



End of Month Newsletter

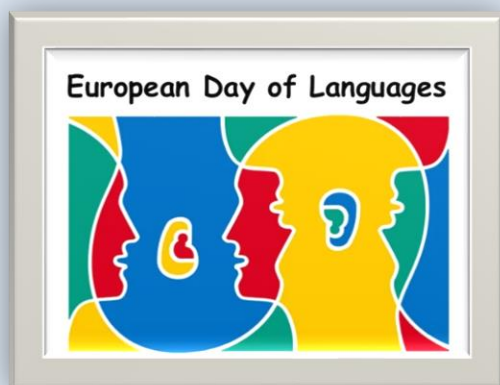
September 28th, 2023

SCHOOL NEWS

Multi-Cultural Celebrations took place in our school this week. On **26th September**, all classes gathered in the hall, spoke different languages, and sang some lovely songs too. Well done to the junior infants on their first ever assembly and to rang 4 (Aimee's class) who ran the assembly so confidently. The pupils of METNS have also been learning about the food, dress, and traditions in many countries around the world. **Intercultural Picnic/Celebration Day** is on **Friday 29th September**. Your children are very welcome to dress in intercultural clothes on the day if they wish to do so, however there is no obligation. Finally, our Caterpillars, Butterflies, and classes from 2nd-6th participated in a drumming workshop yesterday. Lots of celebratory noise could be heard around the school. Special thanks to teachers Aimee, Sinéad S., Elena and Aoibhín for organising all the events this week. It was an enormous success.



Sue's Class-Drumming Workshop



Board of Management parent/guardian reps. As per our email earlier in the week, the voting for our parent/guardian reps. for the BOM term (2023-2027), will open next week with more details to follow. Please consider the information sent to you regarding our four candidates before voting. The four candidates are Emmanuel Kypraios and Morgan Fraser (father-parents/guardians), Amanda McNamara and Esraa Ali (mother-parents/guardians). Thank you most sincerely to the four nominees.

Lost property is available to look through via the office. There is a large amount of clothing, coats, hoodies, hats etc. that have been unclaimed. If the items remain unclaimed by the end of September, they will be sent to SVDP. Please also feel free to pick up an unclaimed coat or item of clothing in the interest of sustainability.

School Requisite Fees- 2023/2024: Thank you most sincerely to parents/guardians who have supported the school to date with school requisite fees via Aladdin. As per communication sent on 5/7/2023 from the Board of Management, these fees cover many items for our pupils (not already covered by the Department of Education), including pupil charge payable to Educate Together National Office, 24 hour Allianz Accident Insurance (medical costs only), IT support charges, photocopying, printing and other class consumables such as paints, paper, glues, sports equipment/curriculum resources, some guest speakers and entertainment for pupils etc. to name a few. The cost can be paid via Aladdin. If you have any difficulty making payment, please contact the school office.

Change of details- If you have recently changed address or contact details please update on Aladdin or contact Hilary in the school office. **Aladdin App:** We encourage parents/guardians to download the Aladdin App, if you have not already done so. It is very convenient for accessing information sent out by the school and you will receive notifications straight to your smartphone.



Choir Update: Rehearsals for the school choir began on Tuesday the 26th of October. The school has two wonderful choirs under the direction of Olivia and Ruth. The Le Chéile Choir consists of singers from 1st-3rd class and The Glór choir is a fantastic group of singers from 3rd-6th class. The children have begun preparing and rehearsing for Halloween festivities and learning the songs 'Spooky Scary Skeletons' and 'This is Halloween'. They look forward to performing for parents, children and the wider school community in the coming weeks.

Cash for clobber- we have a new fully operational clothes bank just inside the front school gate. Each collection in turn benefits the school monetarily. Please do not leave bags at the bank if it is full. Instead, please inform us at reception and you can leave the bag there. **Yes please-** to clothing, shoes, curtains, towels, sheets and blankets. **No thanks-**to rubbish, metal, glass, paper, carpets, rugs or soiled rags.

PTA update-First meeting was well attended last night. Thank you to all who could make it. Tim Durkan and Rachel Grimes Doyle gave us an update on the **cycle/pedestrian path proposals** for the road between Maxol and the school. Things are moving in the right direction. PTA are still seeking some more **library volunteers**. If you can help, please contact the **PTA** on maynootheducatetogetherpa@gmail.com. No experience is necessary and training/full support is provided. You can also contact your child's class teacher to volunteer.

