



Newsletter October 17th 2023



School News

Whole School Assembly-Cheering on the Boys in Green last week!



Environmental updates: Our parents/guardians were busy planting daffodils recently for us all to enjoy in the Springtime. Thank you to all who gave of their time to support us. KCC have also kindly sponsored the school with some **litter pickers**. Our student's council will be setting up a class roster soon so that we can all do our bit to keep the school grounds clean and tidy. Our 5th and 6th classes enjoyed some very educational Green-School **biodiversity workshops** this month. Thank you to parent Jill Robinson for organising them for us.



Hallowe'en Decorations- If you have unwanted Hallowe'en decorations that are in good usable condition, we would love your donations. They can be left at Hilary's office. Thank you.

Big for your Boots: Have your children outgrown their football boots? If so, we'd love your donations to help us stock up for children who might forget their boots on a given day. Clean boots in good condition would be most appreciated.



Cash for clobber- we have a new fully operational clothes bank just inside the front school gate. **Yes please-** to clothing, shoes, curtains, towels, sheets and blankets. **No thanks-**to rubbish, metal, glass, paper, carpets, rugs or soiled rags.

Board of Management parent/guardian reps. Congratulations to Emmanuel Kypraios and Esraa Ali who were elected as our parent/guardian reps for the Board of Management (2023-2027). Thank you most sincerely all four nominees.

School Requisite Fees- 2023/2024: Thank you to the parents/guardians who have supported the school to date with school requisite fees via Aladdin. *With significant cuts to capitation and ICT grants in the Budget 2023, your support is appreciated more than ever.*

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.

School Awards- September 2023. Well done to our award winners last month. We were particularly working on **Kindness** as our value of the month. For October, we are promoting **Respect**.

Class	Student Award	Gaeilgeoir na Míosa	Kindness Award
Junior Infants Noreen and Sinead G.	Sophie	Keegan	Giulia
Junior Infants Elaine	Amanda	Alfie	Sophia
Senior Infants Clare Sinead S.	Saoirse	James	Zion
Senior Infants Carolina	Anna	Áine	Kinga
Senior Infants Aoibhín	Biel	Luna	Emma
1 st Class Rob P.	Alfie	Juno	Sarah
1 st Class Clare	Aral	Roísín	Sira
2 nd Class Angela	Aoife	Olivia	Leon

2 nd Class Jennifer	Lia	Cian	Stepan
3 rd Class Rob L.	Priya	Gwen	Jasmina
3 rd Class Jacinta	Dónal	Oscar	Aiya
4 th Class Aimee	Anthea	Bettania	Erin
4 th Class Dave	Eli	Freya	Veronique
5 th Class Tom	Diviti	Oisín	Jolene & James
6 th Class Sue	Antosh & Seamus	Shayan	Daria
6 th Class Laoise	Salomea	Yasmina	Kyle

School Self-Evaluation: You may remember being asked to complete a survey last year regarding wellbeing. Our pupils and staff completed a similar survey. School self-evaluation helps us to improve our school overall. We have listened carefully to your opinions and to those of our pupils. Thank you for your positive feedback and comments. We also recognise the need to make improvements. Therefore, we are working on making our school feel safe and clean, we are committing to improving communication and to making our school grounds more biodiverse.

PTA NEWS



NEXT PTA MEETING is on October 25th @ 8pm (virtually)

-The PTA is excited to be hosting the Annual Spooky Walk Fundraiser again this year on Thursday, October 26th at 6:45PM at Maynooth University South Campus (St. Patrick's College). Please meet inside the gates near the castle entrance.

-The funds raised from the walk will be used toward annual PTA expenditures as outlined in the PTA budget and funding items and projects off the school's wish list. Items on the wish list currently include stage and sound equipment, sport jerseys, items to create sensory and calming spaces around the school campus for all students to utilize. The hope is to enhance the outdoor space as well.

-Our fundraising goal is €5,000. Please help make this vision possible by asking friends, neighbours, and family to sponsor your child for the Spooky Walk. If donations average €20 per family, we can reach this goal. If you have any questions, please contact PTA at maynootheducatetogetherpa@gmail.com Share the fundraiser link to collect donations} <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/SpookyWalk2023>

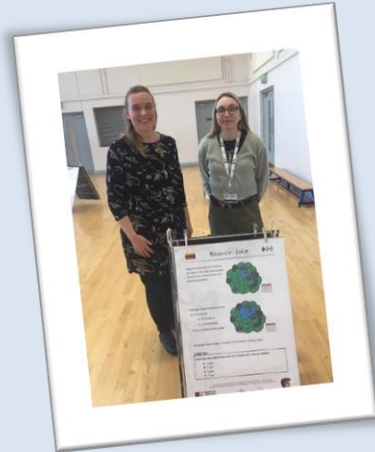
Thank you for your support!

CLASS NEWS

Soccer- well done to our girls and boys soccer teams who both competed bravely this week. The outcome was not what they had hoped for, but they never gave up and battled to the end, doing their school proud. **Athletics-** we also had some athletes competing this week from 5th and 6th class. **Swimming-** our 4th/5th classes are continuing to enjoy their weekly swimming lessons. 3rd class lessons are up coming, and ***payments should be made via Aladdin before commencement.***



Computational Thinking workshops took place in our school hall on Friday 13th of October. Brain cells were working hard as the 3rd-6th classes worked through some challenging tasks. Thanks to the hardworking team from Maynooth University PACT.



Dates for your Calendar this term!

Maths Week -October 14th-22nd

Spooky Walk (PTA event/fundraiser) October 26th

Mid-term Break- 27th October. School Reopens on Nov. 6th

Science Week 12th-19th November

Parent/Guardian Teacher Meetings (excluding infants)- Week of Nov. 20th

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.

St. Mary's Choir: If your child is interested in joining, please contact Saoirse on 087 6949244

Tesco Community Fund generously donated 681 euro to Maynooth Educate Together. We were delighted to pick up the cheque last week in the Maynooth store. We will use the funds to purchase materials to support SEN (Special Educational Needs) in the mainstream classes. Thank you, Tesco. Every Little Helps!



After school clubs- find more details on our website [Here](#) (*All after school clubs are run independently of METNS*).

*Wishing you all a safe and happy mid-term break from
27th Oct!*

Kind regards,

Lorraine Murray

(Principal)

