



Reminder Enrolments for September 2016

If you have not already enrolled your son, or if you are aware of a neighbour who has not already done so, it is important to register the child with us before the end of the month. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school office (Phone: 01 6293021 or email us via 'Contact Us' form under 'School Office' tab on www.maynoothbns.ie).



FREE English Language Classes

Where? Maynooth Community Space (beside post-office Carton Park)

When? Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

All are welcome. For further information call (089) 953 4078 or email failte.isteach.maynooth@gmail.com.

Letters from the School

We regularly receive requests for letters confirming attendance at the school. As the office can be extremely busy, we require **a week's notice** for such requests. While they may be ready in 2/3 days, be aware that it may take the full week.



Birthdays

Invitations - While we are aware that it may be inconvenient, we are requesting you not to issue birthday invitations on the school grounds, or ask teachers to do so, unless all pupils in the class are included. This is to avoid a situation where a child, or children, in a class feel "left out" when invitations are issued. Anything that is organised in school involves all pupils being treated equally and issuing selective invitations is contrary to this. Thanks for your cooperation.

Treats/Parties - While the intention can be well meaning, we hope you will understand that we cannot facilitate distribution of treats, cake or other 'party' items in the classroom to mark the occasion of your son's birthday. Any such arrangement might have the effect of putting pressure on others to do the same.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Appeal

A very sincere thank you to all the boys and their parents who contributed so generously to the appeal for food items towards Christmas Hampers for families in need in Maynooth. Your response was absolutely amazing. A huge thank you also to Ms. Kelly and Ms. Patten for organising the collection and also to all the teachers for organising the collection in their classrooms.



NEWB Reports

Under the National Education Welfare Act schools must make returns each quarter for all pupils who have been absent from school for 20 days or more. The National Education Welfare Board must be notified regardless of the reason for the absence.

If your child is absent it is not necessary to telephone the school. However, it is necessary to send a written explanation to his teacher explaining the absence on his return. This is an Education Welfare Act requirement.

(Please Note – a verbal message is not sufficient and in such a case, a child’s absence must be recorded as “unexplained”, until the written explanation is received by his class teacher).



PTA NEWS

Movie Cycle Night

As mentioned in the PTA’s Christmas Newsletter, we are holding a Movie Cycle night on Saturday 13th of February around 5-7pm. Tickets for the event will go on sale from the beginning of February at a cost of €5 per ticket.



This is a cinema with a difference in that the movie will be powered entirely by pedal power. We are looking for teams of enthusiastic cyclists – boys from 5th and 6th classes to compete and see who can generate the most power! Each team will cycle for roughly 15-20 minutes and prizes will be awarded to the winning team. If your son is attending the event and wants to compete, he can take home an entry form on Friday for you to sign. These should be returned by Tuesday 19th of January.

Please note that all children who attend the event must be accompanied by a responsible adult. We will also need volunteers to man the bikes on the night.

After School Activities

Enrolments for Session 3 of After School Activities will take place on Friday 15th January 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 6 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 18th January, 2016 (for boys who were already attending).

Improvers classes are every Tuesday 3-4 p.m. commencing Tuesday 19th January, 2016. Boys from last year’s improvers’ class return to this class.

2nd Class After School Sports Club

Every Monday commencing 18th January, 2016.

3rd and 4th Class After School Sports Club

Every Tuesday commencing 19th January, 2016.



Arts & Crafts (1st – 6th Class)

Every Tuesday commencing 19th January, 2016. (*Classes will go ahead depending on numbers).

5th and 6th Class After School Sports Club

Every Thursday commencing 21st January, 2016.

Homework Club

Homework Club is on Monday – Thursday. *Session 3 commenced on Monday 11th January, 2016* and payment is now due. Newcomers are welcome so. To register your son, please obtain a Homework Club slip from the office.





I wish my son to partake in (please tick)

Monday Guitar Classes (Beginners)	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monday 2 nd After School Sports Club	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday Guitar Classes (Improvers)	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday Arts & Crafts	€35	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday 3 rd /4 th After School Sports Club	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday 5 th /6 th Class After School Sports Club	€30	<input type="checkbox"/>

Child's Name _____ Class _____ Teacher _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

DIARY DATES

25 th Jan:	Retreat - Ms. Kelly's 6 th Class
26 th Jan:	Retreat - Mr. Creevey's 6 th Class
31 st Jan - 6 th Feb:	Catholic Schools Week
3 rd Feb:	First Confession @ 7.30 p.m. - 2 nd Classes
8 th Feb:	Ceremony of Light - 6 th Classes
12 th Feb:	Open Day (details to follow)
13 th Feb:	Movie Cycle Night
15 th Feb:	Irish History Live - 4 th , 5 th , 6 th Classes
18 th /19 th Feb:	School closed for Mid-Term Break
29 th Feb:	Hatch Project (for 2 weeks) - Junior and Senior Infants
4 th Mar:	Confirmation - 6 th Classes
7 th - 11 th Mar:	Seachtain na Gaeilge
14 th - 16 th Mar:	Centenary Celebrations of 1916 Rising
16 th Mar:	Easter Holidays commence @ 12 noon