CLASS NEWS

Athletics- Some pupils from 4th-6th class attended an athletics meet in Kilcock Gaa Club on Monday 25th September. We had remarkable success, with **Hannah Moran** claiming Gold (Tom's class) and **Madeline Brennan Traynor** (Laoise's class) securing 4th place. We are immensely proud of the girls and of all our participants, who arrived back to METNS in high spirits. Also, a big thanks to Tom for organising and co-ordinating the event in conjunction with St. Coca's running club. **Soccer-**Eoin and Tom have also been busy coaching our boys' and girls' soccer teams. They have been competing with local teams in the area and will continue to do so for the coming weeks. Best of luck to both teams in the coming weeks. Keep up the magnificent work!!!



HSE 4 in 1 Vaccinations: Will take place on Thursday 5th Oct. for Junior Infant pupils who have given consent.

This week Senior Infants (Aoibhín's Class) have been working on reading, drawing, and interpreting maps. We looked at photographs of the school and discussed how we could explain our school using a map. We then created our own in groups.

For History, everyone worked together to explain the beginning, middle and end of our story 'Anyone for Cake.' In groups, we sequenced the story by drawing wonderful pictures. Great teamwork everyone!

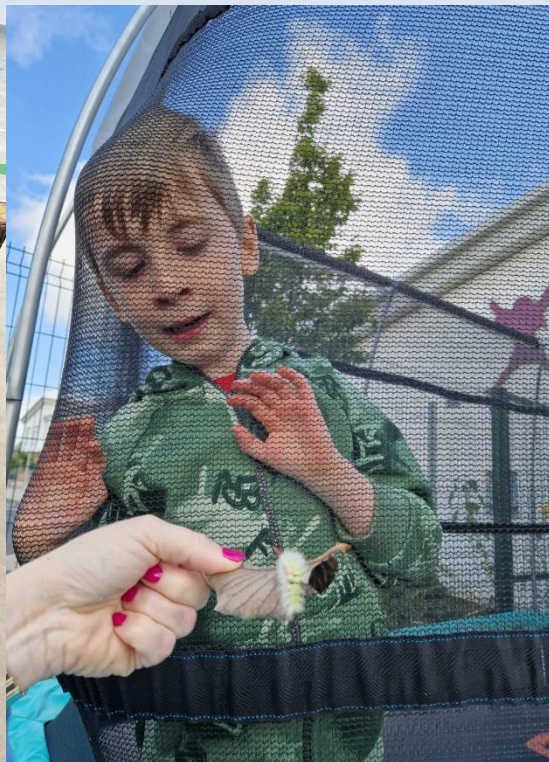


Junior Infants (Sinead's Class) learned all about the family unit this week. They made some family members out of playdoh and worked on their fine motor skills simultaneously. The pupils are really enjoying their early days at school.



Aimee's 4th Class learned all about myths and legends during the month of September. They read the story of the Children of Lir and painted amazing pictures of the swans.

The Caterpillar and Butterflies classes loved the African drumming session and also created a beautiful caterpillar display for their classroom door, based on one of their favourite stories-'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Some of the children even managed to find some real-life caterpillars during yard time.



Dates for your Calendar this term!

The following events are planned for this school term.

Please note that although unlikely, they may be subject to change

October 14th-22nd **Maths Week**

October 26th **Spooky Walk (PTA event/fundraiser)**

12th-19th November-**Science Week**

Winter shows-12th December (Junior infants-2nd class)

13th December (3rd-6th class)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Hall Rental. *Would you or someone you know be interested in renting our school hall? We hope to begin renting our hall to clubs/community groups on weekdays between 2:10pm and 4:30pm initially. Please contact the school office for more details and availability.*

Green Fingers? *We are hoping to add some greenery and flowers to our school grounds. Would you be prepared to help us? If so, please contact the school office and leave your name with Hilary.*

Spanish Classes: *Is your 6th class pupil interested in learning Spanish? If so, it might be worth contacting Carmen Martin Llamas (0861777073) ELE Spanish qualified teacher.*

Stay and Play- *sibling hour club is beginning soon. Please see email sent during the week to book in or contact the club on infantshour@gmail.com*

Irish Dancing- *takes place in the school hall each Tuesday. Please contact Siobhán for further details (086 8962008)*

All after school clubs are run independently of METNS

Kind regards,

Lorraine Murray

(Principal)