

**St. Mary's
Boys' National School
Maynooth**



Yearbook 2008 - 2009

A Word from the Principal

In the pages that follow, you will get a flavour of how busy and exciting a place Maynooth Boys' National School was this year. This yearbook reminds us of events we too quickly forget. It records the successes we've had, the fun, excitement and enjoyment over the year and even some of the learning that has taken place.

All the activities highlighted did not just simply happen. They are a tremendous testament to the wonderful dedication and hard work by so many people over the past twelve months.

Our Board of Management is the group of people who have ultimate responsibility for everything that happens in the school. The continuous improvements are a tribute to their work on behalf of the school community. They also provide amazing support for myself and the staff, which is much appreciated.

Our very active and enthusiastic Parents' Association have added so much to the life of the school and have provided resources and equipment on your behalf. In addition to their work they have been generous with their time in ways too many to mention. It is good to know that if I need help or expertise of any kind I only have to lift the phone.

A number of people work in our school who are not teachers. Put simply, without them we would be lost. From the wonderful Helen in the office to our industrious Dominic, the most obliging SNAs to the superb cleaning staff – we are just so lucky to have such a great team.

What leaps from every page of this yearbook is the wonderful commitment of the teachers. Their dedication shines out of every page in this book. I am only too well aware of the huge amount of extra work our staff takes on with energy and enthusiasm. For this and the support given to me personally, I take this opportunity to say "Thank you".

And lastly, the boys. Every visitor to our school comments on the friendly, cheerful atmosphere in the school. The energy, enthusiasm and good manners of the pupils help to create that atmosphere. By their good behaviour they make all the activities in this book possible. We hope that in years to come, they will read back and remember the good times they shared in the school.

**Míle Buíochas,
Mr. Peter Coakley
Principal**

Reeling in the year...2007/2008

Jack Kennedy & Jason Stanley McKenna – Junior Infants

Interview with Ms Tierney's Junior Infants

1. Do you like your teacher?

Definitely!

2. Do you like your classmates?

Definitely!

3. Favourite part of the year?

Doing homework and going to the farm!

4. Did you have fun dressing up for Halloween?

Yes it was great fun!

5. Do you have fun in the yard?

Yes so much fun!

6. What was your favourite thing to play with?

New toys!

7. What was your favourite song?

High school musical!

8. What was your favourite trip outside of school?

Playing football at the playground



Interviewed by: Cormac Maguire and Joshua Hurley.

Answered by: Paul Fitzgerald and Jason Stanley McKenna

Interview with Mr.Davis' - Senior Infants

1. What was the best part of the year?

Going to Lullymore.

2. Have you enjoyed school so far?

Yes!

3. Do you have a good teacher?

Yes!

4. Do you like your classmates?

Yes!

5. What did you dress up as for Halloween?

A wizard.

6. Do you have fun at yard?

Yes, lots of fun!

7. What was your favourite song?

Two little boys!

8. Do you like your new classroom?

No, the other one was better!



Pierce McCarthy and Seán Burke O'Neill

9. Are you looking forward to first class?

Yes its going to be better than this year!

Interviewed by: Cormac Maguire and James Penny.

Answered by: Sheldon Mbala and Pierce McCarthy.

Ms.Brosnan's 1st Class - The year so far

Ms. Brosnan is a nice teacher. We've made friends with all the new pupils in our class. We liked when the mobile farm came to the school. Our favourite animals were the sheep and the pigs. We also liked the turkey. We hope we get Mr. McBride as our teacher next year in second class. And we're looking forward to making our communion next year.

By Ryan Deegan and Eoin Mc Cormack

James Carroll and James Wallace



Mr. Fenton's 2nd Class - The year so far

This year was a special for us in second class making our first confession and our communion.

Tours: we went to the college and we saw the church where the pope visited. We also went to a story teller in the library, it was about pirates.

Sport: we have done lots of very good sport over the year such as soccer leagues and Gaelic leagues. We liked when the mobile farm came it was very exciting. Mr. Fenton is our favourite teacher so far. Paula has given us a great help this year. So far this year has been great.

Interviewers: Ryan Deegan and Eoin McCormack

James Murray and Owen Fay

Interview with Mr. O'Connor's 4th Class.

Question: Was it hard moving from one place to another?

Answer: No it wasn't.

Question: What was the different surrounding like?

Answer: It's not as cold as the P.E hall.

Question: Was it hard moving things from one room to another?

Answer: No we just had to carry things.

Question: Were the questions hard in the credit union quiz?

Answer: No, but some of them were.

Question: Who won the quiz?

Answer: Gary Vavasour, Dillan McCarran, Conor Dooley and Thomás Feeney won.



Interviewed by James Penny and Ronan Gorey

Answered by *Simonas Bastys and Shane Sweeney.*

Class Activities!

Interview with Ms Kelly's Junior Infants - The Nativity Play



- 1. What was it called?**
Nativity Play.
- 2. Where did it take place?**
The Church.
- 3. Who came to watch you?**
The mums and dads!
- 4. What parts did you two play?**
Mary and the narrator.
- 5. Did you have fun getting changed?**
Yes!
- 6. Who helped you get changed?**
Ms.Kelly and Sharon.
- 7. What was the best part?**
Talking into the microphone and singing
- 8. Did you have fun?**
Yes!

