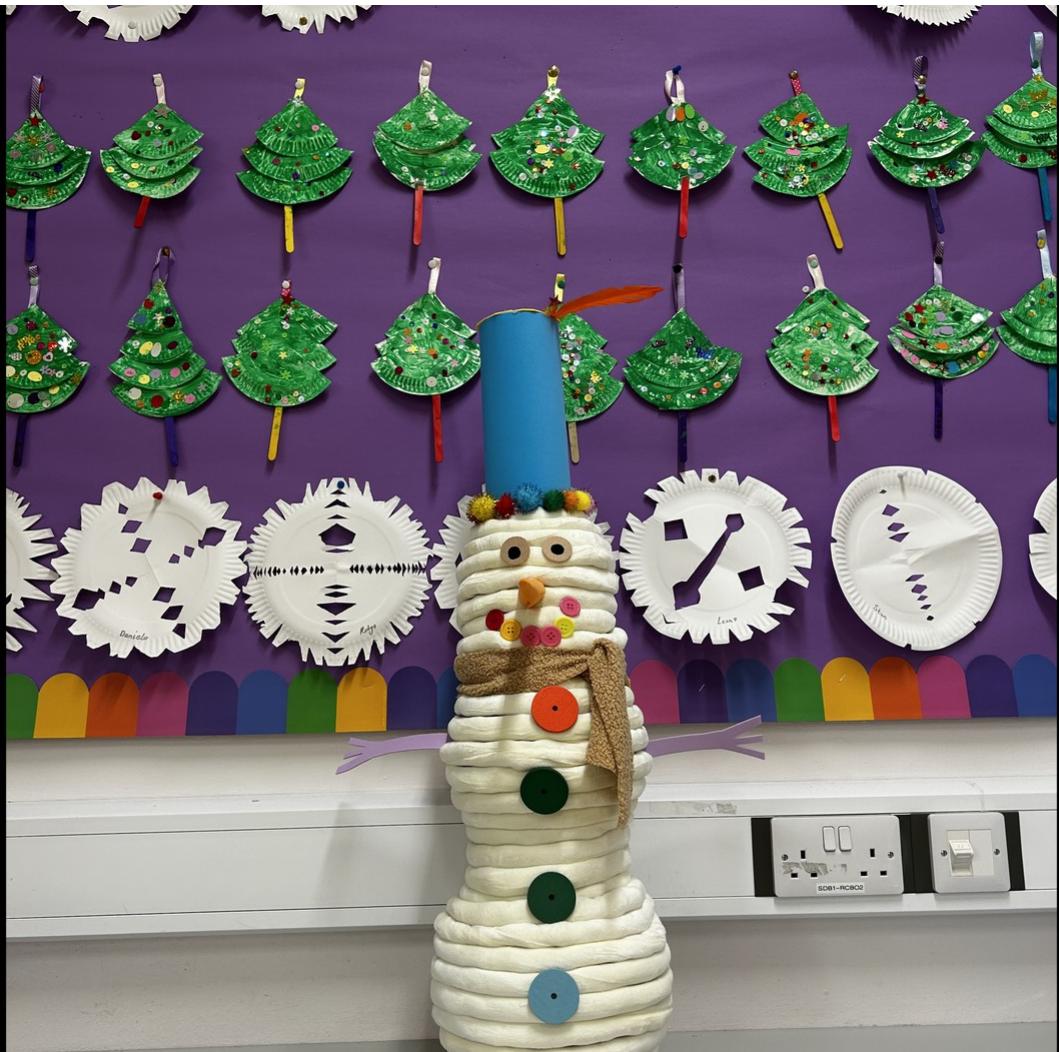




Newsletter December 2025



Monthly Roundup

As Winter settled in, our school was buzzing with **activity and celebration**. Pupils delighted families with their wonderful **winter shows**, showcasing creativity, confidence, festive cheer and collaboration. Third classes took part in a fascinating **biodiversity workshop** while junior infants had an informative visit from Catherine from the **Maynooth Library**. They learned all about how the library works, borrowing books and visiting exhibitions.

3rd class also began their **swimming lessons** in the National Aquatic Centre and are making great progress already. The student council ran a very successful **festive jumper sale** while embracing sustainable fashion and Butterflies class, with the support of Elaine, Joan and Cristina created fabulous festive items for their winter sale.

As we wrap up this term of learning and fun, we wish you all an enjoyable winter break and thank you for your support as always.

Upcoming Events

December 2025

✿ **January 5th 2026**- Return to School

✉ **January 21st-23rd** Wellbeing Week

✉ **January 23rd** Grandparents Day

↑ **January 26th-30th** Junior Infant and Room 9 (Triona) Parent Teacher Meetings

✉ **January 28th** Niall De Burca Story Teller

✉ **February 2nd** Bank Holiday- School Closure

✉ **February 5th and 12th**-6th Class Motus Wellbeing Workshops

↑ **February 10th** Safer Internet Day

✿ **February 18th** METNS' Got Talent Competition

✉ **February 19th and 20th** inclusive- Mid-term Break

↑ **February 25th** Primary Curriculum Framework Training (Day 1)- School Closure

School News

Admissions 2026 2027 NOW OPEN!!!

The Admissions process for all classes 2026/2027 is now open via our website. Click link below.
Closing Date January 30th 2026.

