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## ***School Newsletter - February 2024***

### **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING AGREED REPORT**

There was a Board of Management meeting on Thursday, February 8th. This newsletter contains all the information in the agreed report from that meeting and will be posted on the school website and the parents noticeboard in the school porch.

### **NEW CLASSROOM**

The Department of Education has approved funding for our new classroom under the Additional Accommodation Scheme for 2019. We will keep you updated as things now begin to move forward with the project.

### **REMINDER OF ADDITIONAL SCHOOL CLOSURE**

An additional school closure takes place on March 8th due to the upcoming Referendum. The school is in use as a polling station on that day.

### **ENROLMENT INFORMATION**

Mayo Abbey National School are currently accepting enrolments for the next school year 2024/2025. If you or anyone you know wishes to enrol a child, please find all the details on our website [www.mayoabbeyns.com](http://www.mayoabbeyns.com) or contact the school by phone (094)9365644 or email [office@mayoabbeyns.com](mailto:office@mayoabbeyns.com).

### **PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION**

Parent Teacher Meetings: The Parent Teacher meetings took place on January 24th and 25th. If you were unable to attend, please contact the secretary to arrange an appointment.

Children School Lives Report: The Children School Lives Research has been published. Children in the current 3rd class were included in this research for the past 4 years. This report is available for the public to access on [www.cslstudy.ie](http://www.cslstudy.ie) and at the link below.

<https://cslstudy.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/CSL-Report-Number-6-v6.pdf>

### **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION**

Voluntary Contribution of €50 per family is now due. This money goes towards making up the shortfall in school as grant aid given to the school from the Department of Education is not sufficient to cover basic costs (e.g. electricity / heating / insurance etc..) Thanks to those families who have contributed so far this year.

### **CLOTHING COLLECTION**

To try and offset the cost of the school tour later this year, we will be having a used clothing collection on 19th of April (this includes clothing, bedding, shoes, towels, curtains etc. Soft toys are also accepted.) Duvets, pillows or cushions are not taken. Bags of clothing can be dropped off at the school from April 15th onwards. All money raised from the clothing collection will be allocated to the tour fund and this will reduce the cost of the tour for each child.



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## **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**Soccer:** The 2024 FAI Schools Primary 5's competition took place on February 6th and 7th in Solar 21 Park, Milebush, Castlebar. Both the boys and girls took part this year with the children representing themselves very well on the day. The girls team progressed to the final where they lost out to Belcarra this time round.

**Credit Union Quiz:** The school entered two teams into this year's Credit Union Quiz. The quiz was held in St Colman's College, Claremorris, on Friday January 26th. The school had no prizewinners this time round but the children represented themselves and Mayo Abbey NS very well on the night. Well done to Emma, Harriet, Henry, Isabelle, Grace, Jack, Liam and Philip!

**Sports Quiz:** The Cuman na mBunscol Sports Quiz took place on Wednesday, January 31st in Ballindine National School. Again Mayo Abbey NS was well represented on the night by Henry, Lexi, Niall and Philip.

**Swimming Lessons:** Swimming lessons are in progress and the children are enjoying them. If for any reason they were postponed, children will be given the chance to attend on another date to complete the intended 6 lessons per classroom.

**Food Dudes:** Children took part in the Food Dudes programme. Children were given the chance to try out fresh fruit and vegetables during the school day.

**Gymnastics:** Junior and Senior Infants will attend Gymnastics lessons in Castlebar beginning April 12th. This will be for 6 weeks and will cost €13 per child per week. This covers the bus (€7.00 per child) and lessons (€6.00 per child).

Reminders:

- **Walking to and from School:** Children have been reminded at school to observe the rules of the road at all times, especially when crossing the road. It is important to regularly remind your children at home about the rules of the road. For their own safety children are also asked not to climb/walk on walls or through shrub beds on their way home. Public footpaths should be used at all times. Once children leave school grounds the school is no longer responsible for their safety.
- **Appointments with Teachers:** If for any reason parents need to speak to a teacher during the school day please contact the secretary to arrange an appointment.
- **Opening Times:** The school is open at 9.10am to receive children in the morning. Children should not be on school grounds before 9.10am and the Board of Management accepts no responsibility for children before 9.10am, whether or not there are staff present in the school building.

A copy of this newsletter can be found on the school website: [www.mayoabbeyns.com](http://www.mayoabbeyns.com)