

Sad News



On 29th November, it was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Cathy Carr, a former member of teaching staff at Maynooth Boys' N.S. Cathy had been a teacher in the school for more than 30 years, before her premature retirement due to ill health.

Cathy was a committed and hardworking teacher who contributed greatly to our school. She taught various classes in the school, but many past pupils will best remember her as their Junior Infant Teacher.

Cathy introduced the first computers to the school. On being appointed to the role of ICT Co-ordinator, she undertook post graduate studies in the area and expanded their use across the whole school, laying the foundations for our current Digital School of Distinction status.

Later in her career, she undertook the role of Resource teacher, where she provided wonderful support to children who needed a little extra help. Cathy brought a great sense of humour to her work and was always available to give a helping hand at various school activities.

To Kevin, Michelle and Orlaith we extend our deepest sympathies. We will all miss her greatly. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.

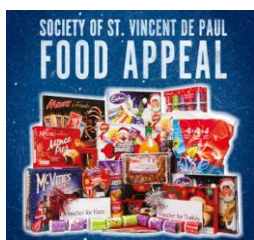
At the request of the Board of Management, the 8am mass on this Wednesday, 7th December in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth, will be offered in memory of Cathy. All are welcome.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. All classes from 1st - 6th class will attend Mass in St. Mary's Church on Thursday, 8th December in St. Mary's Church at 1 p.m.

There will be no supervision facilities in the school so if a parent doesn't wish their son to attend, they may collect him early that day. If you intend to take this option, please send a note to his teacher in advance.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Appeal



Maynooth B.N.S. will be supporting the annual Saint Vincent de Paul Food Appeal. You can help people in need in our community this Christmas by supporting the appeal. Donate non-perishable festive food items to help families and individuals enjoy an extra-special Christmas meal. All food will be distributed to the local people who need it most. All donations must arrive at the school by Wednesday the 14th of December, 2016. When we have received all donations the food will be collected by Saint Vincent de Paul and distributed in your community by our local Saint Vincent de Paul Volunteers.

Last year the Society of St. Vincent de Paul were extremely thankful 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.**

REMINDER – Special Visitor??

There is a rumour that Santa will be in the Maynooth area on Friday 9th December and we are hoping that he will call in to see us on Friday morning. It might help in persuading him to visit, if all the boys are in bed early on Thursday night!



Cake Sale – the Aftermath!

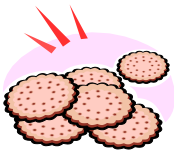
The cake sale, which took place on Friday last, was a huge success again this year. Sincere thanks to the very large number of families who contributed so much baking and who also supported the sale on the day.

- Thanks also to Ms. Kelly's 5th class boys who "manned" the sale on the day in such an efficient and professional manner.
- Our ever industrious PTA volunteers ran a coffee shop on Friday morning which was very successful. *Go raibh maith agaibh.*
- *Míle buíochas freisin* to the school staff who helped with the preparation and organisation of the cake sale.
- A special thank you to the large number who entered the "Baker of the Year" competition. This has become a particularly special part of the event. This year's award winners are listed below.



Baker of the Year Award

Joseph Hennessey – Junior Infants – Ms. Dineen - Winner



Runners Up

Reuben Brown Hyland – 2nd Class – Ms. Sims

Stas Plesca – 1st class – Ms. Toolan

Enda Byrne – 3rd Class – Ms. McMahon

Roshan Bijo John – 6th Class – Donal Downes



Raffle

The ticket sales for the raffle which is held in conjunction with the Cake Sale commenced last Monday, the draw for prizes will take place this Friday 9th November. Tickets will be available up to Friday morning.



Thanks to the generosity of one of our parents, we have a **special prize** in the raffle – a **Hatchimal**. Apparently, these are this year's 'must-have' item and are almost impossible to find in shops anywhere. So, if you want to be in with a chance – don't delay in purchasing your raffle tickets. 1 strip for 50c or 3 strips for €1

The total of funds raised will not be available until after the raffle proceeds have been finalised – this will be notified in the next newsletter.

As well as being an important element of our fundraising to support school activities, this event is a very popular and enjoyable event for the boys and we greatly appreciate all who are involved and supported it. The final word of thanks goes to Ms. Rebecca Flynn, the "Organiser-in-Chief" whose planning and organisation of every last detail ensures the success of Cake Sale Day. Well done!



Winner of the sweets in the sock – Adam Janik – 1st Class – Ms. O'Mahoney - correct answer '23'
Winner of the sweets in the jar – Darren Flynn – 5th Class – Ms. Kelly - correct answer '42'

Kildare FAI Primary School Futsal

On Thursday the 24th November last, 9 boys from 4th Class 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 Kilcock, Sallins, Clogherinkoe and Kilshanroe. Led by their inspirational

captain, Aaron Mahoney, all the boys showed tremendous skill, determination and effort to win all four games and win 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.

FUTSAL SQUAD: Cian O'Donovan, Liam Kearney, Paul O'Dea, Aaron Mahoney, Ben Sinnott, Niall Coogan, Andrew Wallace, Joshua Flood, Finn Geraghty.

Christmas Cards

Once again, the Christmas Cards were a huge success. The process from arranging the artwork, organising samples for each child, to distributing the orders was completely co-ordinate by volunteers from our PTA. Míle Buíochas to all involved.



Carol Singing

Every year, some of our children engage in Carol Singing to raise funds for the Maynooth branch of St. Vincent de Paul – St. Patrick's Conference.



This year Mr. Davis is co-ordinating a group of staff members and 4th class boys and they will be singing at Tescos on Thursday 15th December from 3-4.15 p.m.

The boys need to wear their uniform and a Santa hat. If you are free, do come along and support/enjoy the festive atmosphere – and don't forget **your** Santa Hat!

Carol Concert



Office closed on Tuesday 20th December from 12.45 - 2.00 p.m.

To facilitate the attendance of all pupils and all staff at the Annual School Carol Service, the school building will be closed between 12.45 - 2 p.m. on that day. (The phone will not be manned during these times either).

Note: If you do not wish your son to attend the Carol Service, you may collect him at 12.30 p.m. on the day.

Nativity Plays

We have two Nativity Plays taking place this year in St. Mary's Church. If you have a son in Junior Infants or Senior Infants then be sure to mark the dates below in your diary/book your time off - whatever you need to do - to be available on:

Senior Infants – 16th December, 2016 @ 1.00 p.m.

Junior Infants – 22nd December, 2016 @ 11.00 a.m.

[Note: Parents attending on either day may take their children home directly from the Church]



Other Dates for your Diary

Thursday 22nd December

School Closed at 12 noon

Monday 9th January

School Re-opens

Friday 3rd February

School Closed (due to Teacher In-service)

Wednesday 8th March

Confirmation at 11.00 a.m.

