

Healthy Eating Policy

We encourage children to eat a nutritious lunch. Crisps, chewing gum and glass bottles are not permitted.



"Junk Food" is discouraged. A treat may be included with Friday lunch. Please note that the treat on a Friday should be ONE SMALL ITEM ONLY.

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 include 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.

Attendance

The attendance rate for the entire school for the year to date is 95.2%. This is an excellent rate of attendance, up 1.6% on last year. Well done everyone!

Sacraments

Congratulations to our 6th class boys who made their confirmation on Wednesday 6th March. The boys were expertly prepared by Mr. McGeady and Mr. Murphy – thanks to the teachers and well done boys!

Well done to the 2nd class boys also. They made their First Confession on Wednesday 13th March. We wish the boys all the best as they prepare for their 1st Holy Communion on Saturday 25th May and thank the teachers, Ms. Sims, Ms. Gunn and Ms. O'Mahony for all their hard work.

Our choir deserve special recognition for their wonderful singing during the ceremonies. The boys have worked exceptionally hard, coming in early on Wednesday mornings.

Thanks to Ms. Dunne, Ms. Meehan, Ms. Ní Cheallaigh and Mr. Davis for their work with the choir.

Dance Workshops



As part of our push for the Active Schools Flag, we are focusing on Dance in P.E. Contemporary dance workshops take place on 28th & 29th March and 5th April. All children, Junior Infants to 6th Class, will have the opportunity to participate. Thanks to the P.T.A. for their support with the workshops and to Manor Mills Shopping Centre for their kind donation towards the cost of the workshops.

Ireland's Got Talent – Star Pupil

One of our very talented pupils, Aidan McCann in Ms. McGroddy's 3rd Class has made it through to the Semi-final of Ireland's Got Talent with his fantastic Magician Act. He will be performing on this Saturday evening's show (30th March) at 8pm. Don't forget to tune in and remember to vote for him - early and often!

We are very proud of Aidan and this great achievement and everyone at Maynooth BNS wishes him the very best of luck on Saturday.

Easter Camp

An Easter Camp will take place in the school from Monday 15th April to Thursday 18th April from 10am until 2.30pm each day. It caters for boys and girls from Junior Infants to 6th Class and the children will participate in a variety of sports and activity based games as well as arts and crafts activities throughout the week. The camp will take place under the supervision of experienced teachers. The cost of the camp is €60 per child with a €5 reduction for each additional child. For further information please contact Mr. McGeady in the school.



Mini 7s Hurling

The Mini 7s hurling regional finals took place in Clane GAA club recently. The boys played Robertstown National School in the semi-final and dominated the game. The boys then met Naas in the regional final. Having fallen just short in the Cumann na mBunscol Division 1 final against Naas, the boys overcame Naas by four points this time around. The county final then took place in Kildare Town. The boys played a blitz of three matches in which they overcame Kill and St. Brigid's of Kildare Town but lost out to eventual winners Gaelscoil Uí Fhiaich by two points. The boys have shown great enthusiasm and commitment from the beginning of the school year and have proudly represented their school. Ms Lillis and Mr Stafford would like to thank the boys for their hard work from the beginning of the year, they have enjoyed working with the u11 hurlers immensely. Undoubtedly, the future is bright for Maynooth and Kildare hurling!

Team

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| 1. Daibhí Reynolds (6 th Class Joint Captain) | 6. Cillian Price (5 th Class) |
| 2. Joseph McNulty (6 th Class Joint Captain) | 7. Joe Harrington (5 th Class) |
| 3. Liam McDonald (5 th Class) | 8. Harry Egan (5 th Class) |
| 4. Oran Byrne Kinlon (5 th Class) | 9. Oisín Mac Uiginn (5 th Class) |
| 5. Nicholas Jdanov (5 th Class) | 10. Jack Carroll (4 th Class) |

Kildare Spar FAI Primary 5s Finals

On Thursday the 14th March, 32 boys from 6th Class represented the school in the North Kildare Spar FAI Primary 5-a-side Competition in Kilcullen. We had four squads of eight players and all four teams played extremely well on the day in a very close fought tournament against some very skilful schools from around North Kildare. Our A Team finished top of their group and have qualified to play in the Kildare Finals which take place in Kilcullen on 27th March. We would like to wish them the very best of luck in the finals and congratulate all the boys who took part over the last few weeks. Thanks to all the parents who came down to support them on the day. Well done boys! Mr. McGeady, Mr. Creevey, Mr. Davis.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge took place from 11th – 15th March, 2019. 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.

