



Newsletter June 2025

Monthly Roundup

June has been another very busy month in METNS. There were school tours for all class levels, a fantastic active week, a visit from the ice-cream man, METNS' Got Talent show, our 1st ever chess competition and we said goodbye to our 6th class pupils who graduated on 24th June 2025. We wish them the very best as they move onto the next chapter of their lives. Exciting times ahead!

Wishing all our pupils, families and staff a fun filled summer holiday. Thank you parents/guardians for all of your support this year and for trusting us with the education of your children.



Upcoming Events and Important Dates

🌐 If your family are **relocating** over the Summer Holidays, please contact Hilary in the office to let her know, as we have a waitlist for all class levels.

📅 Summer Holidays- June 27th (Half Day)

- Infants, their siblings and those on buses finish @ 11am
- 1st-3rd classes and their siblings- 11:15am
- 3rd class -6th class- 11:30am

*****Return to school on August 28th*****

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School News



Graduation- The Future is Bright!

6th classes celebrated their graduation on 24th June 2025, with the overarching theme 'The Future is Bright!' The pupils performed some beautiful songs and poems, and spoke in many different languages. There were awards presented to the children too as they celebrated with their families, this rite of passage. We wish our wonderful 6th class pupils the very best of luck as they move to secondary school.

METNS' Got Talent Show 2025

For the 2nd year running, we presented a school talent show, and it did not disappoint. There was singing, dancing, jokes, coding and instruments galore on stage and the standard was even higher than last year. Well done to all our fantastic and brave participants and sincere thanks to our judges Dave, Triona and Olivia.



Chess Competition

Well done to Jacob who was the winner of our 1st ever Chess Competition! He was up against tough competition but battled right to the end. Major commendation goes to our 5th class student council who organised the whole event. It was epic!



Fundraising for the Irish Cancer Society

These 3 very generous 5th class girls: Mia Halton, Elana Dooley and Ella Dare raised €350 for the Irish Cancer Society, by selling their crochet and knitted decorations to pupils in the school. Kindness personified! Well done girls on this fantastic achievement.



Class News

Junior Infants - Sinéad and Noreen's Class

Junior Infants have grown and learned so much since they started at the end of August. They ended the year with a fun school tour to Lullymore Farm, a very active sports week and some delicious ice-cream!





Tour Time!

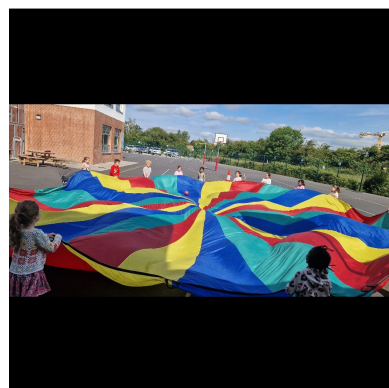
Junior Infants Aoibhín Hutchinson's Class

It's been an amazing end of year for Junior Infants. We've had a school tour, a very exciting active week on top of a visit from an ice cream van. We've created lots of brilliant memories and had a blast while learning about the summer!



Senior Infants-Sinéad Staunton's Class

- Senior Infants Larch have been having so much in the final term of school! We loved active week and all the different sports we got to try out especially Taekwondo with Saul! We got to play parachute games with our buddies from 4th Class also!



1st Class -Annie's Class

This month, the Hawthorn Class learned all about summer! We talked about the things we're most looking forward to, like sunny days, holidays, and playing outside.

We also had a fantastic time on our school tour to the Kildare Maze, where we had fun finding our way through the maze and enjoying lots of outdoor activities.



1st-Clare and Steph's Class

First Class (Cherry) visited the Kildare Maze in Prosperous for our end of year school tour. We had so much fun. We played crazy golf, went on the zipline and found our way out of 3 different mazes! Some of us got a little more lost than others!! We didn't let the rain dampen our spirits. Our bus journey home was full of songs and chants, a fun filled day was had!!

3rd Class

Robert Leonard's Hazel Class

We had a very busy finish to the school year. At the end of May, we went on our school tour to Navan Adventure Centre. We had amazing weather and a really good time. The children took part in activities such as archery, Disco Olympic Handball, laser tag, footgolf and an obstacle course.

Many members of the class took part in an athletics event in Kilcock in early June. The school was very proud of the way the children represented us at the event. The class had many medal winners and children that performed to their best on the day.

Our 3rd Class was invited to take part in a Gaelic Football Blitz at Maynooth GAA against other schools in the town. It was great fun with some very impressive skills on show that day.

Active Week was a great success and the children had a brilliant time. I would like to thank all the children in Hazel and to the children that volunteered from Jen's class for helping out for the Junior Sports Day. They were very enthusiastic and supportive to the younger children while also being excellent role models.

A few weeks ago, Dave from School [Create.ie](https://www.create.ie) visited METNS to host a BrickFlicks workshop with the class which was supported by the Kildare Library Service. The children used Lego to create small videos and had lots of fun. The creative work made by the kids on the day can be seen here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BBW25kjR7rQ> .

