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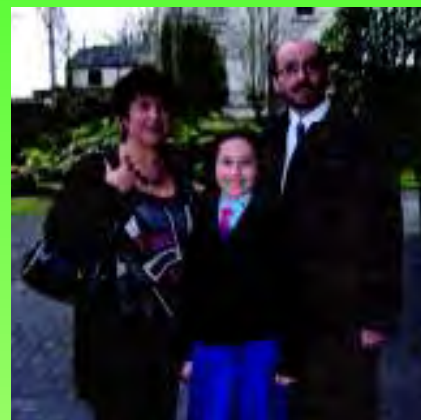
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# Editorial-March

We begin the March edition of The Maynooth Newsletter by recognising the superb production of 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' by the students and staff of Maynooth Post Primary School. The annual musical is a major undertaking and the time and commitment invested by the school in the production was recognised by the full capacity attendance during each night of the show.

Maynooth Post-Primary school are also to be congratulated for winning the all Ireland, Junior Irish debating competition. The competition is contested by schools all over Ireland, with English medium schools competing in the Comórtas an Phiarsaigh competition while Irish medium schools compete in the Comórtas Uí Chadhain competition. The fact that Maynooth won the Comórtas Uí Chadhain competition shows that the standard of spoken Irish in the school is as good as in Gaeltacht and Irish medium schools. This achievement must confirm to The Department of Education and Science the rationale to upgrade the Irish medium stream from Junior Certificate to Leaving Certificate. We would urge County Kildare V.E.C. to impress upon the Department the logic and educational benefits of an Aonad, i.e. an Irish medium unit up to Leaving Certificate.

On the broader educational front we are happy to report that the Teen Café is progressing well under the stewardship of Hugh Gallagher. The teen café committee are working hard on our behalf and putting a structure in place for Maynooth that will be permanent and durable. If residents wish to become involved or act a volunteers please send an email to the office, maynoothcc@eircom.net or drop into our office beside the Post Office and leave your contact details. We appreciate that Maynooth G.A.A. have been running well supervised end of term discos for teenagers. This outlet is important in teenagers lives and we hope that they will continue with this facility, maith sibh!

A large number of parents attended a two day ASSIST workshop on teenage suicide intervention organised by the H.S.E., Maynooth & Kilcock Lions, Dept. of Education and Maynooth Community Council. I wish to pay tribute to the amount of work put into teen suicide awareness by Deirdre Cullen. Deirdre represents us on the above committee and was instrumental in organising the ASSIST programme in Maynooth.

We are all looking forward to this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. The event brightens up our annual national Saint's feast day and national holiday. A hard working committee under the guidance of Cllr. J. Mc Ginley have organised a parade full of variety and packed full with entertainment. The Maynooth and Dublin parades are recognised to be the largest in Leinster.

We are also looking forward to the re-enactment of the 1910 Concert on the 27th March 2010. This is a combination of the talents of St. Mary's Brass and Reed, the Maynooth Local History Group and the Nuada Players who will stage in St. Patrick's Aula Maxima the programme of a concert recited in the Town Hall one hundred years ago. We are encouraged to arrive in 1910 dress.

With the longer evenings we note that Maynooth Tidy Towns have already started making the town look its best. Spring has truly arrived and it is time to enjoy the many beautiful walks we have in Maynooth.

Beannachtaí na Fhéile Pádraig ar Phobal Mhaigh Nuad.

Colm Ó Cearúil.

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# Community Council Notes

## Maynooth Community Council meeting 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Among the issues raised and discussed at the meeting were the following:

### School musical and Irish language debating success

Colm Ó Cearúil (Chairperson) congratulated Maynooth Post Primary School for their excellent production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and for the junior debating team's winning the junior section at the All-Ireland Final of Gael Linn's debating competition, Comórtas Uí Chadhain. He said this was particularly commendable because the team from Maynooth's Irish language stream had been in competition with students from 'all-Irish' schools.

### St. Patrick's Day Parade

Councillor John McGinley (Labour, St. Patrick's Day Parade committee) told the meeting that preparations for the St. Patrick's Day Parade were going well. A number of large sponsors had come on board, and seven floats and two bands were already signed up. He said that the committee is looking for volunteers to act as stewards for one hour, from 11.00 to 12.00, on the morning of the parade.

### Community space at Tesco premises

J. McGinley advised that a Community Council sub-committee should be set up to plan for the use of the new community space at the Tesco premises. It was agreed that representatives from the Community Council Executive would join the sub-committee, as would the Community Council PDO, and representatives from the Teen Café sub-committee and Nuada Players.

