

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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Reminder - Christmas Holidays

Don't forget that the school will close on Friday 20th December at **12 Noon** for the Christmas holidays. **PLEASE ENSURE PROMPT COLLECTION.** School will re-open on **Monday 6th January 2020** at 9.20 a.m.



Christmas Cards

Thank you to the PTA volunteers who co-ordinated the Christmas Cards. The boys produced beautiful Christmas cards that will hopefully bring smiles to faces and grace many mantelpieces this Christmas.

4th Class Kildare Primary School Futsal 2019

On Friday 22nd November last, a squad of 8 boys from 4th Class represented the school in the Kildare Primary School Futsal Competition in the Mill Sports Centre in Celbridge. They were in a group of five schools including Scoil Uí Ríada from Kilcock, Sallins NS, St. Patrick's NS from Celbridge and Clocha Rince NS. In their first game against Scoil Uí Ríada, the boys dominated the match and had plenty of chances to take the lead, but unfortunately conceded two very unlucky goals to lose 2-0. In their second match against Sallins NS, the boys put in a fantastic performance and won convincingly 4-1. This was then followed by a very close fought match against a skilful and determined St. Patrick's NS, which finished 2-2. In their last group game, the boys rounded off the tournament with a strong 10-0 win against Clocha Rince NS. They finished the day as deserved runners up. The boys should be very proud of their fantastic efforts and they represented the school excellently on the day. Thank you to all their parents who came to cheer them on. It is very much appreciated.

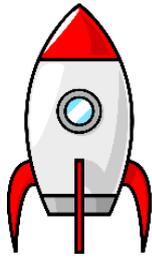


Squad Members: Christopher Caulfield, Ryan Naughton, Jamie Flood, Mark Greene, Ryan Schuller, Shane Glynn, Luke Healy, Ben Nicholls.

Golden Teaching Time!



We're capitalising on morning times! The morning is a very important time in the school day. Pupils are refreshed, energised and ready to learn. We've been doing our best to minimise disruptions to teaching and learning between 9.20 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. so that everybody can get the most out of this time in the day. There are a number of ways that parents can help too. For example, avoid late arrivals to school, or, if your son has an appointment try to schedule it for later in the day (we understand that this isn't always possible). The hope is that pupils will really benefit from our focus on minimal disruption to morning lessons and activities.



Science Week 2019

During the week of 11th – 15th November, the pupils took part in activities to mark Science Week. There were science demonstrations, visiting parent scientists, museum trips and lots, lots more. Hopefully the boys really enjoyed the week. A special word of thanks to Carmen Amorino, Julie O'Brien and Edel Deloughry (parents) who took time to come into school to do experiments with some of our classes. Thanks to Mr. Downes and the science committee for organising the week's events.

Uniform reminder

The school uniform is to be worn on all days except on a P.E. day. The school tracksuit is to be worn for P.E. The uniform consists of navy trousers, navy v-neck jumpers with crest, pale blue shirt and a navy tie with plain black footwear.

Uniforms and tracksuits are available from Uniform Warehouse.



Label Everything: We strongly recommend that you make sure your son's name is on all items of clothing. As the weather gets warmer, jumpers are frequently taken off and lost due to being un-identifiable. A little effort now will save you the price of a new jumper.

Footwear: The official code for footwear is black. Please ensure your son's footwear is in compliance.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Saint Vincent De Paul Food Appeal

From Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th December, 2019 we held our annual Food Appeal in aid of Saint Vincent De Paul. We held assemblies and gathered the food from each class in the P.E. Hall. We sorted the food and packed them into boxes for collection. Many thanks to the sixth class boys who volunteered to help with the packing of all of the food that was donated.

We wish to thank all of the boys and their parents for your generous donations. Your donations will go a long way towards making Christmas special for those in our community who are in need of a little extra help this Christmas. We hope that by participating in the Food Appeal that the boys always remember to help those most in need, especially at Christmas time. Well done boys!

