

# MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

No. 5



5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017



## Cumann na mBunscol

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November, Mr. Fenton and Mr. Creevey went to the Osprey Hotel, Naas to attend the Cumann na mBunscol AGM. The school received a very prestigious award on the night, 'Large School of the Year 2017'. This was in recognition of the fantastic sporting achievements by the school this year.

## Christmas Café

Every year our PTA runs a coffee morning, the proceeds of which go towards funding the childrens' Santa Visit/Christmas Party. It is normally held in conjunction with the annual cake sale. This year, the cake sale has been deferred until the Spring Term.



However, Santa cannot be deferred and so the coffee morning has been re-branded the 'Christmas Café'. We hope that there will be big support for this event which promises enjoyable refreshments in convivial company.



**When:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2017  
**Where:** PE Hall  
**Time:** 9.20 – 11.00 a.m.



## Parent Teacher Meetings

**IMPORTANT** – During November, the parents of over 500 pupils met with their son's Teacher to receive feedback on his progress and discuss any other issues or concerns. A number of parents were unable to attend the meeting on the scheduled dates.

If you did not get to meet your son's teacher during the November meetings please contact him/her to re-schedule your appointment.

## Reminder Enrolments for September 2018

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 submit an enrolment application as soon as possible.

Applications submitted after January may not receive places for the coming year. 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](http://www.maynoothbns.ie)).



## Santa Visit

A little birdie – Santa's Robin – tells us that he will be visiting Maynooth on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, and that if all of the boys are good and go to bed early the night before, he might be able to get Rudolph to stop at Maynooth BNS!



## Fighting Words Workshop

Mr McGrath's 3<sup>rd</sup> class went to a creative writing workshop, 'Fighting Words,' in Drumcondra on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of November. We had an early start and got the train into Drumcondra from Maynooth at quarter to nine. We really enjoyed the trip and the weather was fantastic! When we got to Drumcondra, we had a little walk to the workshop. We really enjoyed looking at a few of the sights of Dublin, with Croke Park being a big hit! When we arrived at the Fighting Words premises, we were greeted with the lovely friendly smiles of the staff. They took our coats and then we got straight to work. Firstly, we sat in a circle and brainstormed over a plot, setting and characters for our narrative story. I can tell you that they were very intrigued by the peculiar characters we chose. We had a great fun in writing the rest of the story on our own. There was also a fantastic illustrator there and she really made our thoughts come alive through her painted animation. We had a tremendous time at the Fighting Words workshop and enjoyed our day out in the big city.



## National Gallery

This is a piece about the visit of Ms Meehan's and Mr Downes 6<sup>th</sup> classes to the National Gallery. The first painting we looked at was by the famous Italian Artist Caravaggio. The painting is called the Taking of Christ and it depicts the arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Getsemane. We then moved on to the Liffey Swim by Jack B. Yates. The painting was entered in the 1924 Olympics and finished second. Jack B. Yates features himself standing next to the tram on the quays.



The final painting we looked at was the Meeting on the Turret Stairs by Frederick William Burton. The painting tells the story of a woman called Hellelil who fell in love with her personal bodyguard Hildebrand (this is based on a Danish legend). His story ends in a bloody tragedy.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Class Trip of Maynooth

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 Mr. Downes brought us for a history tour of Maynooth. The original Boys' School was a Band Hall on Pound Lane and it was built in 1943. There was no playground then and the children had to use the back lanes, but it was safe because there was no traffic except for a few horses. We moved to the present site some time around the 1940's.

We learned that Pound Lane is so called because farmers who would be coming to the Cattle Mart or the Mill would often leave their horses parked outside the Roost or O'Neills. Sometimes they would forget to give the horse something to drink and the horse would be impounded by the local Gardaí.

The Pound was on Pound Lane next to the Lyreen river where the horses could have a drink.

Londis in Maynooth is named after the leader of the 15 people, who marched from Maynooth to Dublin for the 1916 Easter Rising. The leader of the 15 from Maynooth was called Domhnall Uí Bhuachalla.

Bernadette Soubirous was told by her family to go and collect some sticks she saw Mary, who said to her "I'm the Immaculate Conception." In French. Bernadette hadn't a clue what that meant and just carried on her with her day like normal. Bernadette died in April 1879 (aged 35) from an incurable illness. She was buried in Nevers.

## 1916

In the middle of the Square in Maynooth there are 15 footsteps. These commemorate Donal O'Buachalla and 14 others who left Maynooth to join Pádraig Pearse at the GPO. All the names of these brave 15 men are on a bronze monument in the square.



