

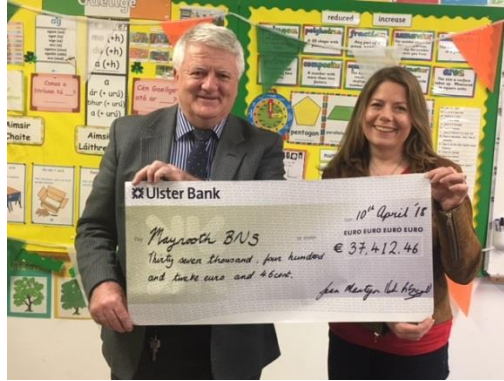
# MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Lip Sync Fundraiser – Presentation of cheque

The Maynooth BNS PTA committee was delighted to present a cheque to Maynooth Boys National School this week for €37,412.46, which was the final profit raised by our fantastic Lip Sync fundraiser. All funds raised are going towards the new school building. Pictured is PTA Chairperson Wendy Raleigh with our Principal Mr. Coakley.



Thank you again to all contestants, sponsors and volunteers who helped make Maynooth Lip Sync such a huge success !



## Spelling Bee

On Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, we held our annual Spelling Bee competition of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes. Each class was represented by three boys who fought it out for the title of Spelling Bee Champion 2018.

The following boys qualified for the final: 5<sup>th</sup> class Ms. Kelly's – Andrew Wallace, Sean Sankay, Daniel Strickland. Mr. Creevey's 5<sup>th</sup> class: Sundram Annamalai, James McDermott, Conor Gillen, Ms. Meehan's 6<sup>th</sup> Class: Séimí Jordan, Cian Broday, Ewan McKenna; Mr. Downes' 6<sup>th</sup> class – Cathal Flynn, Darragh Coakley, Cillian Noone. The winner was Cathal Flynn and he went on to represent the school in the Kildare County Final on March 7<sup>th</sup> in Athy. Congratulations to all involved.

## Sponsored Walk & Family Fun Day

**When:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2018

**Where:** St. Patrick's College, Maynooth

**Time:** 2.00 p.m. (by the tennis courts)

The 1K Race for boys from 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes will be starting at 2.00 p.m. sharp. All participants should be at the starting line no later than 1.45 p.m.

Walkers – please come along and support the runners – it's always a great spectacle.



The Family Fun Day takes place in the school playground after the walk. Refreshments will be available for walkers upon arrival back at the school at the shelter. **Don't** bring cards or money on the walk, but do bring them to school on Monday morning.

## Let's Talk Family! Let's Be Family

As part of the preparation to celebrate the World meeting of Families 2018, families and Catholic primary schools across the Archdiocese of Dublin are invited to reflect, explore and celebrate the joy of love in family life.

Our school will participate in The Dublin Diocesan Home/School Family Faith Week, which takes place from 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018. School based activities to celebrate this week will include Scripture readings, prayers, hymns and the use of a Family Petition Box.

Resources to complement activities in the home are available on [www.education.dublindiocese.ie/2014/06/19/additional-resources](http://www.education.dublindiocese.ie/2014/06/19/additional-resources)

## Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge took place from 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2018. It was a really enjoyable week during which we celebrated our national language and culture. There were lots of fun and enjoyable activities, ‘as Gaeilge’, during the week, including the Puc Fada, Trá na gCeist, Dramas, etc. Prizes were awarded for *An Gaeilgeoir is Fearr* and *Gléasta is Fearr* for every class. The Banna Ceoil from Maynooth Post Primary School came and played for our pupils during assembly – our very own ‘Tradfest’. We also had our own radio station in school during the week.



A lot of work had been done throughout the school for Seachtain na Gaeilge and the corridors were beautifully decorated with artwork from classes. The week culminated with LÁ GLAS. We hope that all the boys enjoyed the activities for Seachtain na Gaeilge and that it will encourage everyone to speak ‘cúpla focail gaeilge’ at home and in school.

