



# Maynooth Educate Together



## Newsletter

February 28th 2025



*Spring has sprung, the days are getting longer and the Spring flowers are starting to peep. We are determined to get working on our **school garden** now that we are the other side of Winter. If you are in a position to help out, please leave your name at the school office [secretary@maynoothet.ie](mailto:secretary@maynoothet.ie). We are also asking families to send in the inserts of kitchen paper and toilet rolls, which will be used for a bug hotel.*

***Sustainability:** We continue to recycle clothes (clothes bank) and batteries in the school, so please send any expired batteries in with your children. We have also secured funding for **6 solar panels** for our school roof, from the Department of Education. These will be fitted during the Spring Break.*

## Dates for you Diary

- **March 5<sup>th</sup> County Photos** for senior infants to 6<sup>th</sup> Classes. 6<sup>th</sup> classes to wear **school hoodies**.
- **March 6<sup>th</sup>; World Book Day**. Dress up as a **Book Character** and School Book Swap.
- **Sports** to include rugby, swimming (3<sup>rd</sup> classes), mini-7s, cross country running and GAA



- **March 10<sup>th</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup>; Seachtain na Gaeilge**, to include Ceilí, Ceoilchoirm, Siopa Gaelach and Irish dancing sessions with Siobhán Kellett.
- **17<sup>th</sup> March** School Closure, **St. Patrick's Day Parade** with school representation.
- **31<sup>st</sup> March-4<sup>th</sup> April; Inclusion and Diversity Week**
- **7<sup>th</sup> April** Junior Infant **Hearing Tests**
- **Spring Holidays-** 11<sup>th</sup> April (Half Day). School returns 28<sup>th</sup> April.

## School News

Parent and **Artist Tamzen Lundy (Artist in Residence)** has been busy working with some of our classes creating fabulous wall murals, made from wool and felt and using soap and bubble wrap.

The murals represent our **school values** and will make a very colourful and creative addition to our school, reminding us to show respect, honesty and kindness. Thank you Tamzen for sharing your talent and skills with us. The children and staff are really enjoying this unique experience.





**Safer Internet Day Poster Winners:** Big Congratulations to our Safer Internet Day poster competition winners;

6<sup>th</sup> Birch - Daniel Duwai & Jacob Kraut  
 6<sup>th</sup> Alder - Diviti Somani  
 5<sup>th</sup> Elm - Amy Hough  
 5<sup>th</sup> Oak - Melissa Ciocan  
 4<sup>th</sup> Willow - Noor Messaoudi  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Ash - Sofija Firgensone  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Hazel - Cian Coogan  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Ivy - Rassul Brocchi  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Aspen - Leila Cwiklinska  
 1<sup>st</sup> Cherry - Katherine Moran Erceg  
 1<sup>st</sup> Hawthorn - Edie Hyland  
 Junior Infants Chestnut - Filip Blaj

All classes have been enjoying increased use of our newly purchased chrome books which enable the children to create projects, powerpoints and to develop their **digital literacy**. I have had many visitors to the office, with children displaying their amazing history, geography and science projects. Well done to Dave O' Mahony, Carolina Tercero Bernardo and Robert Potter who developed a very informative **Safer Internet Day Assembly on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>** and continue to support our pupils with their skills.





## ***STUDENT COUNCIL & PUPIL VOICE***

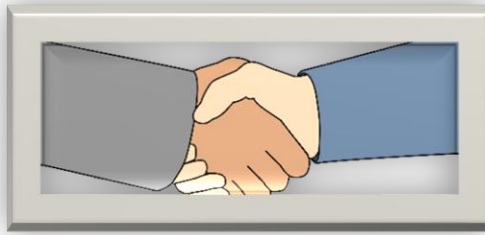
The **Student Council Bake** sale raised an amazing **€1,247.82**, the greatest total yet. The student council have saved lots of money over the last two years and all funds are going towards our **outdoor classroom** which has yet to 'take off'. We do have some great ideas and plans in the pipeline which we are very excited about.

There were some delectable treats on sale, with considerable effort going into decoration and presentation. Well done to all involved and to **Aimee Egan** for co-ordinating the day so well. The student council have been invited to **present their ideas** for the outdoor classroom to the **Board of Management** at their next meeting.



**Book Fair 2025** was a fantastic success. Thank you to everyone who supported the event by buying books and/or helping out with the running of the day. We really appreciate your support and look forward to tackling the pupil wish list with proceeds made for the school.

