

Scoil Náisiúnta Mainistir Mhuigh Éo

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## **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

### **SEPTEMBER 2022**

#### **FAILTE AR AIS**

A big welcome back to all of our students and staff for another school year.

We welcome ten new pupils to Mayo Abbey N.S: **Charlotte, Sarah, Max, Iarfhliath, Finn, Oisín, Patrick, Casey and Dylan** have all joined us in Junior Infants and **Clodagh** has joined us in 4<sup>th</sup> class. We hope that their time here in Mayo Abbey N.S. is happy and productive and that each one of them reaches their full potential. There are now 81 children on roll in our school.

#### **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING**

There was a Board of Management meeting on Thursday 8th September 2022. 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.

#### **OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES**

School starts in the morning at 9.20 and finishes, at 2pm for infants and 3pm for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> classes.

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.

#### **NUT ALLERGY**

One child in our school has a severe allergic reaction to all nuts. This allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of nut products and cross contamination.

Since this condition can be life threatening, we are asking for your help in minimising the risk to this child by:

- a) Avoiding giving children any nuts in school lunches
- b) Avoiding giving nut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella and snacks/bars containing nuts or labelled "may contain nut traces" in school lunches
- c) Asking children **not** to share their lunches.

#### **WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL**

It is great to see so many children walking and striding 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.

## **EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

- Some of our children will be taking part in the South Mayo National Schools Cross Country Competition next Thursday (Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>) in Ballinrobe. We wish all our competitors the best of luck in the competition.
- Children 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class will attend the athletic track in Claremorris for a training session facilitated by Axom Sport later in the month.
- Children 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Class will participate in the Cumann na mBunscol Mini 7s football competition also later this month.

## **CEOL NA NÓG EARLY YEARS MUSIC PROGRAMME:**

Music Generation Mayo, through the Mayo Education Centre are offering a music program in primary schools. It is for infants – 2<sup>nd</sup> classes with weekly 45 minute lessons (in both classrooms) delivered during school time. These lessons are facilitated by recognised musicians in Mayo. There is a charge associated with this programme. However, our Parents Association, through their fundraising, and with the agreement of the Board of Management, have agreed to subsidise this programme so that there will be no cost to families. The programme should commence towards the end of September.

## **SCHOOL SAVINGS SCHEME**

We will restart our saving scheme with An Post from next week. This scheme is optional. Children who wish to save can purchase saving stamps in school. Stamps cost €1 each and when the saving card is full (€20) it can be lodged with An Post. Saving is a good habit to develop in children and well worth considering.

## **NEW CLASSROOM:**

As you may have heard on the media we have now proceeded to tender for our new classroom. We are hopeful that work will commence as soon possible.

### ***Reminders:***

- Thanks to all who have paid the **School Book Rental bill**. There are however some monies still outstanding. Receipts have been issued to all those who have paid. If you have not received a receipt, please contact the school.
- The photographer (County Photos) will be in school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

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