### Buaiteoirí Seachtain na Gaeilge - Winners Seachtain na Gaeilge

Class	Teacher	‘An Gaeilgeoir is Fearr’	‘Gléasta is Fearr’
<b>Junior Infants</b>	Ms. Reilly	A.J. Lorenzo	David Sokolwski
	Ms. Daly	Ben O’Connor	Kevin Zapryanov
	Ms. Dineen	Senan Murphy	Finley Moore
<b>Senior Infants</b>	Ms. McLaughlin	Ciarán Rowe	Rónan Hickey
	Ms. Flynn	Benjamin Davey Osmic	Cian Murray
	Ms. Rafter	Alex Ryan O’Kearney	Craig Lennon
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Class</b>	Ms. Lyons	Euan McGrath	Ethan Kelly
	Ms. Drislane	Matthew Haugh	Aaron Moran Trejo
	Ms. Patten	Matthew Coughlan	Ravi Cascella Sekhon
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Class</b>	Ms. Ní Cheallaigh	Cillian Currie	Tiernan Hackett
	Ms. Sims	Tommy Minnock	Shane Glynn
	Ms. O’Mahony	Joey Thornton	Ryan Gao
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Class</b>	Ms. McMahon	Ciarán Farrell	Darragh Bergin
	Mr. McGrath	Jacob Chan	Matthew Travers
	Mr. Harraghy	Shayan Haidry	Oliver Janicki
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Class</b>	Ms. Gunn	Marcus Lejniaks	Damien Pop
	Mr. Fenton	Harry Egan	Dylan Holmes
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Class</b>	Ms. Kelly	Joshua Flood	Alfred Nicoll
	Mr. Creevey	Conor Gillen	David O’Brien
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Class</b>	Mr. Downes	Patrick Gligor	Dylan Kelly Quinlan
	Ms. Meehan	Daniel Ennis	Rían Martyn



### Cricket

During April/May, the boys in the 2<sup>nd</sup> classes will have an opportunity to play cricket. The North Kildare Club has kindly arranged for a coach to show the boys the ropes over a number of sessions to culminate in a mini cricket blitz.

### Book Rental Clean Up

#### Has your son Book Rental Scheme books?

It would be worthwhile for all parents/guardians whose children are in the Book Rental Scheme to review the books now.



The conditions of the scheme that you agreed to included that books:

- must be properly maintained.
- cannot be written on, (except in the case of specified workbooks, mainly at the Junior end of the school).
- that are lost or damaged must be replaced.

It is easier to do a little upkeep/maintenance now, than to have to pay to replace a book at the end of the year.



### Cake Sale & Easter Raffle

A big thank you to all the parents and boys who supported our Cake Sale and Easter Raffle. It is definitely one of the highpoints for the boys each year – they always enjoy the day – can't imagine why!! Everything was completely sold out .... every last biscuit, bun and cake were gone by the end of the day. Special thanks to Ms. Flynn who co-ordinates this annual event, which raised just over €2,000 towards school resources.

#### Cake Sale Raffle Prize Winners

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Erik Pokuta	Senior Infants	Easter Cake
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Sean Favre	Senior Infants	Easter Hamper
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Saimonas Gauronskis	6 <sup>th</sup> Class	Giant Egg

#### Smaller Prizes

Josh Alcorn	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Emirhan Koc	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class
Sam Horgan	5 <sup>th</sup> Class	Leo Callan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class
Thomas Nolan	Senior Infants	Fiachra Martin	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class
James Leigh	5 <sup>th</sup> Class	Paul O'Dea	5 <sup>th</sup> Class
Matthew Dunphy	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	David O'Brien	5 <sup>th</sup> Class
Evan Kelly	Senior Infants		



### Jen's Den

Unfortunately due to Jen's Den being at full capacity, Jenny cannot guarantee availability on a short notice basis/on spec place.

