



Maynooth Educate Together Newsletter

October 2018

Dates to Remember:

Spooky Sponsored Walk & Cake Sale – October 25th

Mid-Term Break: 29th October – 2nd November

Science Week: November 12-16

School Science Fair: November 7th

Scholastic Book Fair November 5/6/7

Parent Teacher meetings: week beginning November 19.

Halloween Dress Up Day: A great number of pupils took part in our Halloween Dress-up day and the excitement was palpable. Well done to all involved in putting these amazing outfits together.

School Assembly: A school assembly was held on the school yard on Friday. Junior Infants read a Halloween Story “Room on the Broom”, second class performed ‘Ghost Rider in the sky’, Fifth class performed ‘Thriller’ and we finished off with the presentation of

medals to our school soccer team who recently won the FAI 11-a-side Schools Soccer competition in Kildare.

Mid-Term Break: The school will be closed from Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November for the mid-term break.

Halloween Spooky Sponsored Walk: on Thursday, October 25th we held our annual Spooky Sponsored Walk and the turn-out was tremendous. Very sincere thanks for your support of this event. The cake sale and performances in Scripture Hall were a great success also. What a treat to see 5th class performing ‘Thriller’ and 2nd class performing ‘Ghost Rider in the Sky’. Fabulous Halloween -decorated cakes and biscuits were in great demand in the cake sale. A great number of sponsorship cards have been returned to the school and the remainder may be left in the school office after the mid-term break.

The University have allowed us to use their grounds for our walk for many years and it is much appreciated by us. It is vital that we respect their grounds, buildings, furniture etc. and that we leave the premises as we find it.

Traffic Management: Can we thank those parents who now drop off their children in the school grounds without parking up for more than a couple of minutes and also parents who allow their children to walk to school, even partially. Can we please encourage others to do likewise. This would lead to an improvement in traffic flow without lengthy delays for parents in the mornings and afternoons

24 hour insurance for pupils: Allianz pupil insurance has been purchased for all pupils of Maynooth Educate Together NS

School Science Fair November 29th: Parents are invited to visit the school between 1.30-2.10pm to view the projects that the children have been working on. All classes will visit the exhibition for hands-on experience of science on the day or the next day.. We will have external visitors from Intel, who will select the projects to go forward to the Young Scientist Exhibition in the RDS in January. Pupils from , 4th will receive a goodie bag from Intel, to thank them for all their hard work.

MangaHigh Maths: MangaHigh is a game-based platform for primary and secondary school mathematics. During Maths week our 5th class pupils participated in this online competition against schools across the country. We had a number of winners in the competition for 5th class, Orlando, Mero, Olaf, Robert, Paddy, Ben, Ethan, Ian, and Sindu.

Junior Enterprise Program: This year 6th class will take part in the Junior Enterprise Program. This program promotes innovation and entrepreneurial spirit in young students. Sixth class will be creating their own unique product which we hope to sell to the general public. All profits made from the enterprise will be shared among the students in 6th class. Since 2010 over 50,000 students have created their own classroom businesses with JEP and a JEP survey indicated that teachers saw improved confidence, team

building, communications and independence in children who participated in the program.

Kildare Library Service: This service supports primary schools through the network of community libraries by facilitating block loans for teachers, class visits and lending class-sets. Reading opens a whole new world to the young child and developing the “reading habit” with regular visits to the library will help build the foundations for future learning.

Lost Property: There is a large amount of unclaimed clothing in the school. We would ask parents to check the box for their children’s belongings before Friday next, 26th October. ***This box will be emptied into the recycling bin over the mid-term break.***

School Cycling programme: 6th class pupils have completed a 6 week ‘Proficiency in Cycling’ programme which is funded by Kildare County Council. Apart from the skill of cycling great emphasis was placed on the safety aspect of cycling and maintenance of the bike, so it was a great learning experience for the children.

FAI Schools Soccer tournament: Congratulations to our school soccer team who won the FAI 11-a-side schools soccer competition. Please see the report which maps out the entire journey through the competition to the final.

FAI 11 a side

The FAI 11 a side soccer tournament is run in Kildare each year. This is the first year that Maynooth ETNS have entered the competition and what a year it has been for the boys teams.