**The February Student Blog** can be found [HERE](#). Well done to chief editor and journalist Eli Coogan and also to feature writers Leo, Tilda, Greg and Amelie who have created an amazing fun packed edition including recipes, jokes, school news and ideas once again. **ENJOY!!!!**



**New Staff:** We extend a very warm METNS welcome to Sharon Lynch, newly appointed 6<sup>th</sup> class teacher. We are really looking forward to her joining our team.

## Principal's Awards



With so many wonderful candidates for principal's award this month, we decided to choose not 1, not 2, not 3 but 4 winners!

**Ilanay Duwai** is always so kind, pleasant, helpful, caring, gentle, diligent, hard-working, modest, ....and is just a treasure to have in **Sinéad's 5<sup>th</sup> class**. Ilanay brings a cheerful element to each and every school day and her nature spreads an infectious joy throughout the class. Well done Ilanay. We are very proud of you.

**Davi Mullen, Junior infants, Aoibhín's class.** Since the beginning of September, Davi has continued to work especially hard. Davi helps everybody in class as much as he can and often does jobs Davi to help his teacher. He always tries his best with his work and has followed the expectations in class, on yard and in the school overall. Not only this, Davi incorporates all the values we have been learning about, and his teacher can always count on him to work well as a team, independently and to show kindness to everyone in the class. Fantastic work Davi, well done!!!

**Hannah Moran, 6<sup>th</sup> Class Dave** is an outstanding student. She has always worked very hard throughout her time in the school. Hannah has huge respect for fellow students and the staff in METNS. She is an outstanding athlete, representing the school in a number of events over the years. She follows the class and school expectations at all times. Well done Hannah we are so proud of you!

**Odysseus Georgiadis, 1<sup>st</sup> Class (Clare and Stephanie).** Odysseus has been extremely kind and helpful this month. He has excellent math skills and uses his knowledge to help others in class. He is very kind and shows great concern for his classmates if they are hurt or upset. He will always help when needed. Well done Odysseus we are so proud of you!

Class	Student Award	Gaeilgeoir na Míosa	Happiness Award
Junior Infants Noreen & Sinéad G.	Timi	Cillian	Shrinika
Junior Infants Aoibhín	Achyuth	Finn	Ben
Senior Infants Carolina	Vincent	Mete	Leonardo
Senior Infants Sinéad	Iulian	Rían	Robyn
1 <sup>st</sup> Class Annie	Luna	Mabel	Amaan
1 <sup>st</sup> Class Clare & Stephanie	Benjamin	Katherine	Clarice
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Anna	Patrick	Rassul	Zoe
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Tom	Klara	Olivia	Dylan
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Rob L.	Kenzie	Cian A.	Tytus
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Jennifer	Deniz	Auro	Georgia
4 <sup>th</sup> Class Tríona	Ibrahim	Andrew	Riley
4 <sup>th</sup> Class Rob P.	Donal	Eve	Alec
5 <sup>th</sup> Class Olivia	Odhran	Tilda	Mikael
5 <sup>th</sup> Class Sinéad	Maria	Sam	Aran
6 <sup>th</sup> Class Mary	Manuel	Ruhaan	Neriah
6 <sup>th</sup> Class Dave	James	Alex	Alberto
Caterpillar Class	Laura		
Butterfly Class	Melissa		Feranmi

## February Student Awards

Class	Student Award	Gaeilgeoir na Míosa	Responsibility Award
Junior Infants Noreen & Sinéad G.	Miki	Lily	Leo
Junior Infants Aoibhín	Aoibhín	Glorious	Everett
Senior Infants Carolina	Amelia	Eva	Conor
Senior Infants Sinéad	Réka	Maeva	Leon
1 <sup>st</sup> Class Annie	Eden	Emilia	Ben
1 <sup>st</sup> Class Clare & Stephanie	Odysseus	David	Vivansh
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Anna	Ruben	James	Leah
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Tom	Henry	Emma C.	Mia
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Rob L.	Sofia	Daniel	Benjamin
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Jennifer	Danielle	Maya	Riain
4 <sup>th</sup> Class Tríona	Priya	Evan	Beatrice
4 <sup>th</sup> Class Rob P.	Ianis	Alex	Lauren
5 <sup>th</sup> Class Olivia	Cara	Grace	Tara
5 <sup>th</sup> Class Sinéad	Ilaney	Erika	Ethan
6 <sup>th</sup> Class Mary	Martha	Luke	Oisín
6 <sup>th</sup> Class Dave	Dastin	Edimasio	Artur
Caterpillar Class	Freddie		
Butterfly Class	James		Caoimhe

## January Student Awards



# Class News



**Junior Infants: Norreen and Sinéad's class.** This month in Junior Infants, we learned about growing and shrinking patterns in maths. We are also working very hard on our blending and reading skills. Wednesday was very exciting as we had our first GAA coaching session in school. In a few weeks, we will be trying out hurling!





