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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2026

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING

A Board of Management meeting took place on Monday, September 28th. This newsletter contains the information in the agreed report from that meeting and will also be available on the Parents' Noticeboard in the school porch.

SCHOOL CALENDAR INFORMATION

The following additional school closure dates have been confirmed for curriculum training:

- December 8th, 2026
- May 28th, 2027

Further closure dates will be added during the school year.
Parents will be notified as soon as dates are confirmed.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

Teachers' and SNAs' unions are currently engaging in industrial action as part of a national pay dispute. This means that some staff will not undertake certain duties outside their normal working arrangements. Teaching and learning during the school day will continue as normal.

What this means in Mayo Abbey NS: From Monday, October 5th, school doors will not open before 9.20 a.m. and no supervision will be provided before this time.

Parents are asked to ensure that children do not arrive at school before 9.20 a.m. During the period of industrial action, the school cannot accept responsibility for pupils until school hours commence at 9.20 a.m., whether or not members of staff are present on the school premises.

A 24-hour work stoppage is planned for Wednesday, October 14th, which is likely to result in school closures nationally. We will confirm the arrangements for Mayo Abbey NS as soon as further information is available and will keep parents informed.

We appreciate parents' cooperation and understanding during this period and will keep families informed of any further developments that affect the school.

PARENT PERMISSIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the Parent Permissions & Acknowledgements Form.
If you have not yet completed it, we would appreciate it if you could do so as soon as possible.
Link to Form:
https://forms.gle/2LWE9vPu2zUs7GFq9

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SCHOOL NEWS / ACTIVITIES

Cumann na mBunscol Mini 7s Competition:
Our boys' and girls' teams took part in the Mini 7s competition in Ballindine on September 22nd. The children represented the school very well and enjoyed a great day of football.

South Mayo Cross Country:
Pupils from 1st to 6th Class took part in the South Mayo Cross Country competition in Ballinrobe on September 16th. Congratulations to all the children who represented the school so well.
A special congratulations to Harry and Amy, who both won medals on the day. Amy went on to represent the school at the next round in Belleek on September 23rd. Well done to both children on a fantastic achievement.

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal:
We will be participating in the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal again this year. Information leaflets will be sent home shortly. We ask that completed shoeboxes are returned to the school before the Halloween break.

MS Readathon:
We hope to take part in the MS Readathon again this year. Further information will follow.

County Photos:
County Photos will be in the school on October 7th.

Vaccinations:
Vaccination clinics will take place over the coming weeks. Parents of children in the relevant classes will be notified.

Birthday Wishes:
The school was delighted to send a small gift and birthday wishes to Kathy Delaney on her 105th birthday. We wish Kathy continued health and happiness.

SACRAMENTAL DATES
First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, May 22nd, 2027 at 11.00 a.m.

SUMMER WORKS
A number of works were completed at the school over the summer. The exterior of the school was painted and repairs were carried out to the exterior lighting.

The Board of Management would also like to thank Chris Mannion and the RSS team for their continued support and the many jobs they carry out around the school grounds throughout the year. Their help with grass cutting, maintenance and general upkeep is greatly appreciated and makes a significant contribution to the school.

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CHILD SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT ANNUAL REVIEW
The Board of Management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment was completed at the Board of Management meeting of September 28th. This review was conducted in accordance with the Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement.

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Michelle Tuohy.
The Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLP) is Geraldine Glynn.

The Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment are available on the school website and are on display in the school porch.

BÍ CINEÁLTA POLICY REVIEW
The Board of Management completed its annual review of the school's Bí Cineálta Policy to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour.

This policy, known to the children as our Bí Cineálta (Be Kind) Policy, sets out how we work together to promote respect, prevent bullying and respond to any concerns in a consistent and supportive way. The children are familiar with the policy through classroom discussions and ongoing school initiatives. The policy is available to parents on our school website or by request from the school office.

PRIMARY SCHOOL SURVEY
The Board reviewed the results of the Primary School Survey, which was completed before the summer. A total of 28 of 54 families (52%) responded to the survey.
Of the families who responded:

- 100% expressed a preference for the school to remain co-educational.
- 89% were happy with the current patronage of the school.
- 86% were happy with the current language of instruction.

As part of the next stage of the process, the Board would welcome any further comments or feedback from parents/guardians. If you would like to provide feedback, please complete the short form below:
https://forms.gle/n4MywET8kuN58n9N7

MAYO ABBEY NS FUNDRAISING LOTTO
Our school fundraising lotto continues to support the purchase of resources and improvements for the benefit of the children in Mayo Abbey NS.
Tickets can be purchased online and all funds raised go directly towards supporting the children's education and providing resources for the school.
To enter:
https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/mayoabbeyns
All support is greatly appreciated!

A copy of this newsletter will also be available on the school website: www.mayoabbeyns.com