Nollaig Shona! Ms. Kelly.

Swimming

Swimming lessons are returning as a school activity. Aquatics is part of the P.E. curriculum and an important life skill. Starting with 3rd classes in January, we will begin to reintroduce pool based activities for our pupils. All going well with our first 6 week block, we will extend the activity to our 4th classes this year and to additional classes next year.





Life Credit Art Competition

Well done to 1st class pupils Matthew McCarthy and Seán Browne who won their categories at Chapter Level of the Life Credit Union Art Competition. They progress to the national competition. Congratulations boys!

Podcast

If you have a few minutes to spare, why not tune in to the latest episode of our school podcast <https://soundcloud.com/maynoothbnsodcast> (also available on our website www.maynoothbns.ie) Some of the very talented pupils in 6th class have done a superb job on the latest edition, it's well worth a listen. Thanks to Mr. Creevey for helping the boys with the podcast.

Santa Visit

We had a very special guest visitor on 18th December. Santa himself visited all the classes in the school before being collected by a fire engine! It was a fantastic occasion – thanks to the PTA for helping Mr. Claus on the day.



Intel Mini Scientist Leinster Finals

On Friday 6th of December, the Leinster final of the Intel Mini-Scientist competition took place in Blanchardstown I.T. Over 250 children with 78 projects from all over Leinster entered the competition. Three boys from 5th class, Dominic Gligor, Joseph O'Connor and Matthew Dunphy, presented their project at the event. Their project was called 'The Effects of Fizzy and Sugary Drinks on your Teeth'. They examined how various popular fizzy drinks stain and damage your teeth. Unfortunately the boys did not make it to the All-Ireland Final. The judges were extremely impressed with the boys' project and even said they may consider giving up fizzy drinks altogether after seeing the results of their experiment. The boys had a wonderful day out and really enjoyed the experience.



Carol Service

Well done to all of the boys for their excellent participation in our Carol Service on Tuesday 17th December. Each class sang brilliantly, as did the school choir and the staff! Thank you to the boys and their teachers for making it a very special and memorable occasion – and thanks to Ms. Ring for organising the Carol Service.

Nativity Plays

Our Nativity plays are in full swing. Senior Infants have completed their play and Junior Infants will perform on Friday at 11.00 a.m. in St. Mary's church. We hope that the families attending the plays enjoy the show. Well done to the boys and their teachers on their hard work.



Charity Fun Run

Our Friday athletics group were invited to take part in a charity fun run in the college grounds on Wednesday 18th December. It was a terrific opportunity for them to participate in an organised run. All thirty two boys dug deep and finished the 2.5k course in difficult weather conditions. There was a terrific festive atmosphere at the event. We are delighted that the boys are developing a love for running. Many thanks to NUI Maynooth for the invite!



Sick Children

If your child is unwell, please do not send him in to school as he will not be up to the usual daily activities.

Reminder: Enrolments for September 2020

If you have not already enrolled your son, or if you are aware of a neighbour who has not already done so, it is important to submit an enrolment application as soon as possible. The closing date for enrolments is 31st January for the coming year. Our Enrolment Policy and Enrolment Form can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the website www.maynoothbns.ie



School Building Update

As of this week, the school building project has advanced to the next stage – Tender and Construction. Hopefully, all going well, we will see work commence in the 2nd or 3rd quarter of 2020.



Scor Table Quiz

Maynooth GAA U12 boys won the Kildare Scor table quiz. The boys will represent Kildare in the Leinster final in the new year.

The team members are:

Joe Harrington, Liam McDonald, Paul Hourigan and Jerry Molloy (Gaelscoil Uí Fhiach).

Dates for your Diary

School re-opens: 6th January 2020
Enrolment closing date: 31st January 2020
Ceremony of Light: 4th February 2020 @ 7.30pm
Mid-term break: 20th & 21st February (school closed)