

### Lip Sync Fundraiser

Rehearsals are now in full swing for Maynooth's first ever Lip Sync Event. The event will take place on June 16th, at 8p.m. in the Glenroyal hotel. There will be a limited number of tickets going on sale shortly, make sure you don't miss out on this amazing night!

Your child received a letter looking for businesses to sponsor or buy an advertisement in our programme. If you own a business or know anyone that does and would like to sponsor our new school building, please contact us at [mbnslipsync@gmail.com](mailto:mbnslipsync@gmail.com). You can also follow us on Facebook @[@maynoothlipsync](https://www.facebook.com/maynoothlipsync) for up to date news and pictures.

### Date for your Diary:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May: Maynooth Lip Sync Official Launch Night. Brady's Pub @ 8.00 p.m. The night will be hosted by Adrian Kennedy – Dublin's 98FM DJ.

Follow our Facebook page, @[@maynoothlipsync](https://www.facebook.com/maynoothlipsync), for more contestant fundraisers happening.

### Pop Star Dress Up Day – Lip Sync Battle

The countdown to Maynooth Lip Sync is on!! With the event fast approaching, the fundraising, rehearsing and organising is well under way.

Six members of staff will take to the stage on the night to display their 'inner diva'. As part of the awareness promotion of Maynooth Lip Sync, they are holding two events.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May will be a Popstar dress-up day where the children are invited to dress up as a Popstar/Celebrity for the day. Many events will run in the school that day such as dance-offs and talent shows with prizes also given for the best costumes. There will be a €2.00 per family contribution request for this fun event for the boys. If your son does not wish to dress up, he can wear his own clothes to school that day.



On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May our members of staff will be hosting a Table Quiz in The Roost Bar, Maynooth in a bid to gather funds for the new school and their Lip Sync Battle. It will held in the nightclub of the Roost; doors 7.30 p.m.; entry €10 per person and teams of 4 – All Welcome.

### Sports Day



Our Annual Sports Day will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> June (alternative date in case of inclement weather is 20<sup>th</sup> June). Boys from Junior Infants to 1<sup>st</sup> Class attend school as normal for their sports day and boys from 2<sup>nd</sup> Class to 6<sup>th</sup> Class will have their sports day in the North Kildare Club. Further details on the event will be supplied in advance.



### Under 10 Football

On Friday, 28th April, the school U-10 Gaelic Football team had another successful outing when they overcame Celbridge at the Moyglare Pitches. Tristan Farrelly captained the team for the day.

In what was a great game, there were star performances from Joseph McNulty, Joe Harrington, Oran Byrne-Kinlon, Liam McDonald, Tristan Farrelly and Cillian Price.

Their undefeated run has now qualified the boys for a place in the County Kildare semi-final against Naas, which will take place at a neutral venue this week. We wish them and their managers Mr. Murphy and Mr. Harraghy all the best!

### Under 13 Football

With a reduced fixture list this year the Under 13 football team knew that a win in their first game versus Celbridge was vital. Two very well matched teams played out an entertaining and exciting game of football. Celbridge led by 2 points at half time. Maynooth rallied brilliantly in the early minutes of the second half to creep into a one point lead with ten minutes remaining. The teams traded points before a late flurry of Celbridge scores put them into a narrow lead at the final whistle. Final score - Maynooth 0-12, Celbridge 1-11.



This meant that a win in the second game was essential. Our opponents were a very strong Clane team. Clane got off to a blistering start and had a ten point lead at half time. The Maynooth lads never gave up and threw everything they had at Clane in the second half. The second half was very exciting with a total of eight goals scored - 4 per team! In the end, the ten point gap remained but at least the Maynooth lads had given a real account of themselves in the second half. Final Score - Maynooth 4-10, Clane 5-17

Thanks to the members of the panel for all of their hard work since Christmas. While the results may not have gone our way, the levels of determination, skill and workrate on display in these games suggest that there is a bright future ahead for this group of players. Well done lads. Special thanks to Mr. Creevey and Mr. McGeady for managing and coaching the boys.

### Library Workshops

Kildare Co. Council have organised another great range of workshops under the theme of *Discover: Explore: Learn*. These come under the STEAM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths). During the month of May, we have managed to access 6 different workshops, all of which will take place in the school ... And the really good news is that Kildare County Council are providing these free of charge. Thank you Kildare County Kildare and Maynooth Library.



