

February Newsletter

February 28th 2024

School News

Hot meal scheme update: Our 'hot meals' kitchen will be put in place during the Easter Holidays. We have tendered to three different companies and will be working with the 'school food company' as part of the scheme going forward. We envisage the 22nd April as the start date. More details regarding how to order meals will follow and all meals are free of charge. In the meantime, you can find out more about the school food company here- [School Lunches](#) | [The School Food Company](#) | [Limerick](#).



Cake sale: Well done to Aimee, her class and the student council who raised €984 in our Valentine's Cake Sale. All funds will go towards the development of an outdoor classroom.

Parent/guardian survey: Thank you to everyone who completed our extra-curricular activity survey. Hearing your voice is very important to us. Here is a summary of the main findings.

Q1. In-school extra activities-too little 36.6% Acceptable Amount 63%

Q2. Fundraising and notice given- Yes acceptable notice 94% Not acceptable 6%

Q3. School tour graduated approach to venue/cost/notice given- Acceptable 100%

Q4. Use of more local venues/trips via public transport if appropriate- Acceptable 96% No 4%

Q5. Swimming- an important part of my child's school experience- Yes 92% No 8%

Q6 Which class (3rd-6th) would benefit most from swimming- 3rd - 34% 4th- 28% 5th- 21% 6th-18%

Q7. My child enjoyed swimming- Yes 87% No 13%

Q8. The amount of time spent swimming was acceptable Yes- 78% No- 18%

Q9. Cost of Swimming- Acceptable and happy to pay more if required Yes- 87% No- 13%

Further Feedback- request for more after school activities, more outdoor trips, after school childcare request was very prevalent, positive feedback on the work the school is doing, more visits from community members.

County Photos- will be visiting the school to take photos of all pupils/siblings (excluding junior infants), on March 6th. Purchase of photos is optional.

MPP entrance exams for 6th class pupils: Friday, 12th April, 2024 is scheduled for the entrance assessment. Parents/Guardians can collect pupils from school as required. For more details please contact MPP directly.

JANUARY AWARDS

Class	Student Award	Gaeilgeoir na Míosa	Responsibility Award
Junior Infants Noreen and Sinead G.	Levi	Cathy	Jake
Junior Infants Elaine	Demyan	Mikaeel	Celia
Junior Infants Sinead S.	Darius	Saoirse	Sophie
Senior Infants Carolina	Onur	Odysseus	Vivansh
Senior Infants Aoibhín	Elliot	Robyn	Rian
1 st Class Rob P.	Dylan	Shane	Dara
1 st Class Catherine	Sira	Misha	Roisin
2 nd Class Olivia	Sam	Paxton	Maya
2 nd Class Jennifer	Kenzie	Olivia	Ben
3 rd Class Rob L.	Felix	Ibrahim	Liam
3 rd Class Jacinta	Lenka	Riley	Aryan
4 th Class Aimee	Darragh	Cian	Ella
4 th Class Dave	Cara	Jamie	Eloise
5 th Class Tom	Julia	Pranav	Hannah
5 th Class Sue	Shayan	Oisin	Filip
6 th Class Laoise	Holly Hawkins	Emily	Vivaan

Bebras Challenge Finalists. Big congratulations to the following pupils who have made it to the Bebras Challenge Finals being held on 20th of April 2024 at Maynooth University. More details to follow. **Maria Moore, Sofia Forde, Adam Bahri, Enjuan Han, Anthea McLoone, Kyle Dooley, Daniel Duwai, Luke Callaghan, Finn Galligan, Cillian Connell Lynott, Tara Fekete.**



Upcoming Events/Closures This Term:

March 7th World Book Day: *The children can dress up as a character from a book (optional)*

March 11th-15th Seactain na Gaeilge: *Ceoil, craic, rince, visits from pupils in Scoil Ui Fhiaich*

March 15th Lá Glas: *The children can wear green or colours of Ireland (optional)*