The children have worked very hard throughout the year and deserve a well-earned rest over the coming weeks. I hope you all have a wonderful summer!



4th Class- Triona's Class

This month in Triona's 4th Class we finished our theme "Africa" and began our theme "Oceania". The children explored Africa's fascinating landscape, amazing landmarks, beautiful animals, learned about the tribes and their traditions and did wonderful project work on Nelson Mandela and The Egyptians. They also had a lot of fun with STEAM, designing, constructing and modelling African tribal masks.

For "Oceania" the children engaged in reading, research and writing about this fabulous continent. They learned about The Great Barrier Reef, The Aboriginal People and created really great projects and art work. We all also had a very enjoyable school tour and a really fun active week this month.





4th Class- Robert Potter

Over the last 2 months, it has been a busy time for 4th Class Willow. We have been learning all about the local area and creating tourist brochures about Maynooth and some of the countries represented in the class. We have been learning about native wildflowers and creating beautiful artwork based on the flowers we recognised in the school garden. We have been using the good weather to get outside and practice our skills for PE and we have taken on 3rd Class Hazel in some epic battles on the football pitch.

It has been a busy June for 4th Class Willow. We had our school tour at Astro Park and enjoyed taking part in all the Active Week activities. We emerged victorious from an epic battle on the football pitch vs 3rd Class Hazel. Our grass heads grew remarkably fast in the warm weather and some amazing castles were constructed from cardboard. Have a great summer.

6th Classes

Sharon and Dave's 6th Classes

We were delighted to welcome Minister Thomas Byrne to Maynooth Educate Together NS for a special visit to our school library. Minister Byrne spoke to our 6th class pupils about Ireland's upcoming Presidency of the European Union in 2026, helping to raise awareness of the significance of this important event and Ireland's role in the EU. His visit began with a warm welcome from Jen's 3rd class, who greeted him at the front door and helped set a wonderful tone for the morning. Minister Byrne engaged thoughtfully with the pupils, answering their questions and encouraging them to think about Europe, citizenship, and the importance of international cooperation. It was a valuable and inspiring experience for all involved. We thank Minister Byrne for taking the time to visit our school and speak with our future leaders!



Student Awards

Principal's Awards

Evie Greene- Junior Infants

From the very beginning of Junior Infants, Evie has consistently shown a positive attitude, kindness, and dedication in everything she does. She always completes her work to the best of her ability and takes great pride in her learning. Whether working independently or in a group, she stays focused, contributes thoughtfully, and supports those around her. She is not only a fantastic learner, but also a wonderful classmate. Evie is always ready to lend a hand, share, or offer encouragement to others. Evie always shows responsibility and respect in everything we do as a class. Well done, Evie you've been amazing all year! Well done. We are so proud of you.

Cian O' Neill- 1st Class

Cian has developed so much overall this year. He has shown increased maturity, has developed great friendships and appears happy and content. Cian works closely with his classmates and follows the instruction of his class teacher carefully. He completes his work to the best of his ability and has made great academic progress too. Well done Cian. We are very proud of you!

Paola Johnson- Senior infants.

Paola has worked extremely hard on her reading this year and should be so proud of herself! She has made fantastic progress and her commitment to learning is really paying off. Paola we are very proud of your progress. Keep up the hard work and you will continue to grow.

Community News

Our Fundraiser School Lotto

Congratulations to our most recent weekly winners, who received €20 each.

Lenka Byrne, Ozgur Bayram and Siobhán Deegan,

You can still sign up here -[Maynooth Educate Together National School - Home - Our Fundraiser](#) to help support with the cost of school resources for our pupils.

The Jackpot now sits at €2,725

Kildare County Council Donation

We were thrilled to receive a beautiful new flowerbed this week, kindly donated by Kildare County Council. Located at the front of the school, the new addition brings a vibrant splash of colour to our grounds and helps to brighten the space for pupils, staff, and visitors alike. This generous donation supports our ongoing efforts to promote biodiversity and create a welcoming environment around the school. A big thank you to Kildare County Council for their continued support of our school community!

Summer Camp

- Reminder that if payment for summer camp is due if you have not sent it in already. Also, if you can have put your name down but cannot attend please let Rob L, Mary or Sinéad S know (sportsclubmaynooth@gmail.com)
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After School Clubs 2025-2026

The following clubs have been approved for 2025-2026.

More details to follow once available.

Art Club
Lego Club
Sports Club
Board-Games club
Yoga Warriors
Saor Dance
*Krazy Kaboom (NEW)
*Kids Comp (NEW)
*Kildare Karate Dojo (NEW)
*Spanish Club (NEW)
Stay and Play
Lyon's Den

*All after school clubs are run independently of METNS.
Some clubs will begin in September and others in October.*

Lorraine Murray
Principal

