

Mid-term Break

Reminder that school is closed on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th February for mid-term break.

Open Day

Our annual Open Day was a great success again this year with over 265 adult visitors through our doors. We were delighted to see so many people coming in to see our school and the boys. Míle Buíochas to all the staff who worked with the boys to make the day such a success. Thanks to the PTA for providing refreshments in the PE Hall and to Ms. Dunne and the Choir for providing great entertainment between the classroom visit times.



Lip Sync Fundraiser-WE NEED YOU!

The Parents Association are holding a LIP SYNC fundraiser on Friday 16th June at 8 pm in the Glenroyal Hotel. We are currently looking for volunteers and participants for this very fun event. For more information about this event and how you can be part of it please see the note sent home and check your emails. Also, you can like our page on Facebook @maynoothlipsync for event details.

Prescription Sunglasses found

A pair of prescription sunglasses have been found in the school grounds. If you have recently lost your glasses call into the school office and check if they are yours.



Library Visits

On Friday 20th of January we went to the library in Maynooth. We looked at the children's books and had some time to read on our own. Then teacher read a chapter from 'The Chicken Gave It To Me' by Anne Fine. It was a funny book! Some boys were able to take home books because they brought their library cards with them. We had great fun at the library.
(By Jack and Aronas - Ms Sims' class)



Ms. McLaughlin's Class Library Visit



On Monday the 6th of February 2017, Ms. Mc Laughlin's Senior Infants went on a trip to the library. After little break, we lined up with our partner and walked down to the library with Ms. Mc Laughlin & Ms. Dunning. The librarian's name was Bernie. She read us a story about Penguins because Ms. Mc Laughlin told her that we are learning about penguins in school. She asked us a few questions about the story and then she allowed us to read any book we wanted. When we got back to the classroom we worked in pairs to write about our exciting trip to the library.
We had a great time because we know that reading is fun!

Catholic School Week

Catholic Schools Week took place the week of 30th January to 3rd February, 2017. Included in the week the school celebrated St. Brigid's day on February 1st when the boys learned all about the life of St. Brigid, the patron saint of Kildare.

Grandparents Day

As part of Catholic Schools week, some of our classes celebrated Grandparents Day by inviting the boys' grandparents into their classrooms. This was a really special day. The boys just loved having their grandparents see them in their classrooms. We hope they enjoyed the visit as much as the boys did. A big thank you to all our visitors who made the special effort to be with us; some were local and others travelled the length and breadth of the country from places such as Wicklow, Wexford, Waterford, Cork, Kerry, Galway, Mayo, Donegal, Monaghan and Cavan – to mention but a few!! Thank you also to Cathy, Jean



and Jostyna, our parent volunteers, who kindly provided our special visitors much appreciated tea and refreshments before their journey home.

First Confession

Good luck to the boys in 2nd Class who are making their First Confession tonight in St. Mary's Church @ 7.30p.m.

Birthdays Reminder



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.

Credit Union Schools Quiz

On Friday, January 27th, our school sent two teams to Naas to compete in the Credit Union Quiz. The standard was very high with schools from Naas, Newbridge and other surrounding areas of Kildare taking part. There were 18 teams in each section. The boys performed admirably and did themselves and the school very proud. Our Under 13 team finished second while our Under 11 team won their category. This means that our under 11 team go forward to the Chapter



(Regional) finals which will take place on Friday March 3rd in the Kildare House Hotel. Well done boys on your achievement and best of luck in the next round!

Under 11 team

Cian Brody	5 th Class	Mr Creevey
Ríán Martyn	5 th Class	Mr Creevey
Daniel Ennis	5 th Class	Mr Creevey
Séimí Jordan	5 th Class	Mr Creevey

Winners of Stage 1 and they will now go through to the Chapter (Regional) Finals in early March.

Under 13 Team

Ethan Walker	6 th Class	Mr Downes
Conor Strickland	6 th Class	Mr Downes
Cillian Geraghty	6 th Class	Ms Meehan
Tom Lanigan	6 th Class	Ms Meehan

The Under 13's finished a very credible 2nd place to St. Corban's Naas. Unfortunately there needed to be 20 teams (there were 18!) for the boys to progress.

Calendar Dates

Please ensure to check your calendar for school closures and other important events. The School Calendar is also available on our website http://www.maynoothbns.ie/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/school_calendar_2016-17.pdf



Twitter

Did you know that Maynooth Boys' NS has a Twitter page? You can see it on the homepage of the website. If you would like to have up-to-date information about what's going on in the school, be sure to sign up to Twitter on your smartphone (available from Play-Store - Android and the App Store - Apple) and follow us using the Twitter handle @maynoothbns. Make sure you 'favourite' or 'retweet' our stories!

You can also view the Twitter feed on the Right-hand-side of our website homepage).

School Calendar for 2017-2018

There have been some enquiries in relation to next year's school calendar. e.g. when is the Halloween mid-term; when do we re-open for September ? etc.

During last week the Department of Education & Skills finally released the standardised calendar. We can therefore confirm:



Halloween Break October 2017

Mid-term break: Monday 30th October 2017 to Friday 3rd November 2017 inclusive.

Christmas Break 2017

(Half day on) Friday 22nd December 2017, which will be the final day of the school term and re-open on Monday 8th January 2018.

February 2018 mid-term break

All primary schools will close on Thursday 15th February 2018 and Friday 16th February

Easter Break 2018

Closing on (half day) Friday 23rd March 2018, and will re-open on Monday 9th April 2018.

It will be another couple of months before we can confirm the exact return to school date and other flexible breaks.