March 17th and 18th St. Patrick's Day and additional school closure

April 15th-19th: Inclusion and Diversity Week

Easter Break: Friday 22nd March. Return to school on Monday April 8th

June 17th-21st Active School Week

June 26th – 6th Class Graduation

CLASS NEWS

Noreen and Sinéad Garry's Junior Infants class really enjoyed Wellbeing week. 'We had almost 20 grandparents visit our class as well as two more online all the way from Brisbane, Australia! The children loved showing their grandparents our classroom and singing songs for them. A sincere thank you to all grandparents who attended. It was a wonderful day. We learned and practised many fun yoga poses with Jennifer and we drew pictures of what make us happy. We are also enjoying learning GAA skills with Declan from Maynooth GAA club every Wednesday'.



Junior Infants Juniper- Sinéad Staunton's Class

We have been doing so many fun and amazing things since the New Year! We have been learning about light and had some fun making shadows. We had a lovely day of show and tell where we brought in our favourite toy from home and presented to our class. We made some beautiful Valentine's Day art and ate some delicious pancakes. We also had a visit from our local Garda Aidan who taught us all about the important work the Gardaí do in our community - we even got to see his cool van!



3rd classes – Our Willow and Rowan classes have begun their 'Run to Berlin' as part of Active Schools Run Around Europe. We have been looking and responding to the work of German artist Paul Klee. We created some colourful town landscapes using his work for inspiration.



Jennifer's 2nd class- 'We are looking at Tulips as part as our Amsterdam study. Some of the children got a bit more hands on than the others' 😊

Visit from Community Garda Aidan

Last week, Community Garda Aidan Mc Grann visited all classes. He spoke about the role of the Garda, online safety and showed our junior infants the inside of the Garda Van. There was great excitement when the siren sounded. Some of our teachers even considered a career change.



World Book Day March 7th The school will hold a **book swap** on the 7th of March to celebrate World Book Day. Children can bring in books that they no longer read over the next week. There will be a box in the reception area for books you wish to donate. On the 7th all children will get a chance to

look at the books and pick a new book to read. A reminder also on the day children can dress up as a character from a book to help celebrate and promote books and reading.

COMMUNITY NEWS

- Some of our 6th Class pupils will make their **Confirmation on March 7th**. Wishing their teacher Carmel, and the pupils the very best of luck.
- **Please give your feedback [Here](#)**: on the National Autism Innovation Strategy Survey.
- **Winners!!!!** Big Congratulations to former staff member Mairéad Mc Hale and the Maynooth Autism Friendly Town Committee. Maynooth was awarded overall winner at the AsIAm awards 2024. A fantastic achievement and very well deserved.



Fitnastix Classes at Educate Together, Maynooth !!!



We are thrilled to introduce our exciting new program, Fitnastix, exclusively for the children of **Educate Together, Maynooth**! This is an incredible opportunity for your children to embark on a fun and fitness filled journey. Fitnastix is not just a gymnastics class; it's an adventure in movement and fitness. Our program is designed to keep kids active, engaged, and having a blast while learning valuable skills. Here's what your child can expect to experience in our Fitnastix classes:

- Rhythm and dance and age-appropriate aerobics
- Flexibility enhancing, rope skipping.
- And much more
- Contact Details: Natalya Ciaica (Fitnastix coach)

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*** All after school clubs and camps are run independently of METNS***

Dear parent/guardian,

Easter camp will take place this year in Maynooth Educate Together from Monday the 25th of March to Thursday the 28th of March. The camp will run from 9.00am until 1.00pm on each of these days. For camp costs see the end of this flyer. Activities will include:

- Art and craft activities
- A selection of sports
- And many other activities...

Children attending sports camp will need to wear their P.E. clothes and bring in a packed lunch.

Please also pack a raincoat for your child.

Looking forward to seeing you there!!

Kind regards,

Eoin, Rob P., Sinead S. and Rob L. 😊

If you are interested please fill in the form at the back, places are limited so return as soon as possible.



PLEASE PLACE PAYMENT IN SEALED ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME WRITTEN ON IT.

Kind regards,

Lorraine Murray

Principal