### Centenary Concert 1910-2010

Hilda Dunne (Local History Group) said that there would be a Centenary Concert on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> at the Aula Maxima at St. Patrick's College. An Nuada Players, St. Mary's Brass and Reed Band, Maynooth Local History Group and the college Music Department would re-enact a concert performed in Maynooth in 1910. Tickets are available from An Nuada Players.

### Twinning sub-committee

C. Ó Cearúil said that the Twinning sub-committee is progressing well with the plan to twin Maynooth with the town of Canet in the south of France. An NUIM swimming-team representative was joining the committee, as were two teachers from Maynooth Post Primary School who were interested in investigating the possibility of arranging student exchanges between teenagers from the two towns. C. Ó Cearúil said that the committee would like other interested people to join, and that it was hoped that a delegation from Maynooth would visit Canet this summer.

### Tidy Towns campaign

Paul Croghan (Tidy Towns committee) said that Kildare County Council had not so far reinstated the Pound, the Green, and the area at the gates to St. Patrick's College as previously agreed. He said that failure to carry out this work would seriously undermined Maynooth's entry in this year's Tidy Towns Competition and that KCC had now promised to complete all works before 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### Senior Citizens

Josie Moore (Maynooth Senior Citizens committee) said that many members had attended the recent school musical. A Valentine's Day event was coming up, as was the committee's annual collection.

### Mental Health Promotion and Suicide Prevention

Deirdre Cullen (PRO) updated the meeting on the Mental Health Promotion & Suicide Prevention Subgroup for North-East Kildare. The subgroup is planning to circulate an electronic-newsletter to update people on its activities. She said that the group's focus, for the present, would continue to be on the mental health issues of young people, and that it hoped to run an evening of talks aimed at parents and teenagers later this spring. The geographical area covered by the sub-group is Maynooth, Celbridge, Leixlip, Kilcock, and surrounding areas. There are approximately 17,000 children and young people (0-19 years) in the North East Kildare area, as well as

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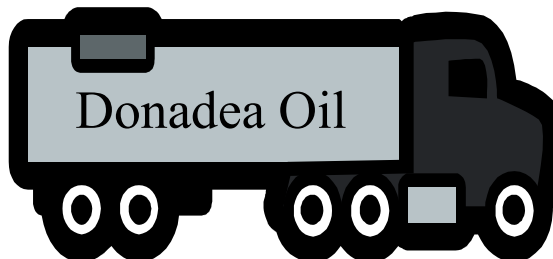


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Pupils of Scoil Uí Fháich Maynooth organised a sale of work for survivors of the Haiti earthquake.

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**The pupils raised over €1200.**



***Rachel Hynes.***



***Pupils of Scoil Uí Fháich.***



***Megan Ronan, Róisín Forde.***



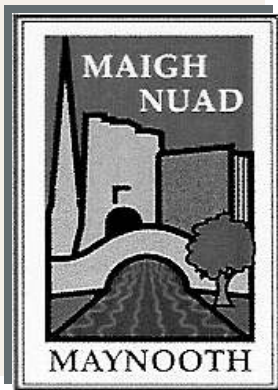
***Keelan Devlin Roberts.***



***Pupils of Scoil Uí Fháich.***

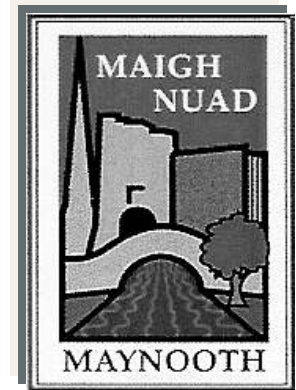


***Kevin Ó Duinn.***



# COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## ELECTIONS 2010



### Election Schedule

#### Nominations

The Nomination Form is included in this issue of the Newsletter.

Extra forms may be obtained from:

Community Council Office,  
Unit 5,  
Tesco Shopping Centre,  
Maynooth .

All nominations should include the signature of the nominee signifying her/his acceptance of the nomination.

All nominations to arrive at the Community Council Office by **Friday 12th March 2010**

Any Resident over 18 is eligible to the election and to vote.

#### Voting

If elections are required, voting papers will be distributed to all households between **Monday 29th March 2010**. Votes will be collected the following week, if they are not collected they may be brought to the Community Council office. All votes must be returned by **Thursday 8th April 2010**.

They will be counted on **Saturday 10th April 2010**.

Counting will be done by neutral volunteers under the supervision of outside scrutineers. For single area electoral areas, the single transferable vote method of counting will be used (as in by-election to the Dáil Eireann).

For multiple-seat areas, each voter will have as many votes as there are available, with the candidates obtaining the most votes being elected, as appropriate.

The first meeting of the New Council will take place on **Monday 12th April 2010**.

This will be an AGM including the election of new officers for the Council.

Notices will be sent to all councillors.