- 12<sup>th</sup> May: *Wildway Adventres Workshops*: 3rd classes
- 19<sup>th</sup> May : *IPCC Bog Workshop*: 2nd and 3rd classes
- 24<sup>th</sup> May : *Beginners Bushcraft Workshops*: 5th classes
- 25<sup>th</sup> May : *North Kildare Beekeepers*: 4th classes
- 26<sup>th</sup> May : *Éanna Ní Lamhna*: 5th and 6th classes
- 30<sup>th</sup> May : *Circus Play with Johnny Phelan*: 4th classes



### Attendance – Termly Award

To help us promote good school attendance our PTA kindly sponsor our Termly Award (class with best attendance for the term) in the form of a Pizza Party. This award for the first term went to Ms. McMahon's 3<sup>rd</sup> class. We are delighted to confirm that the award for the second term goes to **Ms. Dineen's Junior Infants**. They can look forward to their Pizza Party shortly!

### Term 2 Attendance

Junior Infants – Ms. Dineen	96.4%
1 <sup>st</sup> Class, Ms. Lyons	95.9%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class, Ms. McMahon	95.9%
5 <sup>th</sup> Class, Mr. Creevey	95.9%
6 <sup>th</sup> Class, Mr. Downes	95.5%

As you can see from the above statistics, competition for this award, is very tight.

*Who will win Term 3????*



### Communion

Congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Classes who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.. A big thank you to the PTA for providing the refreshments afterwards and to all the families who prepared and donated the food served on this very special occasion. It is very much appreciated as it created a great opportunity for the boys and their families to relax and meet each other, before going off to their own family celebrations. Míle buíochas.

### New School

After a very comprehensive design phase the planning application for the new school was submitted last month. Members of the design team came along to the school on Wednesday last to present the design to members of the school community. Thanks to the design members who came along to deliver and take questions, and particularly to architect Bobby Moore of TODD, who came all the way from Belfast. The response from those who attended was very positive. While awaiting the planning process, our design team is busy preparing tender documents. Depending on the planning outcome, we hope to have work underway in the autumn.



### Illegal Parking at Post Primary School

We have been asked to highlight that the grounds of Maynooth Education Campus are private property and that it is illegal for non-staff members to park there. It appears that there has been some such parking there at the start/finish times of our school. It has been pointed out that there is a clamping company contracted to patrol the premises.

### School Tours

School tour letters have been sent home and ePayment links have now been opened for all the classes. Please continue to use this pay online payment method. The full list of tours are as follows:-



Junior Infants	Lullymore Heritage Centre	16 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017
Senior Infants	Go Kids Go	1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2017
1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Astro Park Tallaght	2 <sup>nd</sup> June, 2017
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Causey Farm	31 <sup>st</sup> May, 2017
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	Croke Park and Glasnevin Cemetery	14 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017
4 <sup>th</sup> Class	Croke Park and Awesome Walls	1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2017
5 <sup>th</sup> Class	Clara Lara	21 <sup>st</sup> June, 2017
6 <sup>th</sup> Class	GPO, Ward Memorial and Bowling	12 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017



### Cecil Day Lewis Award

Congratulations to Dawid Wasowicz (4<sup>th</sup> Class Ms. Gunn) who is an award winner in the Cecil Day Lewis Literary Competition. He will attend the award ceremony on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. Well done Dawid.

### New Junior Infant Parent Meeting

A meeting for the parents of our new Junior Infants will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at 8.00 p.m. in the PE Hall. We look forward to meeting our new parents then.

### **Not Coming Back?**

If you think your son will not be returning to school in September (and you have not already informed us) please contact the school office by the end of this week (Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May) by phone (01) 6293021 or email [maynoothbns@yahoo.ie](mailto:maynoothbns@yahoo.ie). It is really helpful to us if we have accurate numbers in planning ahead for next year.

N.B. If you tell us your son might be leaving and your plans subsequently change, he will NOT lose his place.



### **Standardised Testing**

Each year the school undertakes standardised testing in Literacy and Numeracy on all pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> class. These tests help to assess the children's performance and benchmark this against the national average. The outcomes of this testing are provided on the end of year Report Card.

This year, the testing is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Due to testing requirements, some will be split over 2 days (i.e. either the day before or the day after the date provided). Attendance is really important on these dates, unless absolutely unavoidable.

### **Dates for your Diary**

For dates for School Tours, Sports Day, Library Workshops – see above

28<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation

5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

June Mid-Term

13<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

6<sup>th</sup> Class Thanks Giving Mass

30<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

Glendalough Trip

Summer Holidays – 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 12.00 noon