Interviewed by: Cormac Maguire and Jake Long.
Answered by *Cathal O'Donovan and Jack Crawley.*

Interview with Ms Dunning's Senior Infants - Visit to the fire station

- 1. How did you get there?**
We walked!
- 2. Did you get to use the hose?**
Yes!
- 3. What did you knock down?**
The bins
- 4. Did you get to wear anything belonging to the firemen?**
Yes helmets
- 5. What else did you do there?**
We went on the fire engine
- 6. Did you have fun?**
Yes!



Interviewed by: Jake Long and Cormac Maguire
Answered by *Shane White and Michael O'Hora*

Interview with Mr. Murphy's 3rd Class - Trip to the castle

Question: What was it like being in a castle?

Answer: A bit weird.

Question: Did you have to pay to get in?

Answer: No.

Question: How long were you there?

Answer: About an hour.

Question: When did you go?

Answer: Before Christmas.

Question: Did you have fun?

Answer: Yes, it was great fun.

Question: Were there any medieval things there?

Answer: Yes, there was lots.

Question: Did you have a good year?

Answer: Yes, the best so far.

Interviewed by James Penny and Ronan Gorey,

Answered by *Casey Jenkins and Cian Whyte.*

Ms. McLaughlin 5th Class - Steps to K'nex Engineering Challenge



An engineer came to visit the class and gave instructions as to what was to be built and how it was to look. The specifications were that the car had to have four wheels, two seats, two headlights, a steering wheel and hold at least 250ml of water. We worked in pairs and the winning team got to go to Intel for the regional final. Omar Hafdioui and Louis

Hartnett won and represented the school very well. Even though they didn't win the final, they learned a lot about engineering and really enjoyed the experience, and even had their photo in the Liffey Champion!!



2nd Class - First Communion

The mass was kind of long but it turned out to be good in the end. It was nerve wrecking going up for the Holy bread. We liked the choir and the saxophone playing. We enjoyed the art work preparing for the communion. Getting photos was embarrassing but fun. The Holy bread tasted like an ice cream wafer. We enjoyed the party afterwards. The boys afterwards had barbeques and party's etc.

By: Ryan Deegan & Eoin Mc Cormack



2nd Class - First Confession

Our Mams and Dads brought us up to the Altar. It was very good, we had a lovely time. We got rid of all our sins.

We were up with the priests for ages. We took part in a Drama “The good Shepherd”, we had to dress up as sheep. There were lots of people, we were so embarrassed. Our families helped us prepare for the confession so did our teacher.

By: Ryan Deegan and Eoin Mc Cormack.
Cathal Canavan and Darragh Nolan

Events throughout the year

Le Crunch Art Competition



Congratulations to Cian Geoghegan, 3rd Class, who was chosen as one of the 3 prize winners in the country for an Art competition sponsored by Le Crunch apples. His entry was put on display in Dunnes Stores locations across the country and the public had to vote for their favourite entry. We await the result with great anticipation. Well done Cian!

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge took place from 10th to 14th March. It was a most enjoyable week for staff and pupils. All pupils from Junior Infants to 6th Class participated. A committee of Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Downes, Ms. McLaughlin, Ms. Buckley and Ms. Tierney co-ordinated events...and did a wonderful job.

A fun Tráth na gCeist (quiz) was held for middle and senior standards. Results were as follows:

Senior Winners:

Austin Dunne, Fergal Stack,
Darragh Burgess, Eoin Bonass
Conor Gorman, Mark
Thomson, Jack Kerrison,
Joseph Millett.

Senior Runners Up:

Middle Class

Dylan McCarron, Conor
Dooley, Gary Vavasour,

Winners:
Middle Class

Andrew Corrigan
Shane Sweeney, Luke Gisbey,
Noah Kisosi, Jake

Runners Up:

Murphy



A variety of other activities took place during the week. Dramas and Irish Songs were prepared and performed by a large number of classes for the rest of the school. These live shows provided tremendous enjoyment and entertainment for performers and audience alike. Junior Infants performing the Hokey Pokey as Gaeilge was a sight for sore eyes. Another treat for the Juniors was live 'Rince Gaelach' performed by Eoin Harrington. The week culminated with a Lá Glas for the entire school, linking up the start of St. Patrick's weekend. There was a tremendous array of colour and imagination on display. A prize was awarded to the best dressed pupil in each class. The recipients were:

Jnr Infants:	Daniel McAvinue, Steven Keogh, Michael Mazilu
Snr Infants:	Eoin Walsh, Robert Parker, Ethan Moran
First Class:	Cian Herbert, Conor Duff
Second Class:	Daniel Penny, Andrew Webb
Third Class:	Peter Donaldson, Michael O'Rafferty
Fourth Class:	Jack Dempsey, Daniel O'Sullivan
Fifth Class	Owen Leavy, Shane Roche
Sixth Class	Rónán Gorey, Michael Carton



Many thanks to the teachers who put in so much effort in preparing the boys, to the boys themselves for their fantastic participation and to those who came along to see the boys perform.

Christmas Carol Singing



During the week before Christmas the boys from 2nd and 3rd classes went carol singing in the Manor Mills Shopping Centre on 2 afternoons. They provided great entertainment to the passers by and had great fun in the process. The good news is that they raised almost €1,000. This money was divided between the St. Vincent de Paul and Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children. Well done lads! Special thanks to the many teachers who accompanied the boys.

Operation Christmas Child

A huge well done to all the pupils who brought in shoe boxes full of toys and goodies for the poorer children in Eastern Europe. Altogether we collected a fantastic total of 255 boxes. It was a terrific response and proves to us all just how kind the pupils in our school are. Thank you to the boys and their parents who gave our Christmas Season such a wonderful start.