Admissions 2026/2027

Maynooth Educate Together National School
Rail Park, Celbridge Road, Maynooth, Co Kildare. W23 P466

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Student Council

Our Student Council ran a fantastic Winter Jumper Sale and raised a total of €579.55. The proceeds go towards our school musical.

Class News

Junior Infants

Noreen's Class- Sycamore

We've had a busy and exciting month, practising for our Winter Show, learning about Christmas and Hanukkah, and even practising how to wrap presents! We were thrilled to meet **Daidí na Nollag** 🎅, and we also exchanged cards with our buddies, which was a lot of fun!



Grainne's Class- Sunbeam

It has been a very exciting month for us in Junior Infants! During play centres, we pretended we were flying on Santa's sleigh, made our own stockings, and worked hard as elves making toys. In our final week, we were thrilled to receive a very special visit from Santa himself! In Maths, we built towers while practising our numbers 1–5, and we also spent lots of time rehearsing for our winter show. We have been having great fun this month!



Senior Infants



Claire and Sinéad Garry's Class- Chestnut

Senior Infants, Chestnut Class, did some very exciting art with Emily's Mam, Janka, this month. She helped us make a snowman using balls, wool, buttons and more! We all took turns to do something to make the snowman together. We then did a tally chart to decide his name, and Frosty was the most popular choice! Thank you to Janka for her time, expertise and all the materials too!

Sinéad Staunton's Class- Juniper

Senior Infants Juniper had a lovely Show and Tell Day where they each brought in their favourite book and shared it with the whole class! We then had some DEAR time and read our books with our friends!



1st Class

Jacinta's Class- Holly

This month in 1st Class – Holly, we were learning about toys from the past. We had great discussions around how toys today are different to the toys our parents played with when they were in 1st class. We really enjoyed hearing about our parents' favourite toys and learning how they played as children. It was especially exciting to see photos of our parents when they were young and the toys they played with. We also made some of our own boardgames with our buddies from 5th Class Willow and made lots of festive crafts.



4th Classes

Robert Potter- Ash

It has been a busy month for 4th class Ash. We have been doing lots of winter art and learning about the seasons. We have been learning about division in maths and report writing in English. The children put a lot of effort into their performance at the Winter Show. They deserve to have a restful break.

5th Class

Neil's Class-Willow

December has been a very busy month in 5th Class. The children have been putting their grammar lessons to good use by writing amazing descriptive compositions, dripping with adjectives and adverbs that really bring them to life. In the past few weeks, we've also been busy preparing for our Winter Show, learning some very old Christmas and New Years carols and writing poetry to perform as part of our show. We've also been learning about other winter celebrations such as Hannukah and the importance of the Winter Solstice to ancient religions, not to mention plenty of art and music peppered throughout December too. It's been a super busy term and we're all really looking forward to a well-earned winter break!



Elaine's Class-Butterflies

The Butterflies have had a busy December. The children were busy rehearsing for their Winter Shows. 4 of the children joined their peer classes for Winter Shows and did a fantastic job on the stage, Caoimhe, Melissa, Milosz and Cian we are very proud of you, well done! The Butterflies had their class Winter Show on Thursday 18th and it was great to see how much everyone has achieved in Term 1.

In Science the children made Cloud Dough and Snow. In music we had fun singing Winter and Christmas songs Karaoke Style!! We covered the Stay Safe in SPHE and covered Winter and seasonal changes in Geography.

The children and their amazing SNAs were busy making, painting, packing and preparing Winter Crafts to sell during the Winter Show. A special mention to Joan for leading the project and making a huge contribution of time and crafts and to Cristina for her support and the two beautiful wreaths she made for the raffle.

The total raised was an amazing **€1,453.20**. The winners of the wreaths were **Rían Fitzsimons** and **Deetya Muthu**. The money raised is all going towards purchasing outdoor equipment for the children in the Autism classes. Thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser so generously. You have made a real difference.



Student Awards

November Award Winners

Principal's Award

This month the principal's award goes to a 6th class pupil- **Cian Sacristan**. Cian has been involved in several committees during his time in METNS. He is very hard working and committed to improving the school and to helping out in any way that he can. In addition to this he is extremely mannerly, kind and always brings joy to those around him. Well done Cian! We are very proud of you.

An additional principal's award goes to **Timi Ciesielski** from **senior infants** as he has settled so much this year and is working so hard, reading a new book each day, doing classroom activities with his peers and playing nicely on yard. Well done Timi on your fantastic work! We are so proud of you and your progress.

A Million Dreams is coming to M.E.T.N.S!

Thank you to all our parents who have donated to our school musical to date. If you or your business would like to donate to this cause, please see letter attached. Our primary costs are



sound engineering, lighting and costumes. All support is greatly appreciated.



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Community News and PTA

Our Fundraiser School Lotto and Bonus Prizes

Congratulations to our weekly lotto winners to date for the month of December; Our winners; Jennifer Coogan **won the jackpot of €1325**, Sarah Mc Donald, Sarah Connolly and Zerrin Doganca Kucuk all won weekly prizes of €20. Thank you for your continued support.

The **jackpot now sits at €650** and you can still sign up here : [Maynooth Educate Together National School - Home - Our Fundraiser](#)

We have some additional bonus prizes for our Winter/Christmas Draw. These include a fabulous 2 night Bed & Breakfast for 2 persons @ Clayton Hotel Sligo (kindly donated by Janka Galova), a €150 Dalata Hotel Group gift card and a €50 Smyths Toys Superstore Voucher.

Lorraine Murray

Principal

