & Jill Foundation. As you will be aware, a huge amount of money is raised annually from this cycle for many worthy causes and next year's charity, the Jack & Jill Foundation, is no exception. In support of their fundraising, we will be raffling a large hamper of chocolates from Cadburys to the boys next week, with tickets being sold at 50cent per strip or 3 strips for €1. Any donations will be gratefully accepted.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Class Intel Mini-Scientist Exhibition

Last Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> December, Mr McGeady and Ms. Tierney's 5<sup>th</sup> Classes displayed their Mini-Scientist projects in the PE Hall. Two judges from Intel came to inspect the projects which were of an extremely high standard. There were prizes and certificates awarded to all the boys who participated with additional prizes for the top four projects. Odhrán Brady in Mr. McGeady's was the overall winner with his project entitled 'The Coolness of Gravity' and he will be representing the school in the Grand Final in the Science Gallery in Dublin tomorrow, the 13<sup>th</sup> December. We wish Odhrán the very best in the Grand Final and congratulate all the boys on their tremendous efforts in putting on a fantastic exhibition.



## Postage Stamp Re-cycling

Our school is involved in the collection of postage stamps which help to save Irish bogs. Please save your Christmas stamps and drop them into the office.

Thank you.



## Diary Dates (After Christmas)

18 <sup>th</sup> January	Retreat Ms. Meehan's 6 <sup>th</sup>
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Retreat Mr. Murphy's 6 <sup>th</sup>
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Open Day
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Service of Light (6 <sup>th</sup> Confirmation)
14/15 <sup>th</sup> February	Mid-Term Break
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Confirmation

*We wish all the pupils and their families a very Happy, Holy and Healthy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.*