Halloween Fancy Dress



On Friday 26th October, there were many shocks and surprises as the children dressed up in their favourite Hallowe'en costumes. There was a great effort made by all involved and even some of the teachers and SNA's dressed for the occasion. Prizes were given to the best dressed from each

class, and judging the competition was extremely difficult as there was so much “fashion” in St. Mary’s BNS!!

New IBM Computer in Junior Infants.

The Boys in Ms. Henderson’s Class were privileged this year to receive a new, funky, top-of-the range computer unit for their room. This purple machine consists of a built in screen, coloured keyboard, speakers, and a lovely comfortable purple couch to match the décor in the room!!



All of the educational software was supplied by IBM and RiverDeep Learning. Children get to play with this every day and have enjoyed and benefited from it.

Young Scientist Project-5th Class Interview.

Question: When did you do the project?

Answer: At the start of 2008.

Question: What was it about?

Answer: You had to make a science project.

Question: Who won?

Answer: Owen Leavy, Gerrard Heraghty and Craig Greaves.

Question: Did you go to the RDS?

Answer: The whole class went but only the winners displayed their projects.

Question: Did you have to pay for the bus?

Answer: No.

Question: Did you have a good year?

Answer: Yes.



Interviewed by James Penny and Ronan Gorey and

Answered by *Owen Leavy and Oleg Polishchuk.*

Mobile Farm.

In March, we were lucky to have a visit from Agri Aware’s mobile farm. All classes from Junior Infants to 3rd class got to visit the mobile farm which was parked beside the pitch. Children got to pet and feed the animals, such as “Marietta” the donkey, “Dustin” the turkey, “Fluffy” the lamb, “Calvin” the calf etc.



It was an experience for the boys to remember as it is not everyday you have a mini farm in your playground!!!

Garda Band

In early February, we were exceptionally fortunate to have a visit from the Garda Band.

Due to the size of the band and the unavailability of the hall, the whole school crossed the road to the church. Here, we were treated to over an hour of popular music such as “Spongebob squarepants”, “The Simpsons”,



“Cars” themetunes and music from the popular children’s programme “High School Musical”. The older children were also treated to some popular music from the charts, much to the delight of some of the teachers also!

Some boys were even lucky enough to conduct the band!!

A special thanks to Fr. Liam and Fr. Paul for the use of the church and in particular a huge thanks to Siobhán Cahill, parent of Ciarán and Conor Walsh in Ms. Henderson’s Junior Infants, for playing on the day and for organising the event.

Fís Project

The sixth class boys are once again participating in the Fís project. This year Mr. Downes film is called “Murder on Mur Street” and Mr. Creevey’s is called “Framed”. Thanks to everyone who has helped us throughout the production.

Watch this space for upcoming stars who we might see in the future in Hollywood!



Eoin Harrington

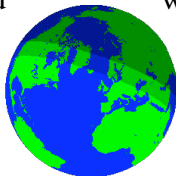
Mr.McGeadys second class

My name is Eoin Harrington I am an Irish dancer and I learn in Straffan. I started Irish dancing a few years ago. My Irish dancing teachers name is Siobhán Kellet. I really enjoy it. Over all so far I have won seventy trophies and about sixty medals. The most recent competition I have done was last February in the G.A.A in Celbridge and I won two championships and for that I got three medals!



Website

The time has finally arrived when we can proudly say that we have caught up with the 21st Century!!! The school has recently launched its website and contains information and activities from every class. A brief history of the school, the local community, the mission statement, pictures etc. can all be found on this website. It is very user friendly and



we encourage that you and your children have a good look at it during the summer. A huge thanks to Mr. Davis for his tireless effort at composing the website, and the professional help of Guy Parker, assisted by Steven Gray, who without their help, we would not have been able to reach this great stage in the school’s technological advances.

You can check out the website at www.maynoothbns.ie

Parents' Association

The Parent’s Association would like to thank all the parents for their support this year. We wish to particularly thank all those who gave up their time to help cover books and who helped to ensure the successful running of the Bookfair. We would also like to thank those who helped with teas and refreshments for the boys and their families at the Confirmation, Communion and Graduation-it was very much appreciated.

Patricia Moynan, Angela Leavy.

Bookfair

One of the highlights of our school year is our annual Bookfair. It not only provides us with an opportunity to restock our class libraries, but also to stimulate a renewal of interest in books and reading in general. The sense of excitement and anticipation in the days leading up to the arrival of the Bookfair was almost palpable. There was an explosion of creativity as pupils in various classes, prepared by designing posters, bookmarks and book covers and also by writing book reviews and summaries.



This year, over €7,000 was spent on books, earning the school over €4,000 worth of books from Scholastic publishers. This could not have been achieved without the invaluable contribution of our Parents Association who “manned” the fair so professionally from beginning to end. Thanks also to the members of our Parents Association who stamped and covered books. Well done to all!

Mrs. Brennan.



Sporting success

Football

Under 10 Football



Our Under-10 footballers put on a brave display in this year's competition before losing out on a semi-final place. After some worthwhile friendly victories against Kilcock, the team played Clane in their first game. This was a typical game of two halves, with a strong wind playing a major role. Despite the efforts of Cathal Duff in attack and Neil Healy and Paul Maguire in defence, Maynooth narrowly failed to peg back Clane's lead.

