



Newsletter February 2026



February Roundup

February has been another busy and exciting month in our school, filled with learning, creativity and community spirit.

Our Sixth Class pupils have been taking part in **Motus Wellbeing Workshops**, which are supporting them as they prepare for their transition to secondary school. These workshops have provided valuable guidance and reassurance at this important stage of their journey.

On 10th February, we marked **Safer Internet Day**, with 3rd to 6th Class receiving a very engaging and informative presentation from Robert Leonard. This year's focus included the theme of artificial intelligence, and pupils learned about the importance of staying safe online and using technology responsibly. Well done also to Thomas Treacy and the STEM team for their involvement and leadership.

Our Student Council hosted a hugely successful **Cake Sale** on 13th February, raising just over an incredible €1,600. Congratulations to the Student Council for organising such a wonderful event, and a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and guardians for their generous support. The funds raised will go towards Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind and our upcoming school musical.



Our very own **ROCK BAND!**

More School News!!!!

On 18th February, we enjoyed a fantastic and highly entertaining day at our annual **METNS's Got Talent**. There was an amazing variety of performances on show – from singing and dancing to jokes, circus acts, card tricks, dynamic diablo and musical performances. We are so proud of every single pupil who auditioned and took to the stage. It takes tremendous courage and confidence to perform in front of the whole school, and each participant deserves great recognition and praise.

Special Congratulations to our **overall winners**-rocking out on electric guitar -brothers **Finn and Ethan Noud and Darragh Mc Dermott**, they had the crowd absolutely going wild!!!. Also to our fabulous singers **Erin Kucerka and Riley Slattery** who received joint 1st place. 2nd place was awarded jointly to **Shanaya Gurijala** our wonderfully talented pianist and our bubbly and enthusiastic singers/dancers **Sira de Prada Rinehart, Emilia Palffy and Emma Wilhelm** from 3rd class. 3rd place went to our very entertaining and novel Diablo Artists **Reuben Hanlon and Alfie Williams** from 4th class

Midterm Break took place on 19th and 20th February, giving everyone a well-earned rest before we returned for a very important week in the life of our school.

On 23rd and 24th February, we welcomed 2 inspectors from the Department of Education and Youth for a **Whole School Inspection in the area of PE**. The feedback was extremely positive. Inspectors commented on the welcoming atmosphere throughout the school and noted how engaged pupils were in their learning in PE. A special well done to the pupils who participated in the focus group – they represented the school wonderfully and shared thoughtful ideas and feedback about PE in our school.

On 25th February, teachers took part in **Primary Curriculum Framework Training**, while our SNAs engaged in CPD focused on the Relate Document from NCSE, continuing our commitment to professional learning and development.

We finished the month with a lovely **assembly** on 27th February, focusing on **Happiness** as a core value within our school community – a fitting theme after such a positive and productive month.

We would also like to warmly congratulate four of our Sixth Class pupils who made their **Confirmation** on 27th February. We are very proud of them on this special milestone. Well done Jamie, Saoirse, Caoimhe and Sam

Well done to everyone for a wonderful February!



Aoife with her beautiful fiddle playing!



Beautiful 6th class singing



The very entertained crowd!



Erin with her incredible singing performance



More beautiful singing from Logan and Olivia



Card tricksters Patrick and James

Upcoming Events

March 2026

 **March 4th- County Photos** individual photos (snr. infants to 6th class) and class group photos. 6th class pupils to bring red hoodies in addition to clothing of choice.

 **March 5th-** World Book Day

 **March 9th and 10th - Book Fair** (Maynooth Book Shop).

Check out the incredible programme of events for Book Week Below. Sincere thanks to Robert Leonard, Sinéad Sullivan, Claire O'Connell and Ruth O'Connor for their work on this. An incredible PLC team.

 **March 10th-** Music in the Classroom (National Concert Hall)- 2nd classes

 **March 11th-13th** Seachtain na Gaeilge

 **March 16th and 17th-** School Closure and St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget to attend the parade and to dress up Medieval Style!

