



## March Newsletter 2025



### Upcoming Events and Important Dates

- **Inclusion and Diversity Week comes to METNS from 31st March-4th April**. The week will include recognition, education and celebration of Autism (Monday), The Travelling and Roma Communities (Tuesday), Dyspraxia and physical challenges (Wednesday), Dyslexia and Dyscalculia (Thursday), Down Syndrome and LGBTQ+ (Friday). We will have representatives from Kildare Access Group and Kildare Traveller Action, presenting in the school hall
- **HSE Hearing Tests- Junior Infants. April 7th**
- **Spring Break.** School closes on **April 11th** (Half Day) and re-opens on **April 28th**
- **May 5th Bank Holiday-School Closure. June 2nd & 3rd June Bank Holiday-School Closures.**
- **Standardised Testing- May 19th-31st**
- **If your family are relocating** in the coming months, or over the Summer Holidays, please contact Hilary in the office to let her know.

## School News

March was an eventful and exciting month in Maynooth Educate Together, with lots happening. **Seachtain na Gaeilge** was celebrated in a very significant way. There was singing, dancing, concerts, parades, Lá Glas, Siopa Gaeilge (Irish Shop), fabulous visitors from our neighbours Scoil Uí Fhiaich, and the Irish language was promoted and utilised across the school. Well done to the Gaeilge Committee (Ruth, Jennifer and Aimee) and the Coiste who organised some wonderful activities.



Céilí Mór

Ceoilchoirm

## March Student Awards

Class	Student Award	Gaeilgeoir na Míosa	Friendliness Award
Junior Infants Noreen & Sinéad G.	Daniel	Ryan	Kiara
Junior Infants Aoibhín	Evie	Ben	Stan
Senior Infants Carolina	Zion	Sophia	<del>Katryn</del>
Senior Infants Sinéad	<del>Carrig</del>	<del>Jaygunn</del>	Saoirse
1 <sup>st</sup> Class Annie	Emily	Biel	Gabriel
1 <sup>st</sup> Class Clare & Stephanie	Clarice	<del>Vihaa</del>	<del>Vivansh</del>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Anna	Frankie	Aral	<del>Cadhla</del>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Class Tom	Julia	Adam	Emilia
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Rob L.	Sam	Billy	Brody
3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Jennifer	Zoey	Luka	Ethan
4 <sup>th</sup> Class <del>Triona</del>	Xander	Ashanti	Maia
4 <sup>th</sup> Class Rob P.	<del>Lenka</del>	Eoin	Evan
5 <sup>th</sup> Class Olivia	Jake	Gennaro	Katie
5 <sup>th</sup> Class Sinéad	Saoirse	Toby	Erin
6 <sup>th</sup> Class Sharon	<del>Fedor</del>	<del>Shavan</del>	Isaac
6 <sup>th</sup> Class Dave	Hannah	Leo	Lavinia
Aimee's Class			Cian
Ruth's Class	Ben		Caoimhe





## SPORTS

5th and 6th class girls took part in the **GAA mini 7's** at the Moyglare pitches recently. They really enjoyed the event, run by MCC TY future leader students. Some of the girls were playing GAA for the first time and they did remarkably well. The boys are up next!!!!

Thanks MCC for hosting the Mini 7s boys and girls, and who knows, some of our own pupils may be doing the hosting in a few years themselves.

In addition to the mini-7s, the children have been involved in a **Rugby Blitz in North Kildare, Cross country** (in Kilcock running club) and the running to the capital initiative, as part of **active schools. Healthy bodies-Healthy minds!**

### Event Information

#### Daffodil Day

Hilary and supporting staff members, will be selling items in aid of the Irish Cancer Society this Friday 28th March, before and after school drop off and collection times. Please support if you can. The funds raised go towards a very worthy cause.

When?

**Friday 28 Mar 2025, 08:30 a.m.**

Where?





## World Book Day

**World Book Day** and the **Book Fair** took place this month. As a result of funds made from the Book Fair, we are updating the school library with lots of exciting new titles. They have just arrived and our Library volunteers are currently stocking the shelves. Thank you to the PTA who organised and ran the event so well in conjunction with **Maynooth Bookshop**.

Check out these cool book character costumes from our 4th classes.

**Grandparents Day** was a great success. It was wonderful to see the connections being made between young and 'older' members of our community, the sharing of knowledge, teaching of new skills and quality time spent together. A special thanks to our school choir who entertained the visitors so beautifully. **The Le Chéile choir** are currently preparing for their next big event .....**'THE BIG SING'**, which takes place in early April. The excitement is building.





## *Class News*

### *Infants*

We've had so much fun over the last few weeks in **Junior Infants (Chestnut)**, celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge and working hard weighing different items in our classroom. Everyone's been working so hard.



