

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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First Confession

The second class boys will be making their First Confession tonight at 7.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Best of luck boys.

Mid-Term

School will be closed on St. Patrick's Day 17th March and from 18th to 21st March inclusive. School re-opens on Monday 24th March, 2014 at 9.20 a.m.

Coin Challenge



Hurry, hurry, hurry. Last few days before the big weigh in on Friday 28th February, 2014. Each class will bring their stack of coins to the hall to Weigh-In. The class with the highest weight wins. A leader board will be on display.



What is to be Won?

- *1st Prize...Class Trip to the Cinema.*
- *2nd Prize... Class Party & Homework Pass.*
- *Highest Value Prize: Class Party & Homework Pass.*

Other prizes also to be won on the day

Volunteers will be required to come in to count the coins next week any morning Tuesday to Thursday from 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon. All help would be very much appreciated.

SEN Resources

The March deadline is fast approaching for applications for additional resources for children with additional learning or other needs. If your child has any professional/medical reports that you have not already given to the school, please send them in immediately. If your son is currently participating in an assessment or receiving on going support/therapy please be sure to let us know.

Green School



Biodiversity is anything to do with nature like birds, trees, insects etc. On 19th February, Mr. Dara Wyer from Kildare County Council came to inspect our school on biodiversity. He asked us about what we had done and what we are planning to do to increase biodiversity around our school. We are planning to plant more trees, a hedgerow that includes a lot of biodiversity plants and get more bird feeders. We are hoping to get our 5th Green Flag. *By Michael Smyth, Steven Toderic and Glen Nee.*

School Raffle Reminder

From Monday 3rd March next, the school will be holding a raffle in aid of Prader Willi Syndrome Association of Ireland. Prader Willi Syndrome is a rare genetic disorder.

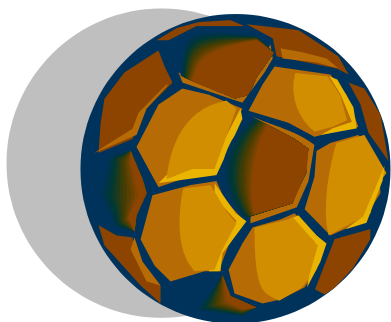
Characteristics include low muscle tone, short stature and a chronic feeling of hunger which can lead to excessive eating and life-threatening obesity. There are just over 100 people mostly children, who have been diagnosed with PWS in Ireland.



The main prize will be a large hamper of chocolates from Cadburys with a number of smaller prizes for the boys. Tickets will be sold at 50 cent per strip or three strips for €1.00. The raffle will take place on Friday 14th March. All proceeds from the raffle will go directly to the Prader Willi Syndrome Association of Ireland. Your support for this worthy cause would be greatly appreciated.

Trócaire Boxes

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and Trócaire boxes will be distributed on Monday 3rd March, 2014.



FAI Futsal Coaching

For the last 4 weeks two FAI coaches named Cameron and Stephen came to Maynooth BNS to coach every class who have P.E. on Wednesday. They did lots of different skills with us including passing drills, shooting drills, 1 on 1's and matches. This was all part of their coaching course called FAI Project Futsal. All the boys really enjoyed the coaching and it improved all of our soccer skills. *By James Flattery 6th Class Mr. McGeady.*

After School Activities – 5 Week Course

Enrolments for After School Activities will take place on Friday morning from 9.10 a.m. to 9.20 a.m. *in the P.E. Hall*; **class teachers cannot accept applications.** The application form below must be in an envelope and the appropriate fee enclosed. The envelope must have marked on it: *Pupil's Name, Class & Teacher, The Activity* and the *Amount Enclosed*. For administration purposes, applications cannot be accepted unless in this format. All classes will run for 5 weeks. Places are limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. Cheques should be made payable to Maynooth BNS. Please complete attached registration form below.



Guitar Classes (1st – 6th Class)

Beginners classes are every Monday 3-4 p.m. commencing Monday 3rd March, 2014. Pupils who attended Monday classes last term will continue to attend Monday classes.

Improvers classes are every Tuesday 3-4 p.m. commencing Tuesday 4th March, 2014.



2nd and 3rd Class After School Sports Club

Every Tuesday commencing Tuesday 4th March, 2014.



****Arts & Crafts (1st – 6th Class**

Every Tuesday commencing Tuesday 4th March, 2014. (*Classes will go ahead depending on numbers).

Spanish Classes

Every Monday for 1st to 3rd Class commencing Monday 3rd March, 2014.

5th and 6th Class After School Sports Club

Every Thursday commencing Thursday 6th March, 2014.

Homework Club

Homework Club commences Monday 3rd March at 3.00 p.m.



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I wish my son to partake in (please tick)

Monday Spanish Classes 1 st – 3 rd	€25	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monday Guitar Classes (Beginners)	€25	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday Guitar Classes (Improvers)	€25	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 2 nd /3 rd Class After School Sports Club	€25	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday Arts & Crafts	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday 5 th Class After School Sports Club	€25	<input type="checkbox"/>

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Amount Enclosed € _____