



Maynooth Educate Together Newsletter

April 2022

Dates to Remember

May Bank Holiday closure- Monday May 2nd.

June Bank Holiday closure: June 3rd, June 6th and 7th.

Standard Testing - May 18th - June 7st.

Autism Awareness Day - June 13th

Sports Week : in June: date to be confirmed.

School Reports - June 21st.

Welcome to our new students: we have welcomed 4 pupils from Ukraine in recent weeks, Yuliia and Vova in 6th class, Tymofii in 4th class and Mariia in 3rd class. As with all new pupils to Maynooth Educate Together NS, these pupils have settled in very well to their classes with the support and friendship of their peers and staff.

Staff In-Service CPD: all staff will participate in Professional Development on Monday April 25th.

Therefore, pupils will not attend school on Monday April 25th. **Classes recommence for pupils on Tuesday April 26th, after the Easter break.**

World Down Syndrome Day on Monday the 21st of March: Sincere thanks to all who took part in this Colourful Sock Day, our fundraiser for Downs Syndrome Ireland. It was great to see so many pupils taking part.

Daffodil Day 25th March: This day, organised by Hilary, our school secretary who is a survivor of cancer, was a huge success. Thank you for your generosity. Your donations amounted to €1,010, which has been forwarded to the Irish Cancer Society.

Junior Infant Hearing screening: took place on March 22nd.

Red Cross Fundraiser: Congratulations to Ella and Beth Dare on hosting a sweet stall event to raise money for the Red Cross for Ukraine. They raised over €600. The girls will appear in the Red Cross Newsletter. Congratulation on this great success and initiative.

Garda Vetting: Now that COVID restrictions have been lifted, we have begun to invite parent volunteers back to the school. It is wonderful to see parents again assisting with paired reading and art and craft activities. If you are interested in volunteering, please ensure that you have applied to Educate Together for Garda Vetting. A number of parents have applied in recent weeks and these applications are currently being processed.

Schools Cross Country Success: Our girls athletics team have brought home some silverware! Congratulations! On Thursday April 7th, our senior girls and boys took part in an Athletics Cross Country event in The Hawkfield Centre of Excellence in Kildare. Our girls team won their event and our boys team finished in 4th place. We are thrilled that so many of our pupils took part in this event. It is a first for the school. Sincere thanks to teachers Thomas and Ruth for their work in preparing the children for this event.

Multi-Cultural Day: Our Students council are organising a multi-cultural day to take place in June. This event will celebrate all aspects of life and culture of our many different nationalities i.e. language, dress, food, customs, traditions, song, literature, geography etc. We will need many volunteers for this event. We are seeking parents

who would be willing to visit the school to speak to the children about life in your homeland. Please email aegan@maynoothet.ie to organise a school visit after the Easter break.

World Book Day: on March 10th many pupils dressed up as their favourite literary character to mark World Book Day. The children talked about their character and why they had The outfits were creative and fun. Each child received a book token which may be used in all book shops. Each class also received a game as a reward for taking part in this event.

Bebras Challenge: a number of pupils from Second class upwards took part in the Bebras Challenge, Bebras is a challenge for anyone who wants to increase their understanding of computer science in a fun way. Children are challenged to use logic and algorithmic thinking to solve various tasks. The Bebras Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking to students. It is organised in over 50 countries and is designed to get students all over the world competing against each other. Each participant answers questions that focus on computational and logical thinking. The tasks are completed online in school. A number of pupils were among

the final stages of the completion. Well done to all students who took part in this event.

St Patrick's Day Parade: Sincere thanks to all pupils and parents who participated in the parade and to all staff and parents who helped organize the event. It was wonderful to see our school represented in this parade after the 2 year absence. The making of the props was a huge task; thanks to all parents and pupils who worked hard to have all ready for the parade.

Céilí sa Halla: the entire school took part in our annual Céilí on March 15th in the school hall. It was a great success and great fun. All classes took part, danced a number of céilí dances. The standard of dancing is rising each year as is the repertoire of dances. Each class also took part in an assembly where they sang their amhráin and recited dánta, and conversed as Gaeilge. Congratulations to all involved In the events.

School Tours:

Junior & Senior Infants: Clonfert Farm
1st & 2nd - May 31st: Lullymore

3rd & 4th - June 22nd: Let's Go School Tour. DCU.
5th & 6th - June 14th: Russborough House, Blessington.
Butterflies & Caterpillars - Airtastic, Celbridge.

Parents will be informed of the cost of these tours on return from the Easter Break.

Easter Greetings: *On behalf of the school management and staff, I wish you all a Happy Easter. I hope you enjoy the break from routine and I look forward to seeing you all on our return to school on April 26th.*

Marie Principal