

May 2024 Newsletter

School News



Our incoming Junior Infant Parent/Guardian night took place in the school hall on 16th May @ 7:30pm. This meeting was very well attended. Well done to our outgoing 6th class pupils who gave guided tours and welcomed our new parents/guardians with great gusto and confidence. If you did not make it on the evening, please contact Hilary in the office to arrange collection of your welcome pack, which contains important school information (Aladdin set up, Hot Meals App, Calendar 2024/2025 etc).

Familiarisation Day-May 30th @1:30pm. The incoming junior infant pupils will have an opportunity to explore the infant classrooms and meet their classmates on May 30th 1:30pm-2pm. Parents and Guardians are welcome to tea/coffee and refreshments in the hall. We encourage you all to attend.



New school Jerseys courtesy of INEngineering: Sincere thanks to parents Jeff and Jennifer Luke (Chairperson of the PTA), who very generously sponsored the school with a fabulous new set of soccer jerseys. Well done to teacher Thomas Treacy who designed the jerseys. We think they look fabulous and hopefully they will bring with them, winning ways to Maynooth ETNS.

School Tours- 3rd classes visited Explorium Sandyford on the 21st May Well done to the pupils in Robert Leonard and Jacinta O' Connor's classes, who represented the school so well. Great fun was had by all, exploring science, technology, sports and adventure. It was the first time for our pupils to visit this venue on a school tour and it certainly was a popular choice. If you have not already been, it might be a nice place to visit with your family over the summer months [Home - Explorium](#)

2nd Classes in Jennifer Gormley's and Olivia Dunne's classes visited Astro park on Tuesday 28th May and have a very active and enjoyable day. The children were also great representatives of the school.



SPORTS

Jnr NBA Tournament – Maynooth ETNS 22 May 2024

15 lucky pupils from 4th and 5th class recently took part in the Junior NBA tournament at the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght. The tournament was organised by Basketball Ireland with North Kildare Basketball Club arranging the school's participation. We wish to thank both organisations for reaching out and inviting us. The boys and girls had an exciting, fun-filled and action-packed day. They got to meet ex-NBA player Pat Burke, who to this day is still the only Irish person to have played in the NBA. They also got to hone their basketball skills such as dribbling, shooting and passing; all of which took place under the watchful eyes of the amazing Basketball Ireland coaches. The pupils also got to play matches against other schools from around Ireland where they practiced their skills and put on an excellent display doing themselves and the school proud. There was also a focus on looking after their mental health through sport and were also given a tour of the media room by head of communications for Basketball Ireland, Nathaniel Cope. **Well done to Daniel, Shayan, Neriah, Elena, Edie, Pranav, Julia, Fabio, Adam, Aran, Dominikas, Tara, Martins, Éabha and Leo!** Also sincere thanks to teachers Dave O' Mahony and Mary Quinn went along with the pupils for the day.



Athletics update: Our school attended the Celbridge Track and Field Event held by Celbridge Athletic Club on Tuesday 29th May. We brought a team of 55 children from 4th-6th. The children competed in

sprints, mid-distance running, Turbo Javelin, Shot Put, Long Jump and Relays. We would like to commend all the children for the huge effort they put in on the day and their excellent behaviour throughout the day. We were also delighted to come away with a few medals:

4th Class

Tilda O' Flaherty	Silver Medal	Long Jump
Tara Fetka	Bronze Medal	Sprints
Caoimhe O'Neill	Gold Medal	Sprints
4 th Class Girls Relay	Bronze Medal (Tilda O'Flaherty, Tara Fetka, Sophia Forde & Eli Coogan)	

5th Class

Oisin Guha	Silver Medal	Sprints
Daria Maria Cocut	Gold Medal	Turbo Javelin
Ben Morris	Gold Medal	Turbo Javelin
Seamus Lawlor	Silver Medal	Turbo Javelin

We would like to thank Celbridge Athletic Club for hosting such a well-organized and fun event. Our next Track and Field will be held in Kilcock on 21st June and is open to our 3rd-6th Classes. We look forward to another day of fun and competition!

Sincere thanks to Eoin, Pam, Laoise and Aimee for helping out on the day and to Thomas who organised the whole event.



Bebras Challenge: Several of our pupils took part in the Bebras challenge earlier this year. It is an international competition that introduces computational thinking to students by allowing them to solve interactive tasks online. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for those that took part, and we had great success with Enjuan Han claiming 3rd place in age category 8-10. Well done Enjuan, we are all very proud of your achievement.