### 6<sup>th</sup> Class Forensic Detectives Workshop

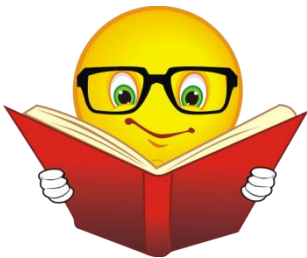
On 24<sup>th</sup> November, Christine, a representative from 'Anyone4Science' visited Ms. Meehan's 6<sup>th</sup> Class. The theme of the workshop was Forensics. The boys were given the task of solving a murder mystery. They had to gather evidence about each of the suspects and used materials such as chromatography paper and red cabbage juice to determine who had committed the crime.



The boys learned about the terms acids and bases and had great fun acting as detectives! It was a fantastic experience!

## Book Fair 20 – 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

Celtic Travelling Books provided books for our Book Fair. It was held in the P.E hall, November 20 – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017. All classes viewed the books early in the week and then returned to purchase at a later time. Our parents and some staff helped out as shop assistants. We are very grateful for this help. The children enjoyed the buzz of the Book Fair in the school along with the focus on reading and enjoying books. It was a great success. Thank you to all children, parents and school staff who bought books. We will benefit by restocking some of the class libraries with the books earned as commission.





## Rugby Coaching

For the past few weeks we have had a rugby coach called Niall teaching 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class the basics of rugby. Every Monday for half an hour. Niall gives the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes a half an hour session of tag rugby coaching. Niall has helped us improve our agility, our passing and our strategies. Niall is very helpful and we are thankful for him giving us his free time to teach us. He has organised a tag rugby tournament next Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December in North Kildare. There will be 6 other schools in the tournament. The tournament will be a good chance to show off the skills we learned from Niall and we look forward to it.



## St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Appeal

Maynooth B.N.S. will be supporting the annual Saint Vincent de Paul Food Appeal. You can join in to help people in need in our community this Christmas by supporting the appeal. Donations of non-perishable festive food items will help families and individuals enjoy an extra-special Christmas meal. All the food collected will be distributed to local people who need it most.

Contributions must arrive at the school by Tuesday the 12th December, 2017.

When we have received all the donations, the food will be collected by Maynooth Saint Vincent de Paul and distributed in your community by our local local Volunteers. Last year the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was extremely grateful for the generosity shown by all who contributed to the appeal. We hope the boys will enjoy helping those who are in need of a little extra help again this Christmas. **Nollaig Shona! Ms. Kelly and Ms. Patten.**

## Kildare FAI Primary School FUTSAL

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November last, eight boys from the two 4<sup>th</sup> Classes proudly represented the school in the Kildare FAI Primary School FUTSAL competition in The Mill Sports Centre in Celbridge. They played four games against schools from Kilcloon, Sallins, Clogherinkoe and Kilshanroe. Led by their inspirational captain, Liam McDonald, all the boys showed tremendous skill, determination and effort to win three of their four games. Their fourth game against a very skilful and physically strong Sallins team ended in a closely fought 2-2 draw, which meant that both teams finished unbeaten on the same number of points to jointly share the winning of the tournament.



They should be very proud of their fantastic achievement and everyone in the school is delighted and proud of their success. Well done boys! A huge thank you to their parents who came to support them and who provided lifts on the day. Thanks also to Mr. McGeady who organised the boys' participation in this event.

**FUTSAL SQUAD:** Harry Egan, Senan Byrne Perth, Oran Byrne Kinlon, Alan Lanigan, Liam McDonald(c), Daniel Durkan, Cathal McKenna, Paul Mathias.

## SEAI Workshop

This autumn the boys in 3rd and 4th class took part in an energy saving workshop by SEAI. The workshop was very informative.



Firstly the boys explored the different types of energy and forces. The boys then learned about where our energy comes from, the importance of saving energy and the various ways in which they can save energy both at home and at school. The boys engaged in lots of different experiments to explore the types of energy we use. To finish off the workshop the boys took part in an Energy Challenge Game.



## Diary Dates

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Café	PE Hall 9.20 – 11.00 a.m.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Rugby Blitz	North Kildare
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Food Appeal Assemblies	PE Hall
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Senior Infant Nativity Play	St. Mary's Church 1.00 p.m.
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party/Santa	PE Hall
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Singing	Tesco 3.00 p.m.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Junior Infant Nativity Play	St. Mary's Church 11.00 a.m.

***Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Close for Christmas Holidays at 12.00 noon***