In their next game Maynooth came up against a strong Celbridge team who scored a few early goals which killed off the game. However, Daniel O'Sullivan gave an outstanding display, helped by Eoin Donnellan, Cian Whyte, Niall O'Sullivan, Ben Carroll and Michael Diamond. At least the future looks bright for Maynooth as five or six of this year's team will be underage again next year.

U-11 Football

On Thursday, 18th October, the school Under 11 Football team contested the Division One Final against a strong Naas side in Moorefield. After a very open First quarter, Maynooth began to get on top and led by 1-2 to 0-2 at half time.

Every Maynooth player gave his all in a tense second half. The lads' efforts were rewarded with a Final score of Maynooth 2-4, Naas 0-6. The lads put in a great display of skill, energy and commitment in defence, midfield and attack. This was backed up by a very solid goalkeeping display. The school are very proud of all 24 squad members for their tireless battling attitude and their dedication to training and matches. Well done lads!

U-11 Squad

Captain – Ian Doyle, Darragh Burgess, Jack Ffrench, Donal Reilly, Aiden Brophy, Michael Carton, Conor Dunne, Jake Long, Jonathan Flattery, Fergal Stack, Derry Bradley, David Condon, Michael Brown, Daniel Courtney, Matthew Melia, Conor Gorman, Durtis Walsh, Tadhg Forde, Luke Brown, Darren Maguire, Ross O'Connor, Sean Kearney, Austin Dunne, Keith Kelly.



Under 13 Football

The U-13 footballers have had a mixed campaign. Two defeats by Naas and Clane left the team in a difficult position. However, the team had showed some great skill and

promise in these games. This was very evident in an excellent performance that led to a draw against a highly fancied Celbridge side.

The U-13 Footballers bravely bowed out of this year's competition, when they suffered a two-point defeat to an excellent Ballymany side. Despite the natural disappointment of the boys, they should be exceptionally proud of their efforts through the year. They are a brave, skilful talented group who have done themselves and the school proud. Well done boys!



Under 13 'B' Blitz

This year the school hosted the Kildare North U-13 'B' Blitz. Two Celbridge teams, Kilcock and of course Maynooth took part. The Maynooth team consisted of boys from Fourth, Fifth and Sixth classes. It was these boys who eventually won the competition with three convincing wins. They went on to play the Kildare South winners in the County Final. Very well done!

Mini-Sevens Football

The mini-sevens team took the first steps towards retaining their county title by emerging from the regional stage with a good win over Kilcock. A strong first half performance yielded a 2-1 to 0-1 lead. This two goal gap was never surrendered as the boys finished up winning by 3-2 to 1-2. They progressed to the knockout finals stage which took place at Ballymany.



Croke Park Appearance

Congratulations to the 3 boys from last year's 6th class who were selected to represent Kildare in the INTO mini-7's matches during the interval at the All-Ireland Football Semi-Final and Final.

Ciaran Whelan & Conor Davin played on 26th August during the interval at the Kerry –v- Dublin Semi-Final. Conor, unfortunately received a significant leg injury while playing in Croke Park.

Neil Flynn again represented the school during the All-Ireland Final between Cork & Kerry, scoring 2 fine points. Well done to all 3 boys on their achievement. The school are very proud to be so well represented on such big occasions.

Hurling

U-10.

A big Congratulations to Matthew Doran and Cillian Madden who were selected for the County U-10 competition. Well done Boys!



U-11 Hurling

Our U-11 Hurlers progressed to the County Division 1 final after a hard fought win over a gallant Clane side. The game was played in ideal conditions in Straffan GAA on Tuesday, the 16th October.

It was Clane who settled the quickest and registered the first score. Maynooth battled back to score some crucial goals, especially the goals either side of the half-time break. The Maynooth defence played their 'hearts out' in the second half, restricting the Clane side to just one goal. Our midfielders really came into the game and while our forwards got some terrific goals, they weren't as prolific as previous games.

