

**MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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Reminder Enrolments for September 2018

If you have not already enrolled your son, or if you are aware of a neighbour who has not already done so, the last day for enrolment for September 2018 is 31st January, 2018.

Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school website www.maynoothbns.ie or from the school office.



Open Day



The school will be holding our annual Open Day on Friday 2nd February, 2018.

Visitors are very welcome during the two opening periods:

10.00am – 10.45 am and 11.30am - 12.15pm. We hope that parents and other visitors will take the opportunity to visit the school and get an idea of what happens in the classrooms during the school day. We look forward to seeing you on Friday week.

Credit Union Quiz

On this Friday 26th January two teams will be making the journey to Toughers, Naas, to represent the school in the Naas District Credit Union Primary Schools Table Quiz Competition. They have been busy brushing up on and studying their general knowledge with the help and direction of Mr. Fenton and Mr. Creevey. We wish them the best of luck on Friday night and hope that the right questions come up!



U-11 Team

Paul Hourigan
Liam McDonald
Joseph McNulty
Andrew Reynolds

U-13 Team

Rían Martyn
Daragh Coakley
Matthew Diamond
Séimí Jordan



FAI Kildare Schools Soccer League 2018

The school will be competing in the inaugural FAI Kildare Schools Soccer League in February. This is the first time that there has been an 11 aside competition for primary schools in the county, with the school usually taking part in the 5 aside FUTSAL indoor tournament for 4th Class and the Primary 5s for 6th Class later in the year. 16 boys from 6th Class will make up the squad for the new 11 aside soccer league and our first match is against Sallins NS at home, next Friday the 2nd February at 2pm on the all-weather pitch in NUIM. They will have two further games in the North Kildare section of the competition, away to Prosperous NS and then another home game against St. Joseph's BNS from Kilcock. The top team in the group goes on to play the top team in the South Kildare section in the final. Best of luck to all the boys taking part in this exciting new competition over the coming weeks.

Squad Members; Rían Martyn, Conán Lennon, Paul Morrissey, Lochlann Parkes, Cathal Flynn, Patrick Gligor, Matthew Diamond (c), Kacper Augustyniak, Albert Edet, Cillian Noone, Ewan McKenna, Zach Rosen, Liam O'Connor, Oisín Beirne, Frank Murtagh, Benjamin Bosnar.

North Kildare Youth Day

North Kildare have kindly offered to come into our school to play simple, fun games with the boys to help them to understand the game of cricket. This will happen for 2nd Class students to build up to a Blitz Day

at the Cricket Club. There will be a session once a week for 3 weeks, and then the Blitz Day will take place on the 4th week. The Open Day for Youth Cricket at the North Kildare Club will take place on the 10th of April.

iPad Expansion

The current stock of iPads in the school is targeted particularly towards Junior Classes - Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st Class. We are very close to acquiring additional iPads to cater for individual, targeted learning support, as well as a set for class use at the top end of the school. Watch this spot.



New Child Protection Guidelines

The BOM is currently working to ensure that we fully comply with all the new guidelines which have been issued.



Slapped Cheek Syndrome

The Slapped Cheek has been doing the rounds in the school. Please see the HSE guidelines at <https://hse.ie/eng/health/az/E/Erythema-infectiosum/Complications-of-slapped-cheek-syndrome.html> for more information.

Intel Mini Scientist

Good luck to Oisín Grehan and Shane O’Hora who will represent our school in the Grand Final which will be held on 2nd February, 2018 in the Helix in Dublin.



PTA News



The next PTA meeting is Tuesday 6th February, 2018 – all are welcome. A huge thanks to all parents who helped and contributed to the Book Fair. An amount of €3,183.00 was earned in rewards from Celtic Travelling Books and the boys are enjoying reading their lovely new books. We have a balance of €1,349.52 left to spend on books in September.

Cake Sale and Raffle

We will be holding our Annual Cake Sale on Thursday 22nd March, 2018. We hope you will consider doing some baking for this important school fundraiser. All baked goods can be sent to the PE Hall on Thursday from 8.50 a.m. to 9.20 a.m. If possible, could cakes be sent in disposable containers, or in a plastic container with your son’s name on it so that they can be returned to the ‘rightful owners’. All classes will visit the cake sale with their teachers on the day where the children can purchase some treats (children should bring a ziplock bag/plastic container for their treats).



Catholic Schools Week

During next week, commencing Monday 29th January, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. During the week, each class will participate in activities that mark/celebrate the ethos of the school.

NOTE: Traditionally, we include ‘Grandparents Day’ on the Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week. However, as we will be having our Open Day on Friday 2nd February, it was decided to defer celebrating this special day for the time being.

Dates for your Diary

Ceremony of Light
Confirmation
First Confession
In Service Day
Mid-term break

Tuesday 30th January, 2018
Thursday 9th February, 2018
Thursday 22nd February, 2018
Friday 23rd February, 2018
15th and 16th February, 2018