



December Newsletter



Dec. 18th, 2023

School News

Enrolment for the school year 2024/2025 opens on January 5th, 2024. Please see details [HERE](#).

Christmas Holidays begin on 22nd December. The pupils will return to school on Monday 8th January 2024. Wishing all our families and staff a peaceful and enjoyable break.

Recycling of Batteries (WEEE)- If you have any batteries for recycling, please send them into school with the pupils and we can organise recycling here.

Winter Raffle- Our raffle took place this morning. There was great excitement. Hilary our secretary contacted some of our winners of the bigger prizes. Smaller prizes will be sent home with the children today and a list of all our winners will be made available to the school community later in the week. Congratulations to all our prizes winners and thank you for your overwhelming support. Our current total raised is 1790 euro, with more donations to arrive.

Festive Fun Run (2 euro per pupil- if you did not get an opportunity to donate via the raffle). Pupils can wear Winter/Christmas jumpers and accessories. **It takes place on Thursday** December 21st

December was a busy month. The children from all classes presented amazing **Winter Shows** for their parents and guardians last week. Singing, dancing, poetry and drama could be seen and heard throughout the school. The talent displayed was remarkable. Thank you to our teachers and SNAs (Special Needs Assistants) who prepared the children so well and to our support team and parents/guardians who helped with teas/coffees and the selling of raffle tickets. Best of luck to everyone who bought tickets in aid of MDI and Educate together. Winners and total raised to be announced this week.

SNA (Special Needs Assistant) Joan Eley and caretaker Martin Maher were busy creating a fabulously cosy **grotto for SANTA** who visits this week on Dec. 20th. We have to say that they both did an amazing job!

NOVEMBER CLASS AWARDS

Class	Student Award	Gaeilgeoir na Míosa	Co-Operation Award
Junior Infants Noreen and Sinead G.	Robyn	Erik	Maeva
Junior Infants Elaine	Corina	Nora	Rian
Junior Infants Sinead S.	Markus	Mete	Dectya
Senior Infants Carolina	Elisa	Tazhan	Jax
Senior Infants Aoibhín	Aymon	Lara	Harsen
1 st Class Rob P.	Petra	Patrick	Henry
1 st Class Catherine	Logan	Rowan	Leah
2 nd Class Olivia	Danielle	Olivia	Niels
2 nd Class Jennifer	Billy	Caoileann	Electra
3 rd Class Rob L.	Andrew	Oliwia	Emily
3 rd Class Jacinta	Eve	Eleni	David
4 th Class Aimee	Aran	Grace	Ilaney
4 th Class Dave	Éabha	Daniel	Eliza
5 th Class Tom	Hannah	Omar	Charlie
5 th Class Sue	Ksawery	Fedor	Emi & Ben
6 th Class Laoise	Holly Ho.	Iosif	Matthew

Well done to all our deserving award winners. Keep up the great work. We are working on 'Honesty' this month.

Maths Week 2023

We celebrated Maths Week in M.E.T.N.S. from the 14th –22nd October and did not have the opportunity to congratulate our winners in the last newsletter. Many thanks to all the children, parents and staff who participated. Congratulations to the winners of the Kahoot quiz, the daily magic number question and the mathematicians chosen in the classes. The senior classes were excellent role models when helping the junior classes with the maths trails around the school. We also had fun finding maths jokes around the school and playing maths games during the week such as UNO, snakes and ladders, Beebots and Bingo to name a few.

Noreen, Jacinta, Sue and Tom organised a fantastic week for our pupils. Sincere thanks for all your effort.

4th – 6th classes also enjoyed the Times tables Rock stars challenge

Top in each class in the Times Tables Rock Stars competition online

Aimee's 4th class – Sofia Forde, 2,338 correct answers,

Dave's 4th class - Mia Halton, 793 correct answers,

Sue's 5th class - Tate Rampaul, 2,444 correct answers,

Thomas's 5th class - Oisín Guha, 2,529 correct answers,

Laoise's 6th class - Matias Ciocan, 1,348 correct answers,

The highest scoring classes were

1st Place: Sue's 5th

2nd Place: Tom's 5th

3rd Place: Aimee's 4th

Our school came 55th out of 216 primary schools in Ireland. (Total Score)

5th out of 36 Nearby primary schools. (Total Score)

Board of Management/PTA News

The Agreed Report from the Board of Management Meeting 7/12/2023 can be found **on our website.**

An enormous 'Thank You' to all our parents and guardians who helped out this term with library visits, school trips, swimming, festive decorating, teas and coffees, spooky walk etc. We are most grateful for all the help you provide within the school and could not hold these events without you.

CLASS NEWS

Tom's and Sue's Fifth Classes have been busy creating beautiful artwork while **Laoise's 6th Class** constructed some detailed dioramas. These houses look good enough to move into. I think we may have some future interior designers in our midst.

Meanwhile the children in **Jacinta's and Rob's 3rd classes** designed and created some board games during science week from recycled materials. They produced fantastic ideas and presented them in the hall where everyone had a chance to test them out and explore their competitive sides. Here is a selection of some of their games. Well done on your ingenuity!
See pictures below!

Aimee and her scientific pupils from 4th class represented their school and parents at the Intel Mini Scientists during the week. The boys did not progress to the next round, but we are so proud of them and all that they have achieved. The future is bright for these boys!!





Games from 3rd class and 6th Class Dioramas

- ✕ Well done to all the boys and girls in **Robert and Catherine's 1st classes** for their fantastic performance in the Winter Show. They deserve a good rest over the Christmas after all their hard work this term. The two classes enjoyed participating in a handball tournament together last week. It was fiercely competitive but enjoyable for all. Well done to **Alfie Fox and his brother Oscar** who raised **€900 for Cats Aid and Cystic Fibrosis** by hosting a hot chocolate stand from their house. Fantastic work boys and a very kind-hearted gesture.

- ✖ **Aoibheann's senior infant pupils** went on an outdoor adventure to the Maynooth Post box to post their letters to Santa Claus. Let's hope they arrive on time.



Buddy Ready (Aoibheann's Class)

COMMUNITY NEWS

- ❖ **Thank you to our sponsors;** Maynooth Bookshop, James' Coaches, Wipe Out and to all our parents/guardians/staff who kindly donated prizes for our Winter Raffle. Your support is most appreciated.
- ❖ **Road-Cycle Path Update.** Local Councillors and representatives from Maynooth ET and Scoil Uí Fhiach attended a meeting at the beginning of the month in Kildare County Council Offices. Although the cycle/footpath is a long way off being constructed, we did receive some positive news regarding placement of bollards at the school entrance and additional road markings which should improve safety and visibility of the school.
- ❖ **LEGO Club:** We are thrilled to share some exciting updates from our Lego Club! Due to popular demand, we have added a second day – Wednesdays – to the schedule. Our children had an absolute blast, and we cannot wait for even more creativity, fun, and building in the upcoming term. Thank you for your continued support! Warm wishes Cristina and Joan.



Laoise's Class Winter Show

Best wishes to our staff, parents/guardians, pupils, and the wider school community over the festive period.

Lorraine Murray

Principal

