

What is KINDNESS?

Noun

The quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.

Kindness is one of the core values of Maynooth BNS. In our school we want the boys to both show and be shown kindness in all aspects of school life.

This term, with the help of the Demonstration Project Team, there is a whole school focus on teaching the children what kindness really means. The boys will participate in word investigation strategies to help them to understand the exact meaning of 'Kindness'. Every class in the school will be encouraged to use Kindness in their work and in their play. We hope that this can be a



focus a home too. We want our school to be a place where children can play, learn and achieve. By creating a kind environment in our school, we believe that each child can really shine.

Ms. Ring

Credit Union Quiz



On Friday 1st February two teams represented St. Marys' BNS in the Naas District Credit Union Primary Schools Table Quiz Competition.

Well done to our Junior and Senior quiz teams who participated in the quiz in Naas. The boys involved worked extremely hard in preparation for the night and did our school very proud. Well done to the Senior Quiz team, on coming 5th in the Kildare Cumann Na Bunscol Quiz in Ballymany on Friday the 15th February. Thanks to Ms. Drislane, Ms. O' Connor and Mr. Creevey

Aldi Ireland Rugby Sticker Promotion

We are taking part in the Aldi Ireland rugby sticker promotion. It runs from now until April. If you are an Aldi shopper, please don't forget to collect the stickers and send them into the school. They will be stuck onto our huge poster which is displayed in the corridor near the PE hall. Once we hit 300 stickers, we will send the completed poster to Aldi and will be in with a chance to win €50,000 to use on sports equipment and facilities. Get collecting!



Internet Safety

We have recently concluded a very successful Internet Safety Week. Each class had a talk about positive internet use. The children also took part in various activities throughout the week. Thanks to all the boys and the staff for their hard work. Thanks to Mr. Davis, Ms. O'Mahony, Ms. Sims, Mr. Murphy and Ms. Cowley for organising the week's events.



Restrictions on smart phones from September 2019

In conjunction with Internet Safety Week, we wish to draw your attention to a number of changes in our **Mobile Phones Policy**. Parents must now fill out a permission slip which is only available from the office. This form must be returned to your son's class teacher. The phone must be concealed and switched off during the course of the day. More details are available on our website.



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Following discussion, at staff level relating to recent research and media focus and in consultation with the PTA we have decided that from September 2019 children will not be

allowed to have an internet enabled 'smart' phone on school premises. Non-internet enabled phones will be permitted under the same strict conditions currently in operation. Non-internet enabled phones are produced by big brands, such as Alcatel and Nokia, and are readily available in many outlets.

As always, the safety and well-being of our pupils is a priority and we aim to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of technology at all times.

Late Arrivals

Children arriving after 10.30am **must** report to the office to have their attendance recorded.



Yard Supervision

Please remember that the school day *commences at 9.20 a.m.* Supervision begins at 9.10 a.m., no responsibility can be accepted for pupils arriving before that time.

No Dogs on yard

The school does not permit dogs on the yard. Only Guide Dogs and Therapy Dogs are allowed. We kindly ask that you respect this, particularly before and after school



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

There will be an information talk for parents on Thursday 7th 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

Please see invitation included in email.

Up to date contact details

Following on from the recent unexpected school closure last Thursday, it came to light that we did not have up to date contact details for a number of pupils' parents/guardians. Please ensure you have provided us with your current mobile phone numbers, and valid emergency contact persons also, as it is very important that we can contact you at all times.



Passport Application Forms

If you require a passport application form to be signed at the school office, you will need to make an appointment prior to calling in. We can facilitate one application in the morning and one in the afternoon. You will also need to provide valid ID for both parents and child. There is a charge of €5 for this process to be completed.

Our Podcast

Don't forget to check out our podcast 'Between the bells'. You'll find it on the school's web page.

Uniform Warehouse Sale

The annual February sale has started. 20% off current stock for the month of February.



Dates for your Diary

Mid-term break	21 st and 22 nd February, 2019
Confirmation	Thursday, 7 th March, 2019 @ 11.00am
Parent Information Evening	7 th March 2019, 7.00 – 9.00pm
First Confession (2nd Classes)	Wednesday, 13 th March 2019 @ 1.15pm
In-Service Day (Primary Language Curriculum)	Tuesday, 7 th May 2019 (School Closed)