

METNS Newsletter

September 27th 2024

Welcome back to all in our Maynooth Educate Together National School Community. We have had a very positive beginning to the school year 2024-2025, hitting the ground running with lots of sports, activities, intercultural celebrations all while welcoming our new Junior Infants, who have settled in extremely well. We also welcomed some new staff members; class teachers Triona Cahill, Sinéad Sullivan, Annie Mooney, Anna Cuffe and Hannah McGuckin, SNA Phil Connolly and Bus Escort Aileen Gleeson.

SPORTS

Swimming for 4th Classes: Triona Cahill and Robert Potter's classes began their swimming lessons in the National Aquatic Centre. They had a fantastic first session and all they are looking forward to the remaining 5 weeks. Thank you to our parent/guardian volunteers who came along on the trip to help out.



The 5th and 6th Class Girls' Soccer Team got off to a great start with a draw against a strong opposition, adding 2 goals to the score sheet. Well done girls! We are all looking forward to seeing what you will achieve this year while working on your teamwork skills. Well done also to coaches Hannah and Clare. **Cycling Safety** has been a hot topic for Hannah and Dave's 6th classes of late, whereby the children have been learning some important road safety skills, all while soaking up some fresh air and sunshine. **GAA with our coach Declan**, is back up and running and our **2nd and 3rd classes** have been learning some cracking cricket skills with coach Anne, from North Kildare.



International celebrations have been at the forefront of this week, with all classes learning about different languages, traditions, food and music from countries far and near. We soaked up some earthy musical vibes during our drumming sessions with Jabba Jabba Jembe and we were treated to a stunning musical repertoire by internationally renowned guitarist and parent Fernando Lopez and his daughter and pupil Lia. What a stunning morning of musical appreciation. Thank you to all the parents/guardians who visited our classrooms to share their culture and to our lunch lady Leanie who taught many classes what it was like to grow up in her native South Africa.



Fernando and Lia Lopez



Student Blog is Back with talented journalists Eli and Amelia (from Olivia's 5th Class) once again treating us to all the news from a child's viewpoint. We love to hear our students' voices. Check out what's been happening @METNS this month and what the pupils make of it all by clicking [here](#).

Junior Infants and their siblings had a visit from County Photos last week. Purchase of these photos is optional. **HSE nurses** also visited for junior infant vaccinations.

Class	Student Award	Gaeilgeoir na Míosa	Kindness Award
Junior Infants Noreen & Sinéad	Jack	Suzie	Inara
Junior Infants Aoibhín	Davi	Evie	Fiadh
Senior Infants Carolina	Farqan	Giulia	Amanda
Senior Infants Sinéad Staunton	Deetya	Sophie	Leon
1 st Class Annie	Aymon	Charlie	Rajveer
1 st Class Clare & Stephanie	Evan	Eoin	Lucie
2 nd Class Anna	Róisín	Vritee	Ruben
2 nd Class Tom	Alfie	Jack	Petra
3 rd Class Rob L.	Lia	Caoileann	Seán Óg
3 rd Class Jennifer	Aoife	Olivia	Oscar
4 th Class Triona	David	Oliwia	Jasmina
4 th Class Rob P.	Aryan	Sabin	Sophie
5 th Class Olivia	Mateo	Mia	Sophia
5 th Class Sinéad Sullivan	Grace	Anthea	Kian
6 th Class Hannah	Daniel	Ruhaan	Fedor
6 th Class Dave	Dviti	Omar	Jolene

SEPTEMBER AWARDS



The Principal's Award went to Erin Kucerka from Sinéad Sullivan's 5th class (Elm). Erin has such a positive disposition and cheers up everyone she meets. She is extremely kind and is often witnessed supporting other children with challenges on a regular basis. She says hello to everyone she meets and has marvellous manners. Well done Erin. We are so proud of you!!

Class News

Junior Infants Juniper class: Noreen and Sinéad's Junior Infants class have settled in very well to school life. We have been learning new words in Irish, engaging in role play and small world during Aistear in the Home Corner and playing games like 'stuck in the mud', 'duck, duck, goose' and 'traffic lights' in PE. We love playing with playdough and saying our rhymes. We even learned a funny rhyme about Humpty Dumpty! We went on a tour around the school and visited Lorraine, Hilary and also saw the staffroom. We are learning how to hold our pencils properly and we love playing and having fun on the school yard. We enjoyed listening to the guitar music and wonderful singing on Monday in assembly. We are busy learning new routines and making many new friends too.

Junior infants- Aoibhín's Class (Chestnut). We've had such an exciting few weeks getting settled in Junior Infants this year. Everybody loved their first ever P.E. lesson where we played lots of different games. We've also been really enjoying playing each morning during our choosing time. Our highlight of this week was getting to listen to the very talented Fernando Lopez. We had so much fun clapping and dancing along to his songs.

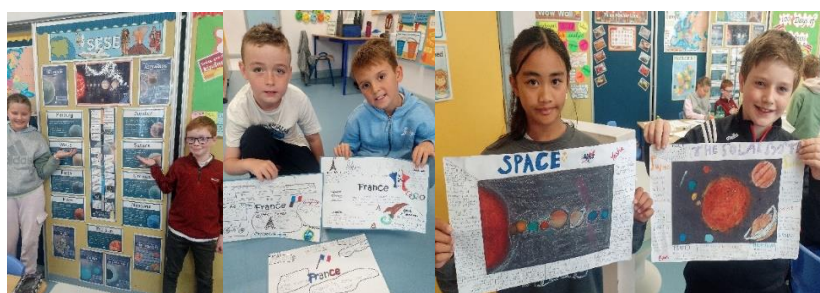


1st Class Cherry (Clare/Stephanie). The boys and girls of 1st class (Cherry) have been busy settling back into the new school year. We have been learning all about the season of Autumn and working together to create our own class tree. The children enjoyed creating sunset silhouettes for art. We also had a lovely visit from Dalton's Grandmother, Nancy who taught us all about the Sika deer. The children were very excited to see real antlers up close and learn how the deer shed their antlers.



1st Class (Cherry)

Triona's 4th Class (Rowan). In 4th Class, the children have been learning all about The Race to Space, Apollo 11 and the wonders of our solar system. They created fantastic research projects and artwork, which they are extremely proud of. This week we have also been enjoying celebrating cultures, languages and traditions, a wonderful learning and sharing experience. As a class we have been focusing on France, learning all about its history, culture, food, places of interest, natural features and climate, as well as learning many French phrases and using these throughout the day.



Robert Leonard's 3rd Class (Hazel). We have had a great start to 3rd Class. It has been a busy month so far. We were lucky enough to be invited out to North Kildare Sports Club for a cricket blitz. 2nd and 3rd Classes attended and it was a fun day for all. We would like to thank Cricket Leinster, Kildare Sports Partnership and North Kildare Sports Club for supporting us and helping make the day happen.



We are now using Chromebook to support our learning in class. We have started using PowerPoint and we are looking forward to presenting our projects in the future.

International Day of European Languages is being celebrated this Friday 27th September. We have been sharing greetings in all the different languages we have in our class.



Community News

- **Maynooth Educate Together is again facilitating a large number of after school activities and clubs. You can find more information on our school website [here](#). All clubs and camps are run independently of METNS.**
- **The Centre for Talented Youth Ireland (DCU) provides specialised courses for young people with exceptional academic ability in verbal, numerical or abstract reasoning. If your child is performing in the 90th percentile or above in standardised school tests (Standard score 120 plus) and is aged between 6 and 12, they are likely to make good candidates for their assessment. Visit www.dcu.ie/cyti for more details.**

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