

**MAYNOOTH BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

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Welcome Back!

It is hard to believe that September is coming to an end and that the boys have been back at school for a month! Hopefully, everyone has settled back into the routine of school life. We are looking forward to a great year in 2021/2022. We hope and pray that there are no further disruptions with Covid-19 and that we can begin to resume many of the school activities that were curtailed during the pandemic. The school landscape is dominated by the new build – it is progressing extremely well and really beginning to take shape. All going well, we'll be in the new school before the end of the year. More on this below....

(Mr Kirwan)



Staff News

Mr. McBrearty, a past pupils of St. Mary's BNS, has taken up a teaching position at the school. Mr. McBrearty is very welcome to the team.

Welcome also to Lavinia Mangan. Lavinia has taken an SNA position at the school.

Congratulations to Ms. R. O'Mahoney on the birth of her son Shane. We wish Ms O'Mahoney and her family all the best in the weeks ahead.

After School Collections

Parents should ensure that there is an arrangement for the collection of children after school. Younger pupils should be collected by an adult rather than older siblings.

Morning Club



Morning club is back up and running. It is a supervised facility for children prior to the official opening hours of the school. The facility runs from 8.00 am each morning. The children are welcome to come any time from 8.00 am onwards. Now that the children know where they should go, they can enter the school via the P.E. Hall door.

Further information is signposted on the door. The facility is available to children on a daily basis, selected days, or on a once-off occasion. Various rates apply. The children participate in various activities such as free-play, reading, drawing, or board games. If you would like any further information please contact Ms. Dunning or Ms. McMahon at morningclub2021@gmail.com

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Congratulations to the boys in 3rd Class on making their Holy Communion. It wasn't possible for the boys to receive the sacrament in 2nd Class on the traditional date in May, but they made their Holy Communion on Wednesday 29th September instead.



We hope they had a great day and enjoyed the occasion. A big thank you to Ms. Daly, Ms. Dunning and Ms. Mulroy who prepared the boys in 2nd Class, to Ms. Lyons, Ms. Cowley and Ms. Lillis for their work with the boys in 3rd Class this year and to Fr. McEvoy for his work with the classes over the two years.

Congratulations to the boys in 6th Class who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 29th September and those receiving the Sacrament on October 1st in St. Mary's Church. Many thanks to the 6th class teachers Ms. Mahon, Ms. McMahon and Mr. Terry for preparing them last year in 6th class.

A big word of thanks to Fr. McEvoy and the team at church for their work over the past few weeks to organise the sacrament ceremonies so successfully.



Late delivery of lunches

There is a procedure for late delivery of lunches or drinks for your son. If your son is in Junior Infants to Second Class he is in Group A. If your son is in 3rd Class – 6th Class he is in Group B. There are two large boxes between the outer and inner door of the school lobby. You can place your son's lunch in the correct group box. Please ensure that it is labelled with your son's name and class teacher, as lunches without labels **cannot** be delivered to classes.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent teacher meetings will take place in February. The meetings will be held virtually as they were last year. There will be more information on Parent Teacher Meetings in the coming months.

Should you wish to contact your son's teacher at any time, please contact the office to arrange a phone call with the teacher or, alternatively send a note with your son.

School Building Programme

Most of the structure of the main building is in place – work on the 2nd floor structure is being completed at the moment. We should see the roof in place in the coming weeks. Electrical and mechanical work is well underway inside the building.

The hall and SNU (Special Needs Unit) are also taking shape – there has been a lot of work and progress in these areas over recent weeks.

The school's astro pitch was extended and refurbished over the summer. A new surface with an underlying shock pad has been laid, new fencing has been installed and we have added a ball wall to the pitch. The ball wall is double sided and will face onto the new yard area once the project is completed. The refurbishment has added over 150m² to the pitch and the boys are making the most of every inch! We will look to add retractable goals and permanent lines in the coming weeks to finish the pitch.

Milk - Reminder

If your son likes to drink milk, there is an *option* for him to receive a carton every day with his lunch. The last day for ordering the milk is midnight tonight, **Thursday 30th September, 2021**. Our order will be placed with the dairy on Friday 1st October to begin delivery on Monday 4th October. If you do not wish to take part, **ignore the ePayment link**. The cost for the year per



child is €39.80 and the only payment method is by ePayment - link which was previously sent.

Fís Film Awards

Congratulations to our past pupils from Mr. Terry's class of 2021 who have been nominated for a Fís Film award for the excellent short film "Maynooth in Lockdown".

The Fís Film project promotes film making in schools and gives the boys an opportunity to be creative in many ways and to work as part of a team to create their finished film.

The boys developed the whole film themselves and took part in scriptwriting, acting, directing, producing, editing, storyboarding, performing the musical score and shooting the film. They used some of the beautiful locations we have on our doorstep here in Maynooth to film and they now go on to the national Fís Film award ceremony in November.

The film can be viewed on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaKNkxZvP8U>

