

MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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New School Building Project

Work will start on our new school building next week. The main contractor, Woodvale, will carry out preliminary work around the site over the coming weeks, starting in the rear car park (staff car park). There is still a lot of planning and work to be done to get the project up and running and to keep the school running at the same time. There will be changes to arrangements for drop-offs, collections and yard time but we are working with the contractor and architect to ensure alternatives are put in place and communicated to the school community as early as possible.

Aerial View of St. Mary's BNS



Main Entrance to St. Mary's BNS



Enrolments for Junior Infants - September 2021

Enrolment applications for Junior Infants 2021 will be accepted from **Tuesday 1st December** and the Annual Admissions Notice has been published on the school website. It is important to submit an enrolment application for your son as soon as possible after **1st December**. The closing date for enrolment applications is **22nd January 2021**. The school published a new Enrolment Policy in September. This is available on the school website or by request from the school office.



St. Vincent De Paul Virtual Food Appeal

Unfortunately, due to restrictions this year St. Vincent De Paul will not be running their usual food collection and therefore MBNS won't be collecting food. We do however want the boys to remember that Christmas is a time of giving and caring for others. If you would like to take part in the Virtual Food Appeal you can buy a hamper on the SVP website so some essential food items and Christmas treats can be given to people in our community.

You can choose to donate a virtual hamper to one person, two people, or a family, to help them this winter and beyond.

Your donation will ensure that people in our local community can share in the joy of Christmas, and will ensure that a child's first bike or a boardgame for the whole family can be under the tree and that there won't be an empty plate on the table. St. Vincent De Paul will make sure your donations reach a home in time for Christmas.

Please use the following link to donate: <https://www.svp.ie/appeal-2020/food-appeal.aspx>

Wishing you all the best for the Christmas season,

Ms. Kelly



Folens Christmas Annuals



The annuals should be distributed next week to those who placed orders.

Christmas Cards

There were lots of beautifully designed cards this year, well done to all of the pupils – the cards will be sure to bring a smile to the face of all who receive them this Christmas. The Christmas card order has been sent to the printers and cards will be distributed as soon as we receive them.



REMINDER: Forgotten lunches, drinks or school bags

If you need to call to the school to drop off lunch, a drink or a schoolbag for your son, please ensure it is clearly labelled with your son's name and class. As there are no visitors permitted in the school building, there is a drop-off point in the porch area where you can place your son's belongings.

Group A Box - Junior Infants to 2nd Class

Group B Box - Senior Infants 3rd to 6th Class



COVID 19 Update

Thank you to everyone for their co-operation to date.

- Parents are reminded that the Board of Management have requested parents and visitors to wear masks on the school grounds.
- Visitors to the school including parents should make an appointment in advance. Please contact the school by phone before arrival. The office phone number is 01-6293021.



Please remember **do not** send your son to school if:

- They or any member of the household has tested positive for Covid 19
- They are feeling unwell, or if someone in their household is feeling unwell with symptoms of Covid 19
- If they are a close contact of a confirmed case and/or awaiting a test or test results

All of the information you require in relation to Covid 19 is available on the HSE Isolation Quick Guide.

Christmas Jumper Day



We will be holding a **Christmas Jumper Day** on **Friday 18th December**. Pupils are asked to **donate €2** for this worthy cause and to wear their Christmas jumper to school on the day. Donations will go to our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin and the National Children's Research Centre.

Day after day their staff do whatever it takes to deliver extraordinary care, transformative treatment, early diagnosis, cutting-edge technology, support and hope to Ireland's sickest children and their families. When a child you love is sick, your top priority is finding the best care available. **CMRF Crumlin** together with donors and partners fund initiatives, research, equipment and projects with three main aims: saving young lives by funding critical research and equipment, supporting small victories every day for children living with illness by improving their quality of life, creating brighter days for sick children and their families by funding comforts through the CMRF Crumlin Giggle Fund and enhancing their environment.

Please note: all donations are voluntary and will not exclude pupils from wearing a Christmas Jumper and joining in the fun. Thank you for helping us do **#WhateverItTakes**.

Best wishes for the coming season, Ms. Kelly.

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

County Kildare Access Network (CKAN) are prompting a Light Up Kildare Purple event on 3rd December to coincide with International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The aim of the day is to promote the rights and wellbeing of persons with disabilities and increase awareness of the situation of persons with disabilities. To support this initiative, the school will fly a purple flag on the day.

Halloween Dress-Up Day

Halloween dress-up day was held on **Friday 23rd October, 2020**. Instead of wearing their uniform to school, the boys wore their Halloween outfits and there were prizes for the 'best dressed' in each class. Everyone had a fantastic day and the school was full of fun and laughter on the last day before mid-term break. The following is a list of the prize winners in each class:



Class	Teacher	Pupil's name
Junior Infants	Ms. Murphy	Isaac Williams
Junior Infants	Ms. Drislane	Harry Naughton
Junior Infants	Ms. Dineen	Tommy Lyons
Senior Infants	Ms. Kelly	Senan Farrelly
Senior Infants	Ms. Patten	Hugh Browne
1 st Class	Ms. O'Mahony	Ollie Collins
1 st Class	Mr. McGrath	Logan McGrath
1 st Class	Ms. Nolan	Noah Crampton
2 nd Class	Ms. Daly	Hugo Fahey
2 nd Class	Ms. Murphy	Anthony Sloyan-Jermain
2 nd Class	Ms. Mulroy	Evan Donlon
3 rd Class	Ms. Lyons	Daniel Cunningham
3 rd Class	Ms. Griffin	Oisín McCoy
3 rd Class	Ms. Cowley	Joseph Hennessey
4 th Class	Ms. Toolan	Fionn Lockett
4 th Class	Ms. McMahon	Francesco Galanello
4 th Class	Ms. Lillis	Tadhg Farrell
5 th Class	Ms. Meehan	Ian Tevnan
5 th Class	Mr. McGeady	Benjamin Stoneham
6 th Class	Ms. Ú McMahon	Cillian Swift
6 th Class	Mr. Terry	Conor Mescal
6 th Class	Ms. Bolton	Luke Murray



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our fundraising on the day. A total of €760 was raised. Much of this has been used to purchase much needed maths resources, and the remainder will be used to purchase additional resources. A big word of thanks must go to Karen O'Shea who ensured that every pupil went home with a mini party bag courtesy of the PTA. As always, thank you to the PTA for their continued support.

Dates for your Diary

Christmas Annuals	To be distributed in the week of 30 th November
Enrolment for Junior Infants 2021	Tuesday, 1 st December 2020 - Friday 22 nd January 2021
End of term finish at 12.00 Noon	Tuesday, 22 nd December 2020
Christmas Jumper Day	18 th December 2020
Christmas school holidays	Wednesday 23 rd December 2020 – Wednesday 6 th January 2021 (inclusive)