

### Happy New Year

Happy New Year to all of the families and staff in our school community. We are looking forward to a happy, healthy and successful 2019 for all. Thank you to all of the teachers and staff for the wonderful preparation and work on the big events in the lead up to Christmas. Well done to all of the boys on their participation and for making these events so enjoyable.

### Reminder: Enrolments for September 2019

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 2019 is **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2019**. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school website [www.maynoothbns.ie](http://www.maynoothbns.ie) or from the school office.



### Late arrivals to school after 10.30am



If for any reason your son is arriving to school after 10.30am, you must report to the school office where he will be recorded on the class roll. This applies in all circumstances and includes where the teacher has been notified of the late arrival in advance.

### Confirmation – Important updated information

Service of Light will take place on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm**. Due to circumstances beyond our control the date for Confirmation of Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March has now been changed to **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at the same time of 11.00am**. 6<sup>th</sup> class parents, please see separate email regarding this change of date.

### Literacy Week



This is our school's Literacy Week. Each class is taking part in activities to encourage reading for pleasure.

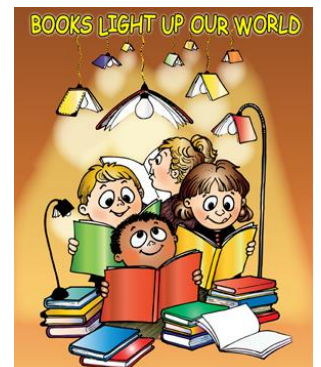
On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January, Maynooth Library staff visited our infant classes with their Mascot, Oíche Owl, for storytelling.

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January, our fourth and sixth classes were entertained by storyteller/actor Wayne O'Connor with a show called 'The World's Worst Children'.

Some boys from Mr. Downes' fourth class performed a short play based on Fantastic Mr. Fox. A number of classes are visiting Maynooth Library throughout the week.

### Suggestions to make reading enjoyable and fun at home:

- Make books part of your family life, by including it in your daily routine and not something your child 'has' to do
- Join the local library
- Match your child's interest with the right book
- Remember all reading is good – non-fiction, comics, magazines, leaflets and graphic novels
- Read aloud to your child – get comfortable and cosy
- Encourage re-reading favourite books and poems
- Practise shared/supported reading
- Rhyme and Repetition – great for encouraging younger children to join in
- Always leave time for questions and to talk about the book and the illustrations



Enjoy reading !

## Internet Safety Seminar for Parents

A seminar on Internet Safety for parents is being held **tonight** in the Presentation Girls' School, Maynooth at 7.30pm. The speaker is Ger Brick and the session will be approximately 2 hours in duration.

We will be having a whole school internet safety week from 4<sup>th</sup> February to 8<sup>th</sup> February. More details will follow closer to the time.



## Launch of School Podcast 'Between the Bells'



We are delighted to announce that we have been working with the boys on a school podcast. Check out 'Between the Bells'. It's now live on the school website. Just click on the orange play link in the top right hand corner of the homepage. Well done to all of the production team and interviewees!  
Enjoy!

## Mobile Phones

The school does not advise that children have mobile phones in school. However we understand that on occasion, it is necessary for pupils to have mobile phones to communicate with parents after school. **Parents must grant permission for their son to have a phone in school. Permission slips are available from the school office.** Further information on our mobile phone policy is available on the school website.



## Credit Union Quiz



On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 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. Creevey and Ms. Drislane. We wish them the best of luck on Friday night and hope that the right questions come up!



### U-11 Team

Darragh Bergin  
Eoghan DeLoughry  
Finn Whyte  
Diarmuid Flynn



### U-13 Team

Liam McDonald  
Oluwatobi Baruwa  
Dylan Murray  
Euan Parkes



## Catholic Schools Week 2019

During the week, commencing Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January, we will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Each class will participate in activities that mark/celebrate the ethos of the school throughout the week.

### Demonstration Project on In-school and Early Years Therapy Support Parents' Evening

There will be an information talk for parents on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm – 9pm in the Glenroyal Hotel to explain what the Demonstration Project is about.

They will discuss:

- Background to the project
- The rationale behind the 3 tier continuum of support
- An overview of the roles of the SLT and OT
- Top tips for parents
- Q & A session

### **Playing Cards**

Please note that pupils are limited to 5 playing cards in school (Match Attax, Pokeman etc.).  
If your son is swapping cards, they are only permitted to swap with other boys in their own class.

### **School Closure**

School will be closed on **Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May** for an In-Service Day on the Primary Language Curriculum.

### **Dates for your Diary**

<b>Ceremony of Light (6<sup>th</sup> Classes)</b>	Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019
<b>Confirmation</b>	Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019 @ 11.00am
<b>First Confession (2<sup>nd</sup> Classes)</b>	Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019 @ 1.15pm
<b>Mid-term break</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> February, 2019
<b>Demonstration Project Information Evening</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2019, 7.00 – 9.00pm
<b>In-Service Day (Primary Language Curriculum)</b>	Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 (School Closed)