

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Parents of New Infants

On Wednesday 26th May we will be hosting a meeting for parents of boys due to commence in Junior Infants in September 2010. The meeting will take place in the School Hall at 8.00 p.m.

First Holy Communion

The boys from 2nd class will be making their First Holy Communion this Saturday 29th May at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Church. They have been busy preparing for the sacrament with their teachers Mr. Davis & Ms. Ring. Best wishes to the boys and their families on this very special occasion.

If your son is making his First Holy Communion and you want to order the DVD, please return the order form (distributed yesterday) before the end of this week.

Junior Road Safety Officers

Earlier this year 6th class boys were invited to apply for the position of a Junior Road Safety Officer recently. Hundreds of applications were received from across the county. We are delighted to announce the names of the boys who have been selected for the position to act as a Junior Road Safety Officer for our school. They are *Neil Simon and Michael Wilson*. Neil and Michael attended a special Presentation evening at Kildare CC Headquarters in Naas on Tuesday 18th May, when they were presented with high visibility jackets and arm-bands, Badges, and Information Booklets. The boys are now trying to improve road safety around the school. Well done boys.

Best Wishes to Fr. Paul

As many of you know, Fr. Paul Coyle, chairperson of our Board of Management is currently recuperating from illness. We wish him a full and speedy recovery.

School Sports Day

Our Annual Sports Day will take place on Friday 11th June. Once again the North Kildare Sports Club have very generously offered us access to their premises. Junior Infants to 1st Class will be at the school and 2nd to 6th classes will be at the North Kildare Club on the Kilcock Road. Full details will be issued in advance.

Cecil Day Lewis Literacy Awards

The Cecil Day Lewis Literacy Annual Writing competition was held last March. Two of Ms. McMahon's first class boys were selected as winners and in turn invited to the award ceremony. This took place on the 28th April last. Kuba Kaliski succeeded in receiving first place in the Junior Poetry section along with Dillon Tuke, who received second place in the same category. Both boys composed their very own poems about school.

Readalong

We are happy to announce that our Readalong Fundraiser was a huge success. The amount raised came to a whopping €5720. Well done and a really big thanks to all the boys who participated! Thanks also to their supportive parents and generous sponsors! The money will be used to continue the restocking of class Libraries and in particular to purchase more recent publications including this year's prize-winning authors. Don't forget to tell your relatives and friends what a success the Readalong has been! Well done again boys!

U-13 Hurling Report

Our U-13 Hurlers travelled to Confey on Friday 14th May to play a 'round-robin blitz' to determine which team would play Naas in the County Final. The three teams involved were Celbridge, Clane and ourselves.

The blitz was hard fought and closely contested with little between the sides. Our first game was against Celbridge. Despite numerous attempts, our boys just couldn't get the vital scores that were needed and in the end lost by seven points. This left us with a mountain to climb against Clane but a heroic effort saw the boys win by nine points. The last game saw Clane defeat Celbridge but alas this result meant our boys lost out on a place in the Final on score difference.

I would like to thank all the boys on the panel who represented the school so well. Many of the boys are in 4th & 5th class so hopes are high for an even better showing next year. I would also like to thank all the parents who provided lifts throughout the year.

Finally I would like to thank the 6th class boys who will be leaving us in June. They have always been a credit to themselves and the school whenever they have taken to the pitch and I would like to wish them all the best in the future.

Mr. Fenton

Under 10 Footballers Reach County Final

For the first time in 5 years, our under 10's contest the County Final today. Like the last time, Celbridge provide the opposition. Having beaten Clane and Celbridge to reach the semi-final, the lads came up against a determined Ballymany team, with the sides level at 5 points each at half-time. Two second half goals from Janis Berzins set us up for a 2-8 to 0-6 win, with Cathal McCabe, Alex Kelly, Conor Lynch and Eoin Franklin doing great work outfield and a solid keeper in Eoin Harrington. Other panel members include D. Ridge, C. Burke, D. Whelan, D. Waldron, C. Durcan, L. Ledwith, C. McMyler, J. Wallace, D. Duff, C. Quinn, R. Walsh, T. Fagan, C. Krahn, E. Richardson, H. Dunne, J. Flattery, S. White, B. Kinirons, C. Kelly, T. Jones. Best of luck in the final today lads!!

FAI Schools Soccer

In recent weeks our school 5 aside soccer team took the unprecedented step of competing in the mid Leinster finals. As Kildare champions they looked forward to this competition with great anticipation. On the day we faced schools from Kilkenny, Offaly and Laois. Our first game was against eventual winners Kilkenny and we lost it narrowly 2-1. This put us under pressure against the teams from Laois and Offaly. Both games also resulted in narrow losses. Despite this disappointment, the lads can be very proud of their achievements. They are the first group from the school to become Kildare champions and they represented themselves, their school and their county excellently.

Squad: Shane Sweeney, Adam McAvinue, Ciaran Flood (c), Daniel Courtney, Niall Doddy, Matthew Doran, Cian Hutchison, Gary Vavasour

Under 13 Footballers in County Semi-Final

In recent weeks our Under 13 football team have qualified from their group. Solid wins over Celbridge and Kilcock led to a table topping game against Clane. In an unbelievable game of attacking football, where the lead continually changed hands, Clane emerged victorious with a two goal flurry in the last minute. Final score: Maynooth 4-11, Clane 4-14. This put us into second position in the group and we therefore play the winners of south Kildare in the semi final. This game, versus Athy, is on today in Ballymany school at 2.45pm. Good luck lads!

Gaelic Telecom Donations

A big thank you to all who have changed phone provider to Gaelic Telecom and nominated our school as the beneficiary of a percentage of the proceeds from your phone bill. We recently received a cheque for €138 from “Gaelic Telecom”. These funds are greatly appreciated.

Class Summer Tours 2010

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| 4 th Class | Wed 26 th May | Clonmacnoise |
| 3 rd Class | Fri 28 th May | Viking Splash & Bowling |
| Snr. Infants | Wed 2 nd June | Lullymore |
| Jnr. Infants | Fri 4 th June | Larchill, Kilcock |
| 5 th Class | Thu 10 th June | Clara Lara |
| 1 st Class | Tue 15 th June | Chocolate Factory & Tymon Park |
| 6 th Class | Thu 17 th June | National Aquatic Centre & Bowling |
| 2 nd Class | Mon 28 th June | Causey Experience |

Diary Dates

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| Wed 26 th May | Meeting for Parents of New Infants 8pm |
| Sat 29 th May | First Holy Communion 11.30am |
| Mon 31 st May | First Communion Photos |
| Tue 1 st June | 6 th Classes visit to NUIM re History Projects School Closed @ 12.30pm (Child Protection Training) |
| Tue 8 th June | Board of Management Meeting 8pm |
| Fri 11 th June | School Sports Day |
| Wed 16 th June | Staff Meeting School closed at 12.30pm |
| Thu 17 th June | New Infant Classroom Visit |
| Wed 23 rd June | 6 th Class Fun Day |
| Mon 28 th June | 6 th Class Graduation |