

Maynooth's first ever Car Bingo



The Parent's Association will host Maynooth's first ever CAR BINGO. The event will take place next **Saturday 22nd October, at 2 p.m.** in the school yard. There is a prize fund of €1000 to be won. "HONK YOUR HORN" on a check or a WIN and we will come running to you with the money! This one-of-a-kind event promises to be fun for ALL the family! Fill all your car seats and come down for some fun and the chance to win some money.



Time: 2-4 pm Gates open from 1.15pm

There is a limited capacity for cars so arrive early to avoid disappointment.

Limited seating available in the P.E. hall.

Half Book €5 Full Book €10

Books available to buy in the yard on the day.

Don't forget to bring your own treats and drinks!...and a pen to mark your Bingo Book.

All proceeds from the event will go towards classroom resources.



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.



Baby Boys !

Heartiest congrats to our two teachers on the birth of their sons

- Mr. Fenton last month
- Ms. Ring last weekend

We wish them the very best at this happy time.

Halloween Dress Up Day

Just giving you lots of notice of the Halloween dress up day on **Friday 28th October.** You have lots of time between this and then to get your creative juices flowing in relation to costumes. The traditional prizes for best costumes in each classroom will of course be awarded. As is the customary, we request a €2 donation (per family) towards school funds for this non-uniform day.



Changed Address/Phone Number/Email

If you have changed your address, phone number or e-mail address in the last 12 months, could you please give the new one to the school office immediately please.

Artist for a Day – Circus Skills Workshop



First and second classes had a very exciting visit from Johnny Phelan this month. The boys had a fun-filled day where they learned many circus skills such as balancing feathers, juggling, uni-cycling and some were even brave to walk across the tight rope! It was a great activity and the boys really enjoyed clowning around! Fossets Circus better watch out!

Sixth Class Local History Walk



The sixth class boys went on a Local History Walk last week and the boys learned about our school's history. They visit the church grotto and the story of St. Bernadette Soubirous and her visions in Lourdes. They also learned about how people left their animals in the village and they heard how these animals were impounded by the police. The boys were told about the Band Hall and how St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band was established in 1759. They visited many other areas of historical interest in the town where Mr. Downes told them stories about the different landmarks and the people of the town. The boys stopped at Duke's Harbour to look at swans and ducks and they visited the college and saw the statue of Pope John Paul and gathered conkers for a conker war! A great day was had by all the boys and they learned so much about the history of their town.

A Visit from a Historian

On Monday the 10th and 11th of October David Swift the historian came visited 4th, 5th and 6th class boys as part of the Artist for a Day Programme.

He told the boys many fascinating stories about the 1916 Rising and had an impressive collection of artefacts such as soldier's uniforms, boots, hats, bullets and pistols and he talked about the 1916 Easter Rising to the boys.

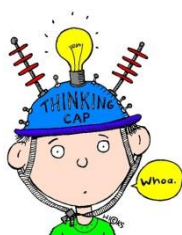
David explained that the uniforms had various details on them such as stripes on the cuffs that represented the soldier's ranking. Some of the boys even got to try on the uniforms.

He showed the boys a copy of the Proclamation which is very valuable and he told them how to identify a real proclamation from a counterfeit! At the end of the talk, he asked the boys questions and those who answered correctly had their photo taken holding a rifle.

It was a brilliant day!



Maths Week Report



This week is Maths Week (17th – 23rd Oct.) nationwide and we are getting a chance to show how important Maths is in everyday life. We all use Maths daily and it is something to enjoy and celebrate. This week involves a lot of investigations, calculations and estimations!! The lovely aspect of it is that the boys are achieving a goal without it feeling like hard work!

Monday and Tuesday were our "Mock Shop" days where 3rd and 4th classes travelled to Tesco to do the weekly shopping with a budget of €30 per trolley. The boys not only completed the challenge of keeping to a budget but also got the chance to experience the job of cashier by scanning through the items!

They were then treated to a tour of the delivery docks and stores and got a feel of what it is like to work there. Tesco rounded off the happy experience with a healthy eating goody bag for everyone!

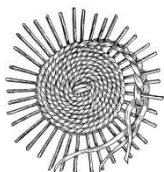
Maths week also includes activities with different themes for different days i.e.: Number day: Where individual classes log on to enjoy interactive challenges on Mangahigh and Target Boards websites.

Measurement Day: It's Measurelympics!! Classes take up the challenge and measure the cumulative scores they achieve as they participate in the long throw and hit the target game. Time Day: Where we focus on calendar based activities and time based problems and puzzles. Shape and Space Day: We explore tangram challenges while on Puzzles/Problems/Quiz Day everyone gets a chance to test their knowledge in the maths field!

The sweetest challenge will be found at "Estimation Station". All classes will make a carefully calculated estimate of the number of sweets in the Glass Jar. On Friday, the class with the closest estimation to the actual number of sweets claims the prize and will end a "magical maths week" on a very sweet note!!

Special thanks to Mrs. Gunn, who organised the Maths Week activities for the school.

Willow Weaving Workshop



Beth Murphy joined the fifth classes for a willow weaving workshop. The boys were placed in groups of 10 and taught about willow and its uses. They were then shown how to bend and shape the willow. Every pupil left the workshop having weaved a fish shape. They looked fantastic! Thanks to Beth for a great workshop and well done to all of the boys.

Autumn in Junior Infants

On Tuesday 18th October the three Junior Infant classes went on a nature walk to the college to look for signs of Autumn. We saw that the leaves have changed to lovely colours of Red, Yellow, Orange and Brown. We collected conkers to bring home and we saw blackberries growing in the bushes. We had lots of fun running around the college fields.



DIARY DATES

29th October – 6th November
7th November
10th November
11th November
15th/16th November
21st November
22nd November
23rd/24th November

Mid-Term Break
6th Class Artist for a Day
Bright Sparks Demonstration
3rd/4th Class Artist for a Day
Junior Infants Booster Immunisation
Junior Infants Artist for a Day
Senior Infants Artist for a Day
PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS
(details immediately after Halloween)