### VHI Membership Card

A VHI membership card with the name S.R. Byrne has been handed into the school office. It can be reclaimed upon confirmation of the full name of the initials S.R.

### Olympic Handball

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of April the Sixth Class Olympic Handball team attended the 'Festival of Ball' tournament in Blanchardstown IT. This was an all-day event run by the Sports Management and Coaching Department in conjunction with the Irish Olympic Handball Association (IOHA).



The boys completed warmups and had the opportunity to learn a number of skills from professional coaches before beginning the tournament. During the tournament they displayed a high level of skill, strength and speed. The coaches were particularly impressed by their motivation and determination. They worked well as part of a team and strategised together to gain as many points as possible. The winner in each group

was determined by the amount of points collected during timed matches.

They learned new skills that can be applied to handball and pioneerball. In total we won four trophies! We received trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in handball and we received trophies for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in pioneerball. The boys were also assessed on agility, speed and power. Our team scored the highest overall combined points for all sports tested! They were awarded certificates of merit and participation. We had a great day and I hope that the boys will continue to participate in Olympic Handball when they are in secondary school.



Congratulations on a job well done boys! Ms. Kelly ☺

### Squad:

Conan Lennon, Cormac Whelan, Mark McMahon, Declan Ashe, Eddies Stokes, Benjamin Bosnan, Aaron Fahy, Setanta O'Brien, Daragh Coakley, Zalan Csabai, Daniel Ennis, Cian Brody, Séan O'Connor, Patrick Stokes, Oisín Beirne, Paul Morrissey, Vishal Tutte, Patrick Gligor, Liam O'Connor, Rian Martyn, Matthew Diamond, Jacky Xuzn Ren, Daniel Hever, Adewale Adediran, Kacper Augustyniak, Adam Sharpe, Albert Edet, (Seán Sankay, Claum Duncan, Robert Grzemkowicz).



### Credit Union Quiz

Last Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, our U13 School quiz team travelled to the RDS Dublin to take part in the Credit Union All Ireland Quiz Final. Overall 50 teams from all over the country were in their section, and the standard of questions was very high. Nonetheless our boys competed very well, and were only one point off the lead at the break. Some extremely challenging rounds after the interval saw they slip back a bit, but to their credit they battled hard to the end and achieved a top 20 finish. This was a magnificent achievement as over 4,000 teams nationwide had started out in their category. Well done boys we are very proud of you! - Mr. Fenton

#### Team

1. Matthew Diamond
2. Rían Martyn
3. Daragh Coakley
4. Séimí Jordan

### Mini 7's Hurling

Yesterday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, ten boys from the school hurled in the Mini 7's competition. They played in three very keenly contested matches, winning two against Celbridge and the Gaelscoil Maynooth, before losing their final game to the Gaelscoil Kilcock. Ultimately this meant that they did not progress to the next stage but they can be very proud of their efforts nonetheless.

Well done boys! - Mr. Fenton

#### Team

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| 1. Seán O Donnell  | 6. Liam McDonald     |
| 2. Joseph McNulty  | 7. Oran Byrne Kinlon |
| 3. Cian Brody      | 8. Ian Crawford      |
| 4. Cian O' Donovan | 9. Daniel Ennis      |
| 5. Joe Harrington  | 10. Niall Coogan     |

### Dates for your Diary

<b>Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>	Accord – 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Classes
<b>Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018</b>	First Holy Communion
<b>Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> May – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>	Mid-term Break
<b>Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>	Junior Infant Tour
<b>Tuesday/Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Standardised Testing
<b>Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>	Possible School Closure for Referendum - TBC
<b>Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>	Class Tour
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>	Public Holiday – School Closed
<b>Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Class Tour
<b>Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>	Proposed Sports Day
<b>Thursday and Friday, 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	School Musical – Oliver
<b>Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Class Tour and 6 <sup>th</sup> Class Graduation
<b>Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018</b>	Close at 12 Noon for Summer Holidays