**Library Time**



**Ceilí Time**



**Exploring Weight**

March was a busy month in **Junior Infants Juniper Class**, where we learned Irish dancing, started GAA training, decorated yummy pancakes and celebrated World Book Day. **We also ran 1,092km as a class – the distance to Paris in France!** We enjoyed learning about the Eiffel Tower and created our own models and pictures of it.





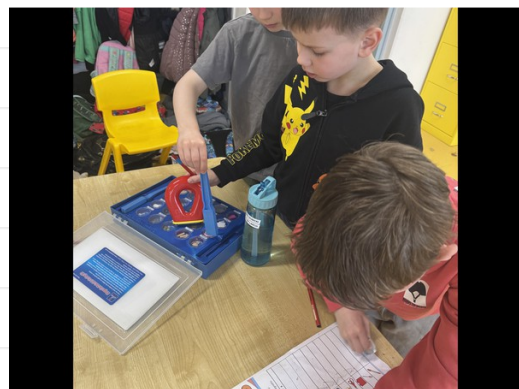
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## *Senior Infants*

**Senior Infants (Larch)** have been working as scientists and learning all about magnetism and how magnets work. We went on a hunt around our classroom to find what things were magnetic and what things weren't magnetic! Check out all the fun we had!



**Magnetism**



**Science in Action**

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## 1st Classes

1st class **Cherry (Clare/Stephanie)** have been working hard all month. The children have been learning all about The Netherlands. They particularly enjoyed making sunflower paintings inspired by **Vincent Van Gogh**. The children have been learning all about food this month too. They really enjoyed reading recipes in class and then created their own. For history the children created timelines of their own lives, from baby to toddler and then to current day. They discussed how much they have grown and how their interests have changed.



## 2nd Classes

### Learn Together-Holi

As part of our Learn Together Program **2nd class** have been learning about, the Hindu festival of Holi. As they completed their Run to Rome on Friday, they also engaged in a Colour Run where different colours were thrown at them while they were running. "This activity was to raise awareness and support education around world celebrations under the Learn Together strand: Belief Systems with the learning outcome to "Identify a celebration from one belief system and explore how it is celebrated".





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## 3rd Classes

March has been a month packed full of activities. We enjoyed 'Seactain na Gaeilge' with activities such as a Céilí, Ceoilchoirm and a Trá na gCeist. 3rd Class have started swimming this month at the National Aquatic Centre along with Irish dancing led by the Lil Tully School of Dance.

Our class was very lucky to have so many grandparents visit the school on Friday 28th February. We played a Kahoot Quiz and learnt about school life in the past. We also got to talk to grandparents living abroad and found out about life in Malta.



The children are so talented in so many ways in 3rd Class (Robert and Jen's classes). Here are some examples of Georgia O'Keeffe inspired art. The children put a huge amount of effort and detail into their works of art.

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## 6th Classes

**Birch and Alder 6th classes** recently attending a rugby blitz in **North Kildare Rugby Club**. The blitz was organised by Leinster rugby and everyone involved had an amazing time! Huge thanks to Colm from Leinster rugby for training the boys and girls for the tournament!

**Dave's 6th class** are currently taking part in Action Research Play and Wellbeing organised by Noreen Keane as part of her studies in Mary Immaculate College. In this lesson, the class were learning to develop a deeper understanding of operations, fractions and 3D shapes using Izak9 cubes. The class thoroughly enjoyed the play based activities!





**North Kildare Rugby Blitz**



**Action Research Play**

## Community News



### The Big Sing

Our School Choir- Le Chéile are taking part in **The Big Sing** on April 1st. Your support would be most appreciated. See below for how to purchase tickets. The excitement is building!!!!

[www.thebigsing.ie](http://www.thebigsing.ie)

### 🏡 EASTER CAMP

A reminder that the closing date for applying for Easter Camp is this Friday March 28th! If you need any additional information please contact the camp team at [sportsclubmaynooth@gmail.com](mailto:sportsclubmaynooth@gmail.com)

## Poetry Corner

### My Magical Garden

by Amy Hough  
5th Class

My magical garden is a place of escape,  
just go through the flowers and out through the gate.  
Meet the beautiful peacock who soars through the night,  
and the mischievous squirrels who come at first light.

Meet the twittering songbirds who play in the sun,  
and the fountain of fortune that keeps everything young.



Come see the fairy who is still half asleep,  
and the little girl dancing under the leaves.

Come see the pond full of shimmering fish,  
if you drop a coin in, they will grant you a wish.  
See my beautiful garden, the flowers and dew,  
I want to share my magic garden with you.

**Lorraine Murray**

Principal