The boys who represented the school were: from 6th, Felix, Efraim, Max, Saul, Eugene, Adrien, Tadgh, Nathan, Cristian, Ethan, Sam and Matthew, and from 5th class, Andrew, Ben, Dominas, Ethan, Ian, Jago, Martynas, Matthew, Merowech, Orlando, Paddy, Robert, Ronan and Shi Hing. The boys started with a very tough away match to Kildare Town ETNS. After playing into a strong wind we went in at half time 1-1 thanks to a Ben Lowings goal from a corner kick. The second half was dominated by Maynooth and further goals from Efraim Zinca and a wonderful team goal finished by Ethan Hennessy.

The second day out we played Ticknevin NS at home in Maynooth Town FC. This was a very strong performance by the boys as they ran out winning 8-3 with goals from Efraim Zinca (3), Ethan Connolly (2), Adrien Kells (1), Paddy Ryan (1) and Orlando Gale-Scourfield (1).

These two victories left us knowing a victory in our final game would qualify us for a semi final. The boys were fantastic again in beating Naas CNS away by 4 goals to 1. The goals coming from a penalty by Efraim Zinca and a goal each by Ronan Notin-Bairead, Cristian Rosca and Robert Taranu.

We were then left with a very tough job of trying to choose 18 players to represent the school in the semi final. The boys who made up the team for the semi-final were, Efraim, Adrien, Sam, Saul, Ethan Connolly, Matthew Hirsh, Cristian, Nathan, Felix, Tadgh, Matthew Canning, Ronan, Orlando, Ben, Paddy, Mero, Jago and Ethan Hennessy.

The boys were drawn against St. Patricks Newbridge in the semi-final. Every one of the 18 players played their part on the day with the boys winning on a score line of 2-0 thanks to two goals from our Captain Efraim Zinca. The team and management would like to thank all the supports who came to cheer the team on for the semi final.

This qualified us for schools first ever 11 a-side final against Ballymore Eustace on the 24th of October. The team and coaches travelled to the match along with children from 4th, 5th and 6th class who wanted to cheer on our team. This day showed great school community as the children supporting gave a great lift to the boys on the day when they needed it.

The team that started the final were: in goal Matthew Canning, in defence Cristian, Ben, Tadgh and Mero, in midfield Adrien, Paddy, Matthew Hirsh and Ethan Connolly, and up top Efraim and Ethan Hennessy. The boys had to show great resolve after the Ballymore team took a surprise lead against the run of the play as a long distance shot looped up and despairingly over Matthew who had no chance of stopping it. The team rallied and some great team

work lead to a corner kick which Ethan Hennessy delivered and Paddy Ryan smashed the ball to the net with a sweet left-footed half-volley. The whole team performed brilliantly in the first half playing into a strong wind, especially our 4 defenders.

Naos and Eoin and chance to give some more detailed instructions on what to do in the second half. The boys somehow raised their standards even more for the second half and a brilliant through ball by Mero after beating a player in midfield led to another corner. This corner was headed clear of the box but Paddy Ryan took the ball down with one touch and scored what can only be described as a screamer by riffling the ball into the top corner going straight in off the joint of the post and cross bar. The boys defended brilliantly for the remainder of the game and only for some wonderful goalkeeping from the Ballymore keeper we could have had another few goals to celebrate.

The final whistle was met with cheers from the parents and children who came to support and our school captain Efraim Zinca was presented the trophy to the delight of everyone from Maynooth ETNS in attendance.

Naos and Eoin would like to take the opportunity to thank all the boys who played throughout all of the games, as they were a credit to the school and their families. Naos and Eoin and now looking forward to the Spar 5's which is a national tournament which will be played in the new year.

Congratulations to all involved and the medals and trophies will be presented in school on Friday the 26th of October.

Make sure to keep an eye out in the local papers for pictures of the team and on soccer pitches around the area if you wish to get a look at some of the brightest footballing talent Maynooth has to offer.

School Hockey: 3rd and 4th classes are taking part in a 6 week hockey training programme which is funded by Hockey Ireland and Kings Hospital School.