 **March 25th -**PTA meeting online

 **Spring Break-** 1/2 Day Friday 27th March. Return to school on 13th April (Monday)



Book Week Events.pdf

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Some Class News -Infants and 1st Classes

Junior Infants

Noreen's Class- Sycamore

This month, we made some red lanterns for the Chinese New Year. We painted Valentine's art with our buddies and bought delicious treats at the bake sale. We also got a chance to play with the giant Connect 4 game, which is nearly as tall as the Junior Infants!



1st Classes

Sue's Class- Larch and Jacinta- Holly

1st Class Larch enjoyed learning about Pancake Tuesday and we were lucky to taste some lovely pancakes made by Jacinta. The children studied the life cycle of a frog and composed some lovely pieces of writing on all the stages. We explored the work of Wassily Kadinsky, we looked at how he used bright colours, shapes and lines to express feelings through abstract art. The children created love hearts based on Kadinsky's style of art.



Student Awards

Principal's Awards

Seán Óg Moorehouse from 4th class is our **principal award** winner this month. He has shown incredible kindness when working with other children, showing them how to play table tennis and has been very helpful in supporting his teacher Mary with many jobs. Well done Seán! Keep up the great effort.

Finn Larkin Mc Mahon for his amazing progress in his **language and communication skills** development. We are so happy to hear him using full sentences. An amazing milestone for his teacher Elaine, SNAs Cristina, Pam, Joan/Aileen and his family.

February Award Winners

Student Awards February 2026

Class	Student Award	Gaeilgeoir na Míosa	Happiness Award
Junior Infants Gráinne	Daire	Lyra	Zahra
Junior Infants Noreen	Adam	Maya	Sam
Senior Infants Sinéad S.	Leo	Samara	Fíadh
Senior Infants Sinéad G./Claire	Teddy	Alex	Subbu
1 st Class Jacinta	Amelia	James	Jas
1 st Class Sue	Noah	Saoirse	Reka
2 nd Class Stephanie/Clare	Aymon	Ivy	Hansen
2 nd Class Thomas	Lorenzo	Dalton	Alicia
3 rd Class Síofaig Súil	Folarin	Mia	Moiz
3 rd Class Tríona (Sarah)	Aerin	Vritee	Cadhla
4 th Class Carolina	John	Nisa	Cian C.
4 th Class Rob P.	Zoey	Riajo	Noah
5 th Class Eoin	Xander	Alden	Riley
5 th Class Neil	Aiya	Aryan	Janis
6 th Class Olivia	Grace	Darragh	Elphin
6 th Class Ruth	Eliza	Tara	Maya
Butterflies Elaine	Caolmhe	-	Finn



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

We are seeking old/new material from parents/guardians to support us in making costumes for the musical. We are looking for clean and washed sheets, old dresses, curtains etc. If you can help, please drop them into reception. **If you have any circus themed props or costumes we would also love some donations.**



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Community News and PTA

Clubs News

The new term of our Board Games Club will commence on **Tuesday March 3rd** and will run for **six** weeks on the following dates below.

Board Games Club

3rd Mar, 10th Mar, 24th Mar, 14th April, 21st April and 28th April

Each session will run from 2.10pm to 3.10pm. The charge for the block of **6** weeks will be €40 per child.

Board Games Club will consist of a variety of educationally appropriate games in a fun environment.

To register and **confirm** your child's place, you can collect a registration form from inside the main door or email us at boardgamesclubmaynooth@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please contact Jacinta or Tracey on the below email.

boardgamesclubmaynooth@gmail.com

Our Fundraiser School Lotto and Bonus Prizes

Congratulations to our weekly lotto winners (€20 prize) to date, for the month of February 2026. Our weekly winners were Zerrin Doganca Kucuk, Kalis Pope, Janice Coyle and Meabh Fox .

The **jackpot now sits at €1425** and you can still sign up here : [Maynooth Educate Together National School - Home - Our Fundraiser](#). You can also check out the fabulous outdoor STEM and play items purchased from lotto proceeds for the outdoor classroom, on the above link. Sincere thanks to the PTA for funding these.

Lorraine Murray

Principal