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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

There was a Board of Management meeting on Monday, November 25th. This newsletter contains all the information in the agreed report from that meeting and will be posted up on the Parents Noticeboard in the school porch.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

This year our Christmas Nativity will take place in the church in Mayo Abbey on Wednesday, December 18th at 7.00pm. All children in the school are involved in the Nativity and we are looking forward to reenacting the story of the First Christmas. Children should be at the church at 6.45pm on that evening and come dressed in their costumes. All are welcome to attend.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school will close on Thursday, November 28th at 12.30 and is also closed on Friday, November 29th as the school is in use as a polling station for the General Election. We will close for Christmas on Friday, December 20th at 12.30pm.

FIRST COMMUNION

The First Communion ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 17th at 2pm in Mayo Abbey Church.

NEW CLASSROOM

Progress continues on the new classroom. The windows have arrived and are currently being fitted.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- **Cross Country Running:** The Connacht Cross Country Championships were held on Oct 12th in Mohill, Co Leitrim, with Mayo Abbey being well represented by Hugh, Philip and Henry. The boys all ran well on the day with Philip placing 3rd and Henry placing 10th in the 5th/6th class race. Well done to all the boys!
- **Sixth Class Hoodies:** Sixth Class were presented with their hoodies recently. The children in Sixth Class designed the hoodies for their class. Thanks to the Parents' Group who organised this for the children.
- **Credit Union Art Competition:** Congratulations to all of our students who took part in this competition. Our winners here in Mayo Abbey were Noah, Alicia, Isla, Nicole, Sadhbh, Jack, Emma, Gracie and Shannon. All the Credit Union Prize winners were invited to attend a presentation ceremony in The Town Hall Claremorris, Nov 16th.
- **Fire Safety:** As part of a Mayo County Council initiative, two members of Claremorris Fire Brigade completed a fire safety visit with 3rd and 4th classes.
- **Ongoing Projects**
 - **Active Flag:** Eight children were recently elected to The Active Flag Committee. Since their election Philip, Noah, Matthew, Lauren, Emily, Shannon, Grace, Malachy, Sadhbh, Eleanor, Hugh, Freya, Noah, Charlotte, Oisín, Henry, Cian, Cádhlá, Cialadh have been busy this week calling to each



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classroom to explain our second active challenge, the Run Up to Christmas.

- **Green Schools:** Our new committee was elected from 2nd to 6th class. Well done to Gracie, Henry, Grace, Philip, Farrah, Liam, Clodagh, Danny, Sienna and Cathal! This year, Mayo Abbey NS is working on the theme of litter and waste (all classes) and global citizenship (4th to 6th). Committee meetings will be called over the next few weeks.
- **JEP:** 5th and 6th class are getting started on the Junior Entrepreneurial Project (JEP). Under the guidance of the teacher, and with the inspiration of local entrepreneurs, children will discover their strengths as individuals and as part of a team. Together they will choose, invest in and produce their own product or service from scratch, all the way to making it available for sale and enjoying the profits at the end.
- **STEPS:** In 3rd and 4th class, the STEPS Young Engineers Award is underway. STEPS encourages the students to develop creative engineering projects to help or improve their local community. Children have identified a problem and, working in teams, come up with a creative engineering solution.
- **Swimming:** Swimming lessons are also underway from 1st to 6th class.
- **Road Safety/Cyber Safety:** Thanks to Garda Olive Lafferty, Community Guard for calling to the school and discussing some road safety and cyber safety issues with some of the classes.
- Children are taking part in the Balla Christmas Festival Art Competition.

ALL WEATHER PITCH FUNDRAISER

Mayo Gaels are launching The Movie Awards Fundraiser on November 30th in Malachy Byrnes, Mayo Abbey, where all six teams and their movies will be unveiled. From that evening onward, the fundraising events will begin in full swing. If you wish to get involved please contact Mayo Gaels GAA Club or the school office for further information. Please note that although all funds raised from this initiative go towards the development of Mayo Gaels GAA Club, the facility will ultimately benefit both the club and the children at Mayo Abbey School.

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.

A copy of this newsletter can be found on the school website: www.mayoabbeyns.com