U-13

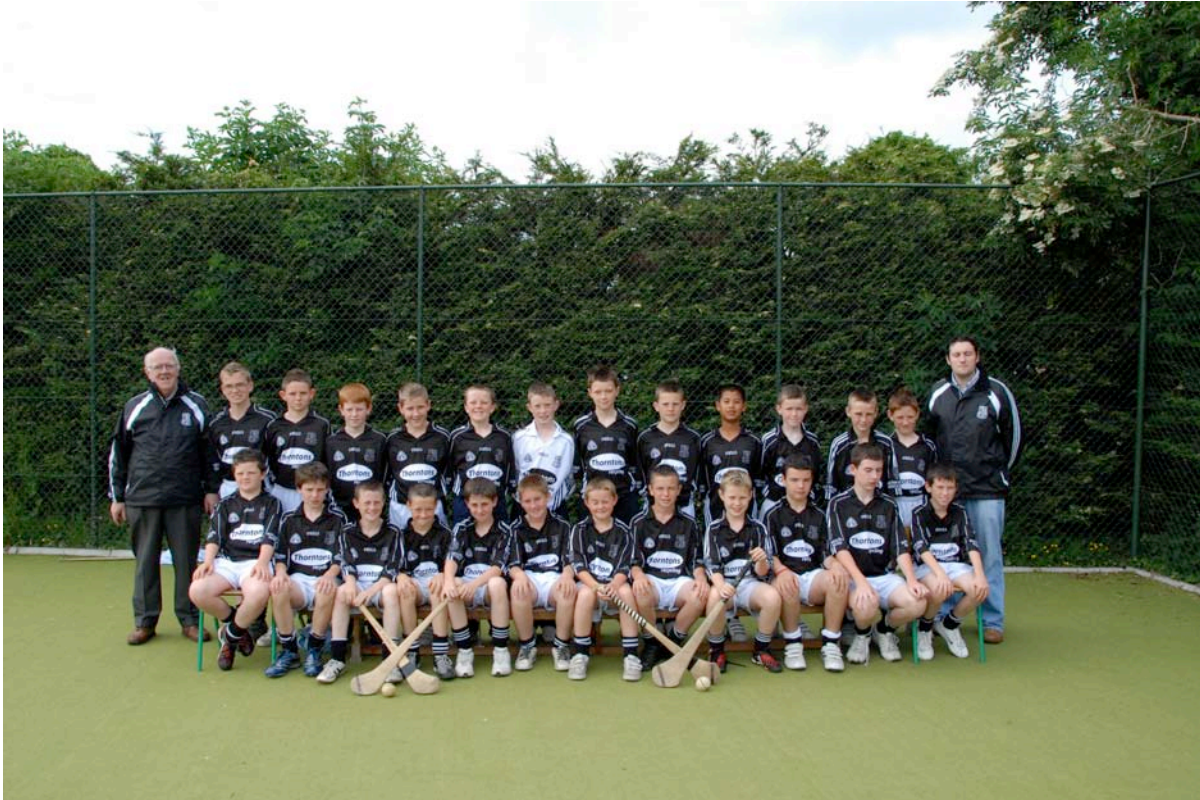
Our U-13 hurling team defeated Confey on a score of 5-3 to 1-0. We were narrowly defeated 0-5 : 0-3 by Clane in a thrilling match. The vital goal just did not come. Ronan Gorey (goal keeper) and Ryan Deegan were the stars.

Hurling Final

The Kildare Cumann na mBunscoil division 1 Hurling Final took place in Naas just before the mid-term break. The boys qualified for the final after winning three matches in a row. The opposition in the final were Naas, who have been unbeaten at club and school level for many years. Our team gave them a tremendous game and managed to hold them for a good part of the match. However, their strength eventually showed as they edged ahead in the 2nd half. The final 3-6 to 0-2. The score line doesn't reflect the run of play and our boys were in particular hard luck for goals on a number of occasions.

Sean Kearney was outstanding in defence and was Tadhg Forde in mid-field. Ross O'Connor was a prolific goal scorer throughout the competition. Kurtis Walsh also had an outstanding year. Congratulations to Mr. Fenton who has worked so hard to develop the boys hurling skills to such a high level. Special thanks also to Mr. O'Connor for his work in coaching the boys. Well done to Tadhg and Ross who were selected on the

County Team who played in Croke Park as part of the Railway Cup Final Programme. Finally a huge thank you to our loyal supporters and drivers – the mams and dads.



Mini 7's Hurling

A panel of 10 players represented the school. The team qualified for the finals with victories over Confey and Maynooth Gaelscoil. Ross O'Connor struck with a goal in injury time to secure an exciting victory over the Gaelscoil in the crucial match. Mr. Fenton will be scouting different classes for talent for next year.

On Thursday 1st May our Mini 7's hurlers went to Naas to compete in the County Finals of the competition. There were four teams present on the day, Maynooth, Clane, Celbridge and Naas. In the semi-final our boys were drawn against Celbridge. Our boys produced an outstanding performance in what was a very exciting match. Unfortunately they were just edged out by a strong Celbridge side (the eventual winners!) by a solitary point, on a score line of 3-4 to 4-0. The boys then played a 3rd/4th place play-off against Clane. Once again the boys played some wonderful hurling and ran out winners on a score line of 2-2 to 1-1. Sincere thanks to all the boys on the panel who played their hearts out and were so unlucky not to come back with the trophy.

Panel: Cathal Duff, Seán Kearney, Fergal Stack, Austin Dunne, Kurtis Walshe, Tadhg Forde, Ross O'Connor, Conor O'Gorman, Cillian Madden, Matthew Melia.

Soccer

5-A-Side Soccer

This year, the school has been competing in the FAI Schools 5-Aside competition. Two of our three teams came through the area finals at Celbridge to qualify for the Kildare Finals at Kilcullen. Both squads



performed excellently on the day with the Maynooth 'A' team reaching the final. Unfortunately they met a very strong Clane team and lost 2-0. All Maynooth players must be commended on their skill, energy, spirit and teamwork. Many thanks to all parents who helped out with lifts during this competition. Special thanks to the teachers and team managers, Mr. Creevey and Mr. McGeady.

3 Pupils Representing Ireland

The NDSL have an Academy where the top players in the league receive coaching and training once a week. Over 100 players were invited to trials, before they eventually narrowed this to the top 18.

Congratulations to Luke Brown, Michael Brown and Jake Long of 6th class who were selected for the squad. During the year, the squad represented Ireland in the Celtic Cup, a tournament played in Belfast. Ireland came joint first place with Scotland in the competition. The school was well represented in Belfast, with Mr. Creevey, Mr. Davis and Mr. McGeady there to cheer on the lads. Special congratulations to Jake who was selected as the Players' 'Player of the Year'.

Kildare Cumann na mBunscoil Handball

Our school was very well represented at the Kildare Primary Schools (Cumann na mBunscol) Handball Championships, which were held at Leixlip GAA

Club. Those who took part were:-

U-13 Darragh Burgess
Owen Byrne
Ronan Gorey
Eoin McCormack
Fergal Stack

U-11 Owen Leavy
Aidan Brophy



Our boys performed particularly well, most notably Fergal Stack who reached the semi-finals and Ronan Gorey who came away with the top honour of the day – The Kildare U-13 Handball Champion title.

