



Maynooth Educate Together NS Newsletter May 2021

Important dates:

School Closure: June 30th: School closes for the summer holidays. :

- Infant classes Dismissal: 11.00am
- First, Second and Third classes dismissal: 11.15am
- Fourth, Fifth and Sixth classes dismissal: 11.30am.

New Junior infant parents meeting: Wednesday June 9th

School Tours:

This school year we have organised in-school events for our classes rather than the usual school outings.

Monday 28th June: the Archaeology Society of Ireland will run a Big Dig for classes 2nd to 6th.

Tuesday 29th June:, Wollys Farm will visit the school for classes Junior Infants up to 1st, and the Caterpillars and Butterflies classes.

Only 6th class will travel out from the school on a class trip. This trip is an outdoor event and is in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines.

Payment for school tours: Please pay for your child's tour via Aladdin Connect.

Sun Protection: The sun is shining and we are enjoying the outdoors. Please ensure that your children apply sun protection cream daily and that they have adequate drinks in their school bags.

Green Schools News : Wednesday the 26th of May was National Walk to School Day. Well done to everyone who walked, scooted, cycled or park and strode to school. Active travel is an excellent source of physical activity and conducive for having a productive school day. The Green Schools Committee continues to work hard on achieving our Green Flag for travel. The latest winner of Fresh Air Friday was Noel's class. Well done to them. Eoin's class currently has a slender lead at the top of the Fresh Air Friday league table

Green Schools Committee: The Green Schools committee has the following suggestions for ways in which we can reduce our use of plastic in the next school year:

- Stainless steel lunchboxes are a durable and long lasting alternative to plastic one and are worth the initial cost
- Beeswax food wraps are a reusable alternative to cling film. Paper food wraps are also a better option than cling film.

GAA training: 5th and 6th classes are availing of training provided by the GAA in an outdoor setting in the school grounds. Sincere thanks to for his work.

Safe Cycling course: 6th class are availing of the Safe Cycling course provided by Kildare County Council. This course teaches competency in cycling and taking care of a bicycle, and maintaining it in good working and safe order. It also teaches children the rules of the road and how to deal with different situations. Sixth class have thoroughly enjoyed this course.

New School building On May 4th, the school building was taken over by Educate Together and subsequently our Board of Management. We are moving into this building gradually. Our Senior Infant class has moved in, and their previous room has been configured into the 3 Special Education Teaching rooms in accordance with the school plans.

New Infant parents and new infants: Again, this year this will be a virtual event for parents and pupils to introduce them to our school and to us the staff. This meeting will be held on Wednesday June 9th. We look forward to seeing all of our new parents on this very important event.

Standardised testing: is underway at present in school. The results from classes 2, 4 and 6 are reported to the Department of Education. School reports will be sent to parents mid-June, to allow parent time to liaise with teachers if necessary. Please do contact your child's teacher if you have any

concerns regarding your child's progress in any aspect of his/her schooling.

6th class graduation: will take place on June 28th. A virtual event is being organized. The PTA have presented the hoodies to the 6th class and they are currently wearing them to school each day. The hoodies have become the highlight of the graduation and they are worn with pride as they represent the friendships and camaraderie that grown over the 8 years in class together. Sincere thanks to the PTA for funding these hoodies.

Education Passport: 6th class pupils and their parents have completed the education passport documents, and these have been sent to the secondary schools. The 6th class school report cards will be sent to the children's secondary schools when completed.

School photographer: These photographs will be returned to the school in the coming days.

3rd ASD class: We currently have our pupils enrolled into this class. We are equipping the rooms and we look forward to welcoming our new pupils in September.

EAL teacher: The Department of Education and Skills has granted us a EAL (English as an Additional Language) teacher for the coming school year.

Froebal College students: We will have 1 student, Saoirse, on Teaching practice in 1st class in the month of June. We also have students Sarah and Ciara on a school experience module, for 9 days in June. A number of teacher training students from Froebal College Maynooth, have completed observation placements and teaching practice placements in our school throughout the school year. These school placements are a very important integral part of teacher training and

Curriculum Plans: we are currently updating our English and Gaeilge school plans in line with the new Language curriculum.

Sports week: will take place from the 14th to 18th June. Each class will have their own sporting activities, to maintain class bubbles as per Covid 19 guidelines. A timetable will be issued shortly with more information for the Active Week.

School Booklists: our booklists will be issues shortly

We have listed Twistables on our booklists and we request that you purchase these in this school year. In tandem with the Green Schools, we will look at alternatives during the school year. We are also aware that Crayola offer a recycling service in America and we will follow up to see if it is possible for us to access this service.

Staffing for the school year 2021/2022: In the coming school year we will have double classes up to 2nd class. Our Special education teacher allocation of 3.5 teachers remains the same and we will have an EAL teacher for pupils for whom English is an additional language. We will also have an additional teacher in our third class for pupils with ASD, along with 2 Special Needs Assistants in this class also. Our mainstream class Special Needs Assistant allocation remains the same at 2.33.

Class Allocation for school year 2021-2022

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5th Class: Thomas Treacy

4th Class: Mary Quinn

3th Class: Noel Carey

2nd Class: Angela Langan , TBD(To be decided)

1st Class: Robert Potter, Robert Leonard.

Senior Infants: Clare Dooley, Stephanie McCormac.

Junior Infants: Elaine Phelan, Liz Foley

SET: Sinead Maloney, Claire Dixon/Noreen Keane, TBD,
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EAL: TBD.

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School Calendar 2021/2022

MAYNOOTH EDUCATE TOGETHER SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021-2022

School Year Begins	School Opens on Tuesday, 31 August
October Mid-Term Break	School Closed: Monday 25th October – Friday, 29th October inclusive.
Christmas Holidays	School will close on Wednesday, 22nd December School will reopen on Thursday, 6th January
February Mid-Term Break	School Closed: Monday 21st February – Friday, 25th February inclusive
St Patrick's Day	School closed Thursday, 17th March and Friday 18th March

Easter Holidays	School will close on Friday, 8th April School will reopen on Monday, 25th April
May Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May
June Bank Holiday	Monday 6th June and Tuesday 7th June
End of Year	School closes on Thursday, June 30th for the summer holidays.

This calendar is posted on our school website and will be in our pupils' diaries.

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Board of Management Report

The Board of Management met on May 20th, via Zoom.

The Board of Management welcomed Eoin Mac Domhnaill as teacher representative to the Board, and thanks Elaine Phelan for her work on the Board of Management also.

The Board approved:

- the School calendar
- school tours,
- July education Programme.
- Our Pride of Place project application to Intel. Our proposed project is a Library inspiration space which could be used by the entire school community.
- Staffing allocation and the staffing recruitment schedule for the next school year.

The Board will continue to liaise and work with MEIC, our school builders to address any issues that may arise during the first year of occupation.