**1st Class Cherry (Clare and Stephanie)** have had a busy month. We completed our projects on The Titanic which we really enjoyed. Dalton shared some pictures of a replica lifeboat that his uncle created for an upcoming documentary about the **Titanic**. We have learned so much. We are learning about **Minibeasts** in SESE and created beautiful **symmetrical butterflies** in Art. We are looking forward to nurturing our own caterpillars and observing them as they undergo metamorphosis. We are working on **kindness** in our class, for every act of kindness we put a marble in the jar. When the jar is full we will earn a trip to the playground. We are very excited.

**In the Caterpillars class (Aimee's Class)** we have been busy doing lots of arts and crafts. We celebrated Valentine's Day by painting and making some lovely pictures for our families. We were very lucky to have Tamzen visit to do some felt making. We all really enjoyed it and some amazing pieces of art were created.



In **Sinéad's Senior Infant class (Larch)** we read the story 'The Paper Dolls' by Julia Donaldson and got crafty making paper doll chains of our own!



In **Tríona's fourth class (Rowan)** we began the month by focusing on happiness, friendship and love, which tied in nicely with the beginning of spring and Valentine's Day. We explored these qualities through story, poetry, song, artwork and drama and the children made beautiful gifts for their loved ones. We then continued the month with "Greece" as our theme and the children have been exploring it in many fun and creative ways. In history and English, they have been learning all about Ancient Greece, The Greek Gods and The History of the Olympics. In geography they have been researching the country's natural features, landmarks and climate and have been working at promoting the country as a tourist destination through poster design and drama. We have been exploring Greek culture and traditions through our Learn Together programme and in art the children designed and created beautiful Greek style decorative vases. They have also just begun their STEAM project of designing and constructing The Parthenon, as well as participating in "Run to the Capital", a daily run which combines individual distances to hopefully get us as far as Athens!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Class Hazel (Robert Leonard's class)** Aisling from GOAL came in to talk to the class about GOAL's new initiative 'Water Wishes' aimed at primary school children to promote cleaner oceans and waterways. The children really enjoyed sharing their own personal experiences and ideas on how they could contribute to a cleaner environment and better water conservation.



We have also started our 'Run to the Capital'. This is a school initiative to encourage increased physical activity and to contribute to improved wellbeing. 3<sup>rd</sup> Class are running to Berlin and have started researching all about Germany for our projects in the near future.



## Parent Teacher Association NEWS

- **Recent Lotto Winners €20 each:** Ana De Prada Perez, Áine Mullins, Elizabeth Garry, Carol-Anne Mc Mahon. Congratulations to all our winners. You can still sign up to support our lotto here [Maynooth Educate Together National School - Home - Our Fundraiser](#)
- **St. Patrick's Day Parade 2025.** This is the 40th Anniversary of the parade, so the PTA are hoping for extra effort this year. The theme is **BACK to the 80s** which should be a lot of fun! We need lots of support as always, so please reach out if you can help in any capacity. It promises to be a great morning for the children of METNS.

## Community News

Lego Club is back! The new term starts on **Wednesday, March 12th, and Thursday, March 13th**, running for **12 weeks (€60 per child)** until **June 11th & 12th**. To re-enrol, contact **Cristina or Joan** by email/text. New enrolment forms are available at the front door—just drop completed forms and fees into the post box inside the main door (please include your child's name and preferred day).  
Looking forward to another great term of creativity and fun!

Dear parent/guardian,

Easter camp will take place this year in Maynooth Educate Together from Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> to Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> of April. 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
- baking

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,

Rob L., Mary and Sinéad S. 😊

Places are limited so return as soon as possible.

For additional information, please contact the camp at [sportsclubmaynooth@gmail.com](mailto:sportsclubmaynooth@gmail.com)

Lorraine Murray

Principal