Principal's Awards: Each month I post out a special award to a very deserving pupil from our school. There are always many nominees and so many deserving pupils. It is a very difficult decision to make. The award certificate arrives via the post-person, to great surprise and to the pride of parents/guardians. Over the last few months, several pupils have been noted as being exemplary role models to our younger pupils. **Lauren Hickey** (3rd class Jacinta's class) for the kindness she always displays to everyone and especially towards a pupil in her class who needs extra help with mobilisation around the school environment. **Shayan Kamara** (Sue's 5th class), was highlighted as being humble, kind, helpful and brave while **Ódhran Gaule** from Dave's 4th class was noted to have shown huge improvement across the board. Well done children, we are all very proud of you.

Upcoming Events/Closures This Term:

June 3rd (Bank Holiday)

June 17th-21st Active School Week

June 26th – 6th Class Graduation @ 7:30 pm

June 27th-Half Day for 6th class pupils (Farewell)

*School Closes for **Summer Break** on 28th June (Half Day)*

CLASS NEWS

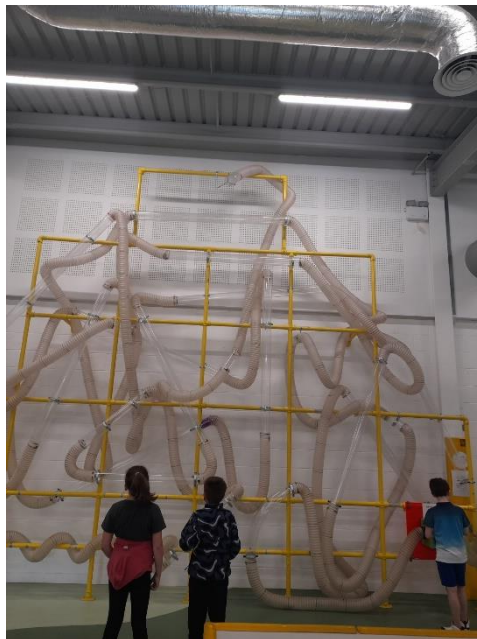
Senior infants (Aoibhín's class): We have been learning all about the life cycle of butterflies and Senior Infants created beautiful butterflies using print work. We also had a lovely visit from author Aileen Crossley. Everyone had a great time, especially when she was teaching them how to draw Henry.



4th class Elm have been busy being very creative over the last few weeks. The children planned and sketched their dream bedrooms, they brainstormed and collected materials that they could use to make a diorama of their dream bedroom. The end results are very impressive with lots of amazing ideas. All children are teaching a lesson to the class on their chosen topic over the next few weeks. We have had a gymnastic class, a class on Harry Potter and rugby lesson. Everyone is really enjoying getting a chance to be a teacher.



Jacinta's 3rd class: On May 16th Lindsey from Sustainable Energy Ireland, SEI came to our class to do a workshop on the different types of energy we use in our everyday lives. We did some experiments on the movement of energy and played an interactive quiz to test our knowledge. It was really interesting. We also took part in a webinar about the life of Brendan the Navigator. We had already read about Brendan in class. We learned that many people believe that Brendan was the first European to arrive in America, long before Christopher Columbus. In addition we headed off on our school tour to Explorium: National Sport and Science Centre. We had a great day exploring all the hands-on STEAM based activities. We also got to have some fun in the outdoor area. A big thank you to the parent volunteers who came along with us. We really appreciate your support.



Junior Infants Larch class (Sinéad and Noreen's class) used their imagination to create their own fish including: big foot fish, grumpy fish, rainbow fish, upside-down fish and Taekwon-Do fish! For Aistear, we are learning about camping and holidays and we're having lots of fun role-playing in our tent! They are also working on their correct letter formation on the iPads during literacy stations also.



Community News



PTA News: Sunday 19th of May brought the PTA summer fair and the sunshine. Magicians, balloon artists, raffle prizes and goodies made for a fun-filled day and a successful fundraiser for the PTA. Well done and sincere thanks to all involved. The day was a great success.

The PTA AGM takes place on Wednesday 19th June @8pm in hybrid format. You are all invited and the link was sent via Aladdin during the week. The meeting will involve an update on the year's events and fundraisers and also the electing of a new PTA committee.

Thank you parents/guardians: I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all parents/guardians who helped out with any events this school year. We really appreciate your support and could not run so many events for our pupils without you. We had so much support with the library, school tours, planting, garden tidy up, shared reading, visits from Maynooth University, summer fair, spooky walk, fundraising....the list is endless. We are very fortunate to have such an active parent/guardian body in Maynooth ETNS.

Kind regards,

Lorraine Murray

Principal