Swimming

Every Friday, the 5th and 6th class boys go swimming to the college. It is very enjoyable for all. There are two groups with swimming, one for the people who know how to swim well and one for the others who are still learning. At swimming, we have great fun, playing water polo, diving, and swimming all the different strokes. We are looking forward to it again next year.

Michael Jones, 5th Class.



Cross Country



A panel of athletes travelled to Hawkefield to participate in the Kildare Cumann na mBunscoil Cross Country Race. There is always a high standard at this event and this year was no exception. Over 130 boys took part in the event. Best placed for Maynooth this year was Owen Byrne who came in at 10th place. Well done to all the boys who took part. Panel: Derry Bradley, Luke Brown, Michael Brown, Declan Burke, Neil Byrne, Owen Byrne, Robert Cooney, Gary Daly, Tadhg Forde, Louis Hartnett, Peter Sheeran.

School Tours

Interview with Ms. Henderson's Junior Infants

1. Where did you go?

Larchill!

2. Did you have fun?

Yes, the park was fun!

3. What was the best part?

Feeding the lamb and going on the bus!

4. What things did you do?

We saw a crocodile which nearly ate Ms. Henderson. There was a frog in the grass and Ms. Henderson kissed it!!

5. What was your favourite part of the day?

The guinea pigs and the chick!

6. What was the funniest part of the day?

The man who was juggling and he dropped everything!

7. Who did the tour with you?

Michael was the leader and Willie the bus driver!

8. Did you see anybody famous?

Shrek was on his holidays. We saw the swamp and Donkey's wife and the baby!



Interviewed by: Cormac Maguire and James Penny.

Answered by *Ryan Halcomb and Adam Jordan.*

Interview with Ms. McMahon's Senior Infants

1. Where did you go?

Lullymore.

2. What was the best part?

Playing in the funky forest!

3. How did you get there?

A Bus.

4. What things did you do?

Crazy golf, played soccer, Climbed ladders and swung on the swings!

5. Did you have fun?

Yes!

6. What food did you have?

Chocolate and sweets!

7. Did you go to a farm?

Yes!

8. What animals were there?

Camels, pigs and horses!

Interviewed by: Cormac Maguire and Jake Long.

Answered by Sam Gaubert and David Finnegan.

Second Class School Tour:

For our school tour, we went to Croke Park and Dublin zoo. First, we went to Croke Park. We went to see the dressing rooms and the museum and we tried a penalty shoot out when we were at the Cusack Stand end. Croke Park was the best. After that, we went to the zoo, that was good too, but it was raining, so we didn't get to see much animals! Our favourite animal was the snow leopard. We got the front seats of the bus and we sang songs. Alex sang "Uptown Girl". We ate loads of sweets. We went to Elvery's and bought Gaelic footballs.



Alex Kelly & Paul Damery.

**Interview with Mr. McBride's class
Third Class**

Question: Where did you go?

Answer: Viking splash and bowling

Question: When did you go?

Answer: The 20th of May

Question: How much was the bus?

Answer: 21 euro each

Question: Was it fun?

Answer: Yes it was brilliant

Question: How long was the journey on the bus?

Answer: About 45 minutes

Question: Did you have a good year?

Answer: Yes

Interviewed by: Ronan Gorey and James Penny

Answered by: Callum McCabe and Michael Diamond

Interview with Mrs. Gunn's class.
Fourth Class

Question: Where did you go?

Answer: We went to the U.C.D. adventure camp.

Question: When did you go?

Answer: We went on the 20th of May

Question: Was it good?

Answer: Yes except for the water.

Question: How long was the bus journey there?

Answer: About 45 minutes.

Question: What did you do there?

Answer: We played soccer, basketball, archery etc.

Question: Did you have a good year/teacher?

Answer: Yes

Interviewed by James Penny and Ronan Gorey

Answered by Gary Vavasour and Conor Dooley.

Sixth class school tour
Mr. Creevey's class.

On the 10th of June we went on our school tour to Kilkenny Castle and Dunmore caves. We left school at half nine and we got back at half five. It was a long drive down to Dunmore caves. We first watched a video about the caves and then we headed down into the caves. We got a guided tour from a French man. It was a really long walk down into the caves and it was very cold down there. First we went to the burrow, then the cathedral and then up the column. We then got back on the bus and went to Supermacs. After we went to Kilkenny castle. Again it was a guided tour but this time it was a lady. They had many rooms with many expensive things including paintings and ornaments. After the castle we went onto the bus and headed home.

By: Cormac Maguire and Ronan Gorey

Sports for all!

Junior Sports Day-Friday 6th June,



Junior Infants:

We had our sports day in the school. We played lots of games. We had lots of fun. We got to play golf and soccer. We practiced tennis and relays. We had lots of fun on the bouncing castle and Ms Murphy helped us with the parachute. We had water balloon races and we did art and watched a video also.

We were very tired but it was the best day in school!! The teachers had a water balloon fight and races on the bouncing castle after school!! It was very funny!!



Conor Fitzgerald, Joshua Reddy, Adam Byrne.

First class

We had sports day in the school; we played football, cricket, basketball and lots more. We enjoyed the penalty shoot out and it was fun trying to throw the beanbags into the hoop. We also enjoyed the bouncy castle, it was a bouncy slide you had to climb up one side and you slid down the other. After we watched a movie it was called "The cat in the hat". It was the best sports day ever so far.

