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

We welcome sixteen new pupils to Mayo Abbey N.S.: Nicole, Amy, Mae, Sadhbh, Farrah, Jack F, Jack B, Adam, Eoin, Mark, Gordon, Liam, Malachy, Darragh and Shay have all joined us in Junior Infants and Shannon has joined Senior Infants. 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.

We also extend a warm welcome to Ms. Mary McNamara who has joined our teaching staff this year. Ms. McNamara is teaching the Junior and Senior Infants.

Welcome also to Barbara Anne Vahey, Special Needs Assistant, who has also joined our staff. Ms. Mary Kirrane is currently on leave and Edel Flatley is covering that leave.

There are now 87 children on roll in our school. As you know 3rd and 4th classes are in the GP Room with Ms. Tuohy. Hopefully this is a short term measure until we get our 4th classroom.

NUT ALLERGY

Two children in our school have 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.

Due to the severity of the problem, it is important that all parents carry out the suggested measures and reduce the risk of allergic reaction to this child.

NEW CLASSROOM:

We received approval from the Dept. Education and Skills to build an additional classroom. The process is now underway. Our application for temporary accommodation was turned down. The Board of Management wishes to thank everyone, especially parents, who made representations on behalf of the school community to secure this funding. While our application for temporary accommodation may have been turned down for now we can still continue to fight our cause with the Dept. of Education and all the politicians

TABLE QUIZ

The Parents Association will hold a fundraising Table Quiz in Malachy Byrnes on Friday October 4th. More information to follow. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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.

OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES

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

The school is open at 9.10am to receive children in the morning. The Board of Management accepts no responsibility for children before 9.10am, whether or not there are staff present in the school building.

CURRICULAR AND EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Cross Country Running: Well done to all the children who took part in the recent South Mayo Cross Country Competition. Congratulations to our 4 medal winners, Ryan, Emily, Henry and Niall. Ryan and Emily will now represent our school in the County Final.
- The READATHON initiative (All classes) will begin on October 11th. This is a **voluntary** activity and all monies raised through sponsorship go to MS IRELAND. We would encourage all children to take part and read regardless of whether they collect sponsorship or not.
- The children from 5th/6th classes will take part in a rugby blitz in the coming weeks.
- Children from 3rd/4th classes will take part in Futsal Soccer competition.
- Football Training will re-commence next week for 3rd-6th classes with Johnny Slattery, TÚS.
- Children will take part in Mini 7s football on October 3rd.
- Children will take part in Credit Union Art Competition in October.

There will be other activities that the children will be involved in throughout the school year and you will be notified about them as they arise.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

There was a Board of Management meeting on Wednesday 18th September. 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.

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.
- Photographer will be in school on Tuesday October 8th.
- School rules. A copy is attached to this newsletter. Please go through the rules with your child/children at home to make sure they are fully understood. These rules are in place to ensure the health and safety of all our children and to maintain a happy and clean environment in our school.
- If for any reason parents need to speak to a teacher during the school day, please contact the secretary to arrange an appointment.
- An information leaflet re head lice was sent home last week. Please be vigilant and check your child's hair **at least** once a week.

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