Thanks to Ms. Murphy and her team for organising the week's events.

The total collected for Lá Glas was €700.00. This has been used to purchase literacy resources and equipment for yard games as part of our push for the active school flag.

Buaiteoirí Seachtain na Gaeilge - Winners Seachtain na Gaeilge

Class	Teacher	'An Gaeilgeoir is Fearr'	'Gléasta is Fearr
Junior Infants	Ms. Murphy	Dara Canniffe	Cian McGovern
	Ms. Kelly	Brendan Brannigan	Giordan Noel Coomuren
	Ms. Drislane	Mathew Collins	Cillian Fox
Senior Infants	Ms. O'Connor	Jamie Crampton	Richard Kelly
	Ms. Nolan	Jack Hillan	Patrick Reilly
	Ms. Rafter	Alec Colfer	Beau Evan Johnson
1st Class	Ms. Lyons	Igor Materka	Joseph Hennessy
	Ms. Patten	Jack O'Sullivan	Ronan Boyle
	Ms. Cowley	Benjamin Davey Osmic	Harry Reilly
2nd Class	Ms. Gunn	David Edunjobi	Odhrán Van Velzen
	Ms. Sims	Darragh Donohoe	Charlie Murray
	Ms. O'Mahony	Eoin Hever	Euan McGrath
3rd Class	Ms. Ní Cheallaigh	Tommy Minnock	Shane Glynn
	Ms. McGroddy	Jamie Flood	Thomas McManus
	Ms. McMahan	Ryan Schuller	Sean Munroe
4th Class	Ms. McMahan	Harry Jefferies	Nathan Byrne
	Mr. Downes	Shayan Haidry	Seán Ó Casaigh
	Mr. Stafford	Darragh Bergin	Dylan Chase
5th Class	Ms. Meehan	Sean Quigley	Jack O'Rourke
	Ms. Lillis	Charlie Reilly	Dylan Holmes
6th Class	Mr. Murphy	Rían Kenny	Inis Hagan-Kackus
	Mr. McGeady	Oisín O'Donnell	Adam Day

Dates for your Diary

Accord 5th and 6th Classes	1 st April and 2 nd April
Closing @ 12 Noon – Easter Holidays commence	Friday 12 th April 2019
Easter Holidays	Monday 15 th April – Friday 26 th April
School Re-opens after Easter Holidays	Monday 29 th April
School Closed – Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2019
In-Service Day (Primary Language Curriculum)	Tuesday, 7 th May 2019 (School Closed)
Local Elections	Friday, 24 th May 2019 (School Closed)
First Holy Communion	Saturday 25 th May @ 11.00am

Maynooth Boys' NS

School Calendar 2019 - 2020

Month	Date	Day	Note	
August	29th	Thursday	School Re-opens 9.20 a.m.	
October	28 th – Nov 1 st	Mon – Fri	School Closed	Mid-Term Break
November	4th	Monday	School Re-opens 9.20 a.m.	
December	20 th	Friday	Close at 12.00 Noon	Christmas Holidays
December	23 rd – 3 rd	Mon-Fri	School Closed	Christmas Holidays
January	6th	Monday	School Re-opens 9.20 a.m.	
February	20 th – 21 st	Thu – Fri	School Closed	Mid-Term Break
February	24th	Monday	School Re-opens 9.20 a.m.	
March	16 th	Monday	School Closed	School Holiday*
March	17 th	Tuesday	School Closed	Public Holiday
April	3 rd	Friday	Close at 12.00 Noon	Easter Holidays
April	6 th – 17 th	Mon-Fri	School Closed	Easter Holidays *
April	20th	Monday	School Re-opens 9.20 a.m.	
May	4 th	Monday	School Closed	Public Holiday
	5 th	Tuesday	School Closed	School Holiday*
June	1 st	Monday	School Closed	Public Holiday
June	2 nd – 3 rd	Tues - Wed	School Closed	School Holiday*
June	26 th	Friday	Close at 12.00 Noon	Summer Holidays

**In the event of the school having to make Exceptional Closings (due to snow, power loss, etc.) these holidays may be cancelled to make up the lost days. (This is a Department of Education & Skills requirement Circular 09/2017.) This should be taken into consideration when making plans for the holidays, trips, etc.*