Aaron Murphy and Kristian Hogan.

Scribed by: Eoin McCormack and Ryan Deegan

Senior Sports Day-North Kildare Rugby Club.

Fifth Class

Sports day was on the 6th June. We went to North Kildare Rugby Club, Kilcock. Every class did soccer, hockey, gaelic, handball, cricket, volleyball, Frisbee golf, fun games and a quiz. We really enjoyed the day. Everybody took part and the weather was really good for the day. The teachers helped us with all of the sports. It is one of the best days we have in school!

Jack Kerrison and Tadhg Forde.



After school Activities



Chess club

When did the chess club start? In September.

When is it on? Every Thursday

Who runs it? Miss McLaughlin

Do you like it? Yes I like it

Do you have any friends at it? Yes a few.

What's your favourite thing about it? Getting to play chess after school.

Michael Carton, Mr.Downes class

Interviewed by David Condon and David Mahon.

Guitar lessons

When did you start guitar lessons? In second class.
When is it on? Wednesday
Who runs it? Mr.Davis
Do you like it? Yeah it's alright.
What's your favourite thing part about it? You learn new songs every week.
What's your favourite song? Snow Patrol "RUN".
Do you have any friends at it? Young Chae Soon.

David Green, Mr.Downes's class,
Interviewed by David Mahon Michael Carton and David Condon.



Hip hop

When did you start hop hop? In September.
When is it on? Mondays.
Who runs it? Aideen
Do you like it? Yeah
What is your favourite dance? The crump
Do any of your friends do it? Yes, Blake Vanduyvanvorde
Whats your favourite thing about it? The chest pops.

Sean O' Connor, Mr. Fenton's class.

Interviewed by Michael Carton, David Condon and David Mahon.

Speech and drama

When did you start speech and drama? 1st of September 2007 last year.
When is it on? Thursday
Who runs it? Miss McDonald
Do you both like it? Yeah I like it. Not that much.
Whats your favourite play? We do one play at a time, Alice in Wonderland.
Do any of your friends do it? James and Cathal do it.
What are your favourite things about it? My favourite thing is Alice in wonderland. My favourite thing is the poem.

Christian Corrigan and Sean Ledwidge Mrs. Brosnan's class.

Interviewed by Micheal Carton, David Condon and David Mahon.



After School Sports 2nd Class

When did you start after school sports? Last year in 1st class.

When is it on? It is on Thursday.

Who runs the after school sports for 2nd class? Mr.Creevy.

Do you like doing it? Yes.

What is your favourite game? Soccer.

Do any of your friends do it? Yes.

What's your favourite thing about the after school sports? To get out after school and play with your friends.

Eoin Franklin Mr. McGeadys class.

By Michael Carton and David Condon

After School Sports 3rd Class

When did you start the after school sports? Since first class.

When is it on? Tuesdays.

Who runs it? Mr. Murphy.

Do you like it? I like it its brilliant.

What is your favourite sport? Volleyball.

Do any of your friends do it? Yes, 17 of them

What's your favourite thing about it? Running around.

Ross Kavanagh Mr.McBrides class.

By Michael Carton and David Condon.

New teacher interviews

Ms. Alonso

1. Which country do you prefer, Ireland or Spain?

I love the weather in Spain but people in Ireland are nicer.

2. What was your most embarrassing moment in school?

When I was eight, I was trying to jump over an elastic band and I landed face down.

3. Do you enjoy teaching?

Yes I love teaching.

4. Were you one of the top artists in your class?

Yes I'm good at copying but bad at free drawing.

5. Do you like chess? Are you good at it?

I don't know how to play chess. All I know is that the horse moves in an 'L'.

6. What is your most head-aching subject?

History

7. How many countries have you been to?

Italy, France, U.K., Ireland, Spain, Portugal and Andorra.

8. What is your favorite animal? Why?

Dogs because they are intelligent.

9. What is your least favorite animal?

Snakes because they are everything bad.



Ms. Dunning

1. What is your favorite food?

Chocolate

2. What was your most embarrassing moment in school?

I told a boy he could play football because he was standing on his own and he said that he was the goalie.

3. Where you ever in a Fashion show?

No but I watched one.

4. What sort of music do you listen to?

Anything that you can dance to, but I love Westlife.

5. What's your favorite subject in school?

Gaeilge gan dabht.

6. Do you like insects? Could you name the ones you don't like?

No. Especially the ones with 6 legs.

7. Who's your favorite author?

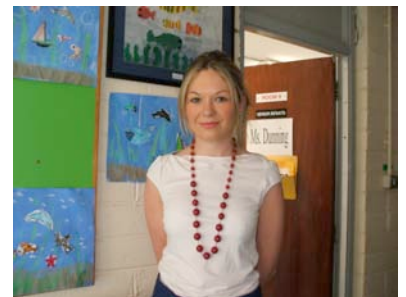
J.K. Rowling

8. Have you ever been in huge trouble before?

No. I was always very good.

9. Did you ever get suspended?

No.



