

June 2024

School News

Active Week 17th-21st June

This week was active week. The children and staff took part in athletics, obstacle courses, water races and staff v 6th class pupil soccer, rounders and basketball matches. The competition was fierce and thoroughly enjoyable. Past pupil Saul Connolly visited the school to teach the pupils some Taekwondo skills and we were fortunate to have the Peelo school of dance sharing their talents with our pupils also. A big thanks to Robert Leonard and the P.E. team (Carolina, Eoin and Tom), for putting together a fantastic fun-filled and varied week. See some highlights from various classes below.





Principal's Awards went to five very deserving pupils for the months of May and June. **Charley Pierce** (Junior infants) for increased resilience and independence, **Holly Hough** (6th Class) for kindness, looking out for her peers and for being a great role model. In 5th Class, **Jolene Smith** won an award for helpfulness, increased independence and extremely hard work. **Benjamin Morris** (5th class) for showing increased maturity, displaying kindness and inclusivity in addition to exemplary leadership skills. Finally, **Holly Hawkins** (6th Class) for great leadership skills as part of the student council, watching out for children who may be having a tough time, support in organising her classroom, positivity and creativity. Well done to our worthy winners. We are very proud of each and everyone one of you.

Class	Student Award	Gaeilgeoir na Míosa	Positivity Award
Junior Infants Noreen/Sinead	Keegan	Tavgunn	Sophie
Junior Infants Elaine	Alfie	Rian	Amanda
Junior Infants Sinead S.	Cole	Sophie	Soren
Senior Infants Carolina	Sofía	Clarice	Cillian
Senior Infants Aoibhín	Gabriel	Edie	Essam
1 st Class Rob P.	Mia	Adam	Julia
1 st Class Catherine	Aerin	Gabriel	Emma
2 nd Class Olivia	Sofija	Klementyna	Reuben
2 nd Class Jennifer	Tamara	Sean Óg	Hayden
3 rd Class Rob L.	Finn	Rian	Oliwia
3 rd Class Jacinta	Ianis	Fabian	Breno
4 th Class Aimee	Ethan	Toby	Saoirse
4 th Class Dave	Martins	Gennaro	Alexander
5 th Class Tom	Chloe	Dastin	Alberto
5 th Class Sue	Daria	Manuel	Daniel
6 th Class Laoise	Lucy	Matias	Jessica
Caterpillars and Butterflies	Caoimhe		Ben

April Awards

Class	Student Award	Gaeilgeoir na Míosa	Inclusion Award
Jnr. Infants Noreen/Sinead	Amelia	Faron	Giulia
Junior Infants Elaine	Sophia	Leo	Corina
Junior Infants Sinead S.	Mete	Iulian	Markus
Senior Infants Carolina	Benjamin	Kieran	Anna & Kinga
Senior Infants Aoibhín	Luna	Elliot	Emilia
1 st Class Rob P.	Caleb	Emma	Nala
1 st Class Catherine	Elena	Cadhla	Jack
2 nd Class Olivia	Oscar	Zoey	Auro
2 nd Class Jennifer	Leia	Yaseen	Cian A.
3 rd Class Rob L.	Andrew	Ibrahim	Maia & Priya
3 rd Class Jacinta	Cristian	Evan	David
4 th Class Aimee	Dominykas	Leonardo	Anthea
4 th Class Dave	Mateo	Alex Mc	Cillian
5 th Class Tom	Omar	Leo	Eddy
5 th Class Sue	Fedor	Jacob	Ashton
6 th Class Laoise	Luke	Kyle L.	Maryam
Caterpillars and Butterflies	Melissa		James

May Awards

Thank you to everyone who supported the Student Council Summer Raffle. It was a very successful initiative and we raised €370. There was lots of excitement in every class when announcing the winners. Thank you also to the PTA for sponsoring our raffle prizes. All proceeds go towards our school garden. Congratulations to all our lucky winners below.



Class News

Junior Infants (Elaine, Sinéad and Noreen/Sinéad G's classes): are working on the Aistear theme – 'Holidays'. We have been learning all about going on holidays and the airport in Aistear. The children were delighted to get outdoors to play in the sand and water, their very own mini beach!

