



Mid-Month Newsletter

September 13th, 2023

SCHOOL NEWS

Junior Infants were warmly welcomed to Maynooth Educate Together NS on 31st August. The pupils are settling in extremely well and are already familiarising themselves with the school surroundings, under the guidance of their teachers Elaine Phelan, Sinéad Staunton, Noreen Keane and Sinéad Garry.



Restorative Practice: Maynooth ET is embracing and practising the principles of Restorative Practice. An important part of our approach to behaviour is the concept of 'Restorative Practices.' Mutual respect, building of positive relationships and empathy is the cornerstone of our philosophy. We implement the principles of Restorative Practice, constantly aware of the underlying values of:



• Respect • Interconnectedness • Fairness • Personal Accountability • Honesty • Collaboration • Problem-solving.

County Photos will visit the school on **September 20th** to **photograph our junior infants** and siblings (if desired). If you require sibling photographs, please notify the relevant class teachers with the relevant pupil names. You can check out their website [here](#).

EU (European Union) day of languages will be celebrated in our school on **26th September**. We will also have an **Intercultural Picnic/Celebration Day** on **29th September**. Your children are very welcome to dress in intercultural clothes on the 29th if they wish to do so, however there is no obligation. If you are available to visit the school on the 29th to speak about your country of origin, to provide musical entertainment, to cook some intercultural dishes, please contact teachers Sinéad Staunton and Elena, sstaunton@maynoothet.ie as soon as possible. You are most welcome.

Board of Management parent/guardian reps. The incoming Board of Management term begins in December 2023 (term 2023-2027). We are seeking parent/guardian nominees and will follow the required process and procedures over the coming weeks. The regulations stipulate that there must be one mother/female guardian and one father/male guardian. It would also be extremely beneficial (but not a requirement) to the Board of Management of Maynooth ET and to the running of the school, if the parents/guardians had skillsets in accounting, legal or banking. If you are willing to self-nominate, please email maynootheducatetogetherpa@gmail.com with your name and if you wish, some details about yourself. Please state whether you consent to share this further information with the parent/guardian body prior to the election process. No details apart from your name, will be shared without your consent.

An election will then take place at the PTA meeting in the school hall on September 27th @ 8pm.
All parents/guardians are invited and are welcome to attend.



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.

CLASS NEWS



Our Butterflies and Caterpillars classes have begun **swimming lessons**. They are really enjoying their time in the water. Thank you to their teachers and SNAs (Special Needs Assistants) who support the pupils during the lessons. 4th and 5th classes will begin swimming in the National Aquatic centre soon. There is great excitement and anticipation all round.

Cycling: Laoise's 6th Class pupils have begun cycling and safety training. This will continue for several weeks. The children are really enjoying the experience.

Skiping into the weekend: Mark Mc Cabe skiping coach has been busy teaching our pupils how to skip and to swing ropes. There was great engagement and lots of fun last Friday.



Senior Infants-Aoibhín's Class: We have been working so hard this week on our feelings from the story *The Colour Monster*. Everyone is being so kind, taking turns and listening to how we are all feeling. This week for our Art, we decided to do self-portraits using our crazy hair as our feeling for that day.

4th Class Elm (Aimee's Class) are busy all week learning about the Rugby World Cup. This week in class we explored a PowerPoint all about the competition. We used the computers in groups to research the 20 different countries that are taking part in the competition, and we are learning to sing Ireland's Call. Everyone is looking forward to keeping an eye on the results and updating the tournament table in our classroom.

1st Classes-Rob P. and Clare. First class are settling into our longer school day. We are having lots of fun learning about the rugby world cup and all of the countries that are represented. We had our skipping workshop on Friday 8th Sept where we practiced many new skills. We are excited to start GAA for the first time this year.

PTA: *A warm welcome to our new Principal Lorraine. We're thrilled to have her join our school community. The PTA are working with her on some new exciting initiatives already. To our new parents, welcome and to our returning parents, welcome back. Your ongoing support of the PTA is invaluable. Stay tuned for updates on upcoming events and important dates. But first please feel free to attend the next PTA meeting September 27th at 8pm. We look forward to your support in the year ahead.*

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kids Coder Club – Continuing to Support Parents and Schools

We are committed to aiding parents understand about their child's digital world and also engage coding and ICT options.



Kids Coder Club
The Future Starts Here!

Free Parent Talks – We are now all Global Digital Citizens –
Time to understand this changing landscape

“Computing/Coding and Cyber-Safety for your child”

- Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th September 2023 at 6pm
- Saturday 9th September 2023 at 11:30am

“Understanding your child's digital world! Cyber-Safety Find the Balance!”

- Saturday 16th September 2023 at 11:30am

Register at: www.kidscoderclub.ie/events



GRIEF AND LOSS

support group for children

Using creative therapy approaches to explore experiences of bereavement in a supportive group environment

Saturday September 23rd

11AM-1:15PM 7-9 YEARS

2PM-4:15PM 10-12 YEARS

LEIXLIP PARISH CENTRE

Facilitated by Creative Arts Therapists

Siobhán Nelligan & Anna Shinnors

For enquiries contact

siobhanmusictherapy@gmail.com/087 215 6974

This group will be the first in a series of monthly workshops
Book early as spaces are limited



Irish Dancing- Tuesdays-Contact Siobhán on 086 8962008

(All after school clubs are run independently of METNS)

Kind regards,

Lorraine Murray (Principal)

