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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING – AGREED REPORT

The Board of Management met on Tuesday, March 3rd. This newsletter contains the information included in the agreed report from that meeting. A copy will also be posted on the school website and on the Parents' Noticeboard in the school porch. The balance sheet for the financial year ended 31/08/2024 is now available and is also displayed on the Parents' Noticeboard in the school porch.

ENROLMENT INFORMATION

A Parents' Information Evening for new enrolments took place on February 9th. Mayo Abbey National School is continuing to accept enrolments for the 2026/2027 school year.

If you, or someone you know, wishes to enrol a child, further details are available on our website www.mayoabbeyns.com, or you may contact the school by phone at (094) 9365644 or by email at office@mayoabbeyns.com.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

The voluntary contribution of €50 per family is now due. We fully understand that families may contribute €50 or any amount they can afford, and every contribution is greatly appreciated. The voluntary contribution plays an important role in helping the school meet its day-to-day running costs. The grant provided by the Department of Education does not fully cover essential expenses such as electricity, heating, insurance and general upkeep of the school. We are very grateful to the families who have already contributed and sincerely appreciate any support families are able to provide.

USED CLOTHES COLLECTION – MARCH 23RD

A used clothing collection will take place on March 23rd. Items accepted include clothing, bedding, shoes, towels and curtains. Please note that duvets, pillows, soft toys and cushions cannot be accepted.

Bags of clothing may be left in the school porch from Monday, March 16th. All funds raised from this collection will go directly to the school. Thank you for your continued support.

SCHOOL SELF-EVALUATION / POLICIES

The Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and the Maths Policy were ratified by the Board of Management.

As part of our ongoing School Self-Evaluation (SSE) process, aspects of literacy across the school have also been reviewed. This review will help inform updates to the school's English Plan.

SACRAMENTS

Confirmation

5th and 6th Class will attend a Confirmation Retreat in Knock on Wednesday, March 18th in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 29th. Further information will follow.

First Confession

First Confession will take place in Mayo Abbey Church on March 24th at 7.00pm.

First Holy Communion

Pupils preparing for First Holy Communion will attend a retreat in Ballintubber Abbey on April 20th. Further information will follow.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on May 23rd at 11am.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Swimming

Swimming lessons have now concluded. Pupils from 1st to 6th Class attended a number of sessions in Castlebar Swimming Pool. The children engaged very well and made great progress throughout the programme.

Dance and Music

All classes recently participated in dance sessions with Gráinne Kelly and greatly enjoyed learning traditional dances. The programme will conclude with a céilí for all pupils before the Easter holidays.

We have also completed our music lessons with Music Generation Mayo for this year. The junior classes took part in Ceol na nÓg, while the senior classes continued their ukulele lessons. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to develop their musical skills.

Gymnastics

Junior and Senior Infants have begun attending gymnastics sessions on Wednesday mornings at Kids in Motion, Castlebar. They are thoroughly enjoying both the activities and the bus journeys, and there is great excitement in the Infant classroom.

Spanish Lessons

We are delighted to welcome back María Sacristán, who has resumed teaching Spanish lessons in the school. Spanish is currently being taught to the senior classes and we look forward to seeing the children continue to develop their language skills.

Green Flag

The Green Schools Committee recently represented our school during our Green Flag Renewal Visit. Mary Forde from Mayo County Council visited the school to review our progress and observe the environmental initiatives taking place throughout the school.

The pupils spoke confidently about the work being carried out and demonstrated their commitment to sustainability. We now await the outcome of the review and are very proud of the effort the children have made in maintaining our Green Flag standards.

Tag Rugby

5th and 6th Class attended a Tag Rugby Blitz in Claremorris on February 5th. Despite very inclement weather, the children thoroughly enjoyed the day, which was organised by Connacht Rugby.

Soccer

The FAI Schools Primary 5s Competition will take place in Solar 21 Park, Milebush, Castlebar. Both the boys' and girls' teams from 5th and 6th Class will participate this year.

- Boys' competition: Friday, March 6th
- Girls' competition: Tuesday, March 10th

We wish both teams the very best of luck.

School Quiz Success

We are very proud of our pupils' achievements in recent quizzes.

At the Cumann na mBunscol Sports Quiz, held on January 23rd in Ballindine NS, our team secured an excellent 3rd place in a very competitive event. Well done to Amy, Grace, Jack and Philip.

Two teams also represented the school at the Credit Union Quiz on February 7th. Congratulations to Jack, Philip, Malachy, Liam, Luke, Noah, Cathal and Clodagh for their great efforts. A special well done to the senior team of Liam, Malachy, Philip and Jack, who achieved 2nd place.

Scór na bPáistí

Scór na bPáistí took place on February 11th in Claremorris Town Hall.

Freya proudly represented the school in the Amhránaíocht Aonair (Solo Singing) category, performing the song A Nóra Bheag. Congratulations to Freya on her wonderful performance. We look forward to hearing her sing again in the future.

School Outing

5th and 6th Class will attend a performance of the musical Grease in Balla Secondary School on Monday, March 9th. The production features a number of past pupils, and it promises to be a very enjoyable outing.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING LOTTO

Your support for the Mayo Abbey NS Fundraising Lotto helps fund resources and activities for all pupils. Entries can be made online through our fundraising page. The current jackpot stands at €925. All funds raised go directly towards supporting the children's education and purchasing resources for the school.

To enter, please visit:

<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/mayoabbeyns>

All support is greatly appreciated.

REMINDERS

Traffic Safety

To ensure the safe and smooth flow of traffic, parents are asked to park fully on the roundabout when dropping off and collecting children and to avoid blocking access required by staff to park and enter the school. Children should always use the footpaths when entering and leaving the school grounds.

Walking to and from School

Children have been reminded to observe the rules of the road at all times, particularly when crossing the road. Parents are encouraged to reinforce these safety messages at home. For their own safety, children are also asked not to climb or walk on walls or through shrub beds on their way home. Public footpaths should be used at all times. Please note that once children leave the school grounds, responsibility for their safety rests with parents or guardians.