Newbridge House and Farm: The Junior & Senior Infants went to Newbridge House & Farm on their school tour. It was a fabulous location and the children enjoyed the day. The added bonus was the beautiful playground. The children would have stayed a few hours longer if they could have. Thank you to all the parents who helped on the school tour.



Senior infants (Aoibhín's class): We have had such a fantastic time the past few weeks with school tour and active week. We got great use out of our new garden with some paired reading with 6th class. It has been an amazing year and we've all had so much fun!



6th Class (Laoise's class) On 4th June, 6th class attended a Museum Changemakers Workshop in partnership with GOAL at Collins Barracks in Dublin where they learned about Changemakers in Irish history. They also discussed changes they would like to see for Ireland in the future. On their return

to Maynooth, they enjoyed a picnic and had some fun in the park. Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring ice creams for us on the day!

5th and 6th class also travelled to Blessington for their school tour in CP Adventures on 13th June. The rain didn't spoil the fun and a great day was had by all.



School Garden. Martin our wonderful caretaker was busy over the last few weeks upgrading our school garden. **Aimee's 4th class** have been putting a lot of work into it too, adding some additional touches to the space which we hope to use regularly into the future. A decorated stone from each pupil @ METNS has brightened up the area too. Aimee's class have also really enjoyed playing board games with their friends while taking a break from all the great events during active week. They have had some very competitive games and lots of fun.



School Blog-4th class (Dave's Class). Eli, Amelie, Tilda and Cara have been working on a school blog over the last few months. They have been capturing all the events/school news and have been keeping us entertained with some jokes too. Here is a sample of their writing below, all about the 6th class graduation. We have to agree that we certainly have some future journalists/authors in the making here! Well done girls.

'As it is nearing the end of the year, 6th Class has been preparing for the annual 6th Class graduation on the 26th of June. This is a lively event of celebration where they sing songs and remember their schooling memories over the years. There are lots of delicious treats, and it's a very enjoyable event. Here is what some students think about Secondary school: "Sometimes I'm happy, sometimes I'm excited, sometimes I just don't want to go". "I'm taking Business, Home Economics and German." X is taking Business, Home economics and French. "Business is like where you try and learn how to

support a business and make it go further in the future.” Word of advice from a 6th Class student: “Don’t be thinking about Secondary school. Treasure your time here. “The Graduation ceremony is going to be subject themed.” X is “doing prep for Secondary school.” X is not bothered by the new addition of uniform. “I mean, it’s nice not having to wriggle into some finicky uniform every morning, but I’ll be older, so it won’t affect me as much, I think.” He doesn’t care as long as it is comfortable. But he doesn’t want to wear the leather school shoes though. “I’m going to MCC.” X is currently drafting an email to Specsavers to get them to sponsor their graduation. He says, “I feel the extra day away from school doesn’t make any difference, and the exams, I’m fine with. “Studying seems so SLAY!” They are doing their Drumcondra’s on Thursday. X said that he is very thankful to everyone in this school for “making my 8 years here AWESOME!!!”



Thank you. sincerely to the PTA and the entire parent/guardian body for such a lovely treat last week. The staff really enjoyed the lunch provided and are very appreciative of all your help and support this year. Congratulations to the incoming committee for 2024/2025. Kalis Pope will take up the position of Chairperson (previous co-chair), Siobhán Deegan and Tim Dare will remain as the treasurers and Lyndsey O’ Neill (continued) and Lisa Kenna will take on the role of Secretaries. **A very special mention goes to Jennifer Luke who is stepping down as chairperson after 4 years at the helm. Jennifer has done tremendous work for the school and for our pupils and we are extremely grateful for her time, commitment and effort.**

Thank you. A number of **scooters** and **go-karts** were donated to the school recently. Our staff would like to thank those who donated. They will be put to great use.

Ulster Bank have donated several storage units and some immaculate furniture to our school. We are very thankful to parent **Anne Mc Hugh** for organising this. The furniture is already being used by staff and pupils alike.

‘I finally wish to thank you all for the welcome you have extended to me on my first year here at Maynooth Educate Together NS. I have been made to feel most welcome. I look forward to an exciting year ahead for us all in 2024/2025.’

Have a wonderful summer and we will see you all on 29th August 2024.

Kind regards,

Lorraine Murray

Principal