International Students

Interview with Sebastian from Poland

- (1) **What is your name?** My name is Sebastian.
- (2) **What age are you?** I'm twelve
- (3) **When did you come to Ireland?** I came in August 2007 .
- (4) **Why did you come to Ireland?** I came to Ireland because my mam and my dad has good job
- (5) **Did you speak English before you came?** no I didn't speak English
- (6) **What other languages do you speak?** I speak German. I learnt for four years in school.
- (7) **What do you like about Ireland?** I like the playground and football pitch.
- (8) **What do you miss about your country?** I miss my family and my friends.
- (9) **What things are similar between your country and Ireland?** shops and clothes.
- (10) **Which country's food do you prefer?** I like food from everywhere

Interview with Fabian from Romania

- (1) **What is your name?** My name is Fabian.
- (2) **What age are you?** I have eleven years.
- (3) **When did you come to Ireland?** I come to Ireland in July 2007.
- (4) **Why did you come Ireland?** I came Ireland because my dad was working here. My mam and my brother came too.
- (5) **Did you speak English before you came to Ireland?** No I don't was speaking English before to came in Ireland.
- (6) **What do you like about Ireland?** I like the school because the children are nice.



6th Class

Darren Kennedy – 6th Class.

Looking back over the years...

Interviewing Mr.Creevey's 6^h class

Jnr.Infants-Who was your teacher?

Answer- Mrs. Brennan

Did you like her?

Answer- Yes she was a good teacher and in the morning's she would let the us play with the games for a while.

Snr.Infants- Who was your teacher?

Answer- Mrs. Carr

Did you like her?

Answer- She was good and she was helpful with loads of subjects and she told really good stories.

1st class-Who was your teacher?

Answer- Ms. McLaughlin

Did you like her?

Answer- Yes she was a good teacher and she did loads of cool stuff and she used to pass around a teddy for the pupil of the week and you could bring it home, it was good fun.

2nd class-Who was your teacher?

Answer- Mr. Davis.

Did you like him as a teacher?

Yes because he did a lot of cool stuff like loads of music, art and P.E.

3rd class – Who was your teacher?

Answer- Mr Creevey/ Ms McEvoy

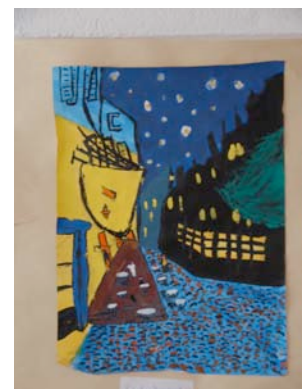
We liked our teachers.

We were split into two classes some went into one class and some went into another.

It was a bit different to any other year.

4th class- Who was your teacher?

Answer- Mr O'Connor



Did you like him?

Answer- yes he was a good teacher and he did good work and P.E

5th class. Mrs McEvoy was good and she did good P.E.

6th class- We had **Mr. Creevey** again we thought he was a brilliant teacher and we really liked him.

Looking back on eight years



Eight years ago when we were in junior infants we got a new pupil named Philip Blount. Our teacher was Miss Furlong and she was our 1st teacher in the school.

In 1st class our teacher was Miss Whelan it was her first and last year teaching because she went to America to get married. In that year we got two new pupils from England their names are Michael and Luke Brown and they are twins. We did a Tanzanian day in February and it was also the first year the school got the automatic projector.

In second class our teacher was Miss Buckley. We had our first confession and first communion that year.

In third class our teacher was Mr. Creevey and it was our first mixed up class. In fourth class we got two more new pupils one named Neil Flannery from Tipperary and we got one named Bartek Dworczyk from Poland. In fifth class we got split again and this time some of us got Mr. Creevey and some of us got Miss McEvoy. In Mr Creevey's class they got a new boy named Young Chae Soon. In Miss McEvoy's class we got a new boy named Nikita Barisnikov from Latvia.

Now we are in sixth class and our class is back together we have Mr Downes as our teacher. We have done our Ceremonies of Enrolment and of Light and we also done our confirmation.

We got three new boys this year Yemi Akintoye from Nigeria, Corentin Pinato from France and Cillian O Ferrell. This is our last year in this school and we are going to miss it.

By Anthony Barrett and Philip Blount.

Retreat

Our retreat was on the 31st of January 2008. We went to St Patrick's College and Father Paul met us there. He told us that when the pope visited he prayed to a statue of Mary.

First we went into the retreat room.

We met Father Liam there and we had to work together to solve a murder mystery he had organized for us. After that we each got a piece of card to colour and when we put the pieces together it made a big dove. Then Father Liam said, "That the Dove was Fansupertastic". Then we each got a candle and put it on our names, which were on the dove.

Ceremony of Light

The ceremony of light was on the 24th of January at 7:30pm in St Mary's church Maynooth. The ceremony was good and it was one of the steps that we had achieved in our steps up to the confirmation.

We did the passing of the candle for the 1st time.
We all had a great night.

The Confirmation

The confirmation was on the 7th of February 2008 at 11:00am in St Mary's church Maynooth. We had a tough time picking our confirmation names but in the end everyone picked a good name. We had the ceremony done by Bishop Ray Field. The dove that we made on the retreat day was on a stand in the church. After the ceremony had finished we all went into the P.E Hall for some snacks and we saw our pictures of our saints and pictures of us all when we were in junior infants. And we can look back on that day. And in the end we all got a bit of bob on the day.

Philip Blount & Anthony Barrett.



Yemi Akintoye & Aaron Jordan – Constructing a K'nex Ferris Wheel



Declan Burke-Player of the year.



6th Class trip

A Big Farewell

We wish the 6th class boys the very best of luck in the future and we hope they won't forget their days in St. Mary's Boys National School!

Editor's Note

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The photos have been taken from the school archive and many more of them are to be found on the school's new website.

Liz Henderson & Maura Tierney

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