Hockey Camp: there is a hockey camp on next week in Weston Hockey Club for 4th class pupils. It will run from Tuesday 30th to Thursday 1st from 9:00-13:00 and will cost €25 for 1 day or €60 for 3 days. To book, contact Sean Butler - 087 935 2643 or westonhcg@gmail.com

Healthy eating: Our Health Promotion Policy is being emailed to parents with this newsletter. Our policy promotes healthy eating and healthy lunches daily. A small number of children are consistently bringing only treat foods eg chocolate and crisps daily. This food will not provide the nutrition that children need and such treats should be included in lunches only on Fridays, and even then should be an addition to an otherwise healthy lunch.

Nut Free school: Our school is a nut-free school, as we have a number of children with nut allergies. We therefore request that no

nuts, or foods containing nuts are sent to school. Treats taken from a multipack are sometimes not individually labelled as containing nuts, whereas the outer package may state that the contents do contain nuts. In instances such as this, we reserve the right to not allow the treat to be eaten during school hours, but it will be returned to the child at the end of the school day.

Greetings: We wish you all a happy Halloween break. Keep safe, enjoy and we look forward to returning to school in November.

Parent Teacher Association:

At our recent PTA AGM our officers resigned and we elected a new panel to take the reins.

Introducing our new PTA officers -

- Neasa Hogan - Chairperson
- Sarah Kiernan and Daniela Hough - Joint Secretaries
- Deirdre Garvan - Treasurer

Thank you for coming on board!

Many thanks to our outgoing officers for all their hard work in the last year.

Events: Our first event of the year took place on Thursday 25 Oct.

Our Spoooooooooky Walk. *What a fangastically spooky evening we all had!*

Thank you to everyone who baked such delicious treats for us, to all who came along and helped with set up and clean up, and to all the boys and girls and mams and dads and grannies and grandads and family and friends who came along to support the event.

Special mention to 5th class for their spooktacular performance of Michael Jackson's "Thriller", and to 2nd class for their ghostly rendition of Johnny Cash's "Ghost Riders in the Sky". Many thanks to Noreen, Aimee and Noel for all their hard work to get the children ready for the night.

Scholastic Book Fair: *The next thing on our calendar is the Scholastic Book Fair which will take place on 5th, 6th and 7th of November. Book fair pamphlet went home in the school bags over last day or so. The book fair is always a huge success with children and adults alike. (Adults often taking the opportunity to pick up some Christmas gifts!) Once again this year we will be running our "Buy a book for your Class" initiative where children can buy a book and donate it to their class library with their name on it.*

National Parents Council Talk: *On evening of 21st November we will host a NPC talk - Supporting Parents to support their children's mental health and wellbeing.*

"This programme supports parents to encourage and promote positive mental health and wellbeing in their children. The programme also explores how the building of resilience in children helps them to manage and cope with the day to day stresses of life as they occur.

Parents who attend this session will:

- 1. Explore the factors that influence mental health and well being in their child.*
- 2. Learn how to build and nurture resilience within their own child.*
- 3. Be given tips on how best to support their child's positive mental health and wellbeing."*

The talk is open to all parents and guardians.

Winter Fair:*Last event of the year for the PTA will be the Winter Fair on December 20th. As always we'll need lots of volunteers in the run up to and on the day. More details to follow.*

Congratulations:*One final note to say a huge congratulations to the boys of 5th and 6th class on their winning of the FAI Division 3 Final against Ballymore Eustace on Wednesday! Well done to all the players and to their mentors Naos and Eoin.*

Look out for notifications of our next PTA meeting, and don't forget, every parent and guardian in our school is a member of the PTA and welcome to attend our monthly meetings. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents, to keep up to date with PTA events and

news, and with what's happening within the broader school environment.

Board of Management News

Condolences: *We wish to express our sympathies to our chairperson Paul, on the death of his father Thomas Croghan on October 5th last. May he rest in peace.*

Meetings: *The Board of Management has not met in October. The Board will meet in November.*

Elections: *In November we will commence the process to elect a male parent representative to the Board of Management. This position has become vacant as the previous board member Conrad is no longer the parent of a child in our school.*