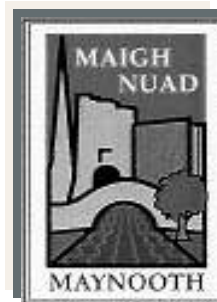
There will be an informal meeting beforehand- councillors will be notified in advance.



## MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTORS 2010

### Community Council Electors

Elections for the new Community Council take place in April 2010.  
There are 79 seats to be filled with a nominee from the student's Union. Co-options may take place after the first meeting.



### Election arrangements

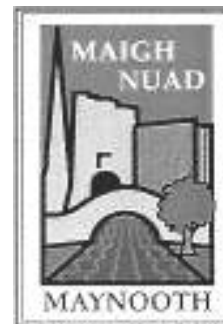
The number of Council places per electoral area is based on a rough ratio of 100 voters (from the Electoral Register) per Council member

### Electoral Areas

1. Town Centre (5 seats)  
The area bounded by Bond Bridge, Mullen Bridge, Blacklion, Kildare Bridge (Dunboyne Road) and the Parish Church.
2. Railpark/Straffan Road including the Crescent (1 seat)
3. Castledawson (3 seats)
4. Lyreen Park/ Pebble Hill (2 seats)
5. Parson's Hall (1 seat)
6. Carton Square, Dillons Row/Nagle Court (1 seat)
7. Railpark Estate (2 seats)
8. Greenfield Estate (5 seats)  
including Laurence Avenue, Maynooth Park, Greenfield Drive, Straffan Way.
9. Carton Court (2 seats)
10. Kingsbry (5 seats)
11. Greenfield Lane/Greenfield Phase 1 (1 seat)
12. Greenfield Phase 2 (1 seat)
13. Greenfield Phase 3 – Private sites (1 seat)
14. Beaufield (3 seats)
15. Meadowbrook (4 seats)
16. Cluain Aoibhinn (2 seats)
17. College Green (2 seats)
18. Moyglare Road/Moyglare Meadows/Moyglare Village (4 seats)
19. Moyglare Abbey (4 seats) Moyglare Hall (5 seats)
20. Newtown/Woodlands/Ashleigh Court (2 seats)
21. Newtown Court (2 seats)
22. Parson Street/Parson Lodge/Court (1 seat)
23. Silken Vale/ The Arches (2 seats)
24. Castlebridge (1 seat)
25. Parklands (5 seats)
26. Rockfield (5 seats)
27. Griffin Rath (2 seats)
28. Straffan Wood (4 seats)
29. Brookfield (2 seats)
30. O' Neill Park (1 seat)
31. Newtown Hall (2 seats)
32. The Crescent (1 seat)
33. Ballygoran (1 seat)
34. Kilcock Road (1 seat)
35. Old Railpark (1 seat)
36. Celbridge Road (1 seat)
37. Leinster Park/Dublin Road (1 seat)
38. Outlying Area A (1 seat)  
Including Carton Demesne, Old Carton, Catherinestown, Kellystown, Blakestown.
39. Outlying Area B (1 seat)  
Including Windgates (east side of Straffan Road), Toolestown, Corbally, Griffinrath, Moneycooley, Ballygoran.
40. Outlying Area C (1 seat)  
Including Rowanstown, Dowdstown, Taghadoe, Toolestown (west side of Straffan Road), Windgates, Newtownmacabe, Rooks, Smithstown, Johninstown, Graiguesallagh, Cowanstown, Kealstown, Craiguelin, Derrystown, Donaghstown.
41. Outlying Area D (1 seat)  
Including Timard, Laraghbryan East/West, The Maws, Ballycurraghan, Treadstown, Cormackstown, Crinstown, Laragh Demesne.



# MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS



**ELECTIONS FOR THE NEXT  
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<b>NOMINATIONS CLOSE:</b>	<b>FRIDAY 12TH MARCH 2010</b>
<b>VOTING CLOSES:</b>	<b>THURSDAY 25TH MARCH 2010</b>
<b>VOTES COUNTED:</b>	<b>SATURDAY 27TH MARCH 2010</b>
<b>FIRST MEETING</b>	<b>MONDAY 12TH APRIL 2010</b>

***PLEASE CUT OUT AND COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND IT TO :***

**MAYNOOTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL, UNIT 5, TESCO SHOPPING CENTRE,  
MAYNOOTH, BEFORE FRIDAY 12th MARCH 2010**

NAME OF CANDIDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT NUMBER/EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ELECTORAL AREA: \_\_\_\_\_

**I agree to act on the Council if elected**

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# Confirmation 2010.

## Maynooth Boys National School.



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***Dylan McCarron, Conor Barnes Holmes.***



***Father Ciarán O'Carroll.***



***Noah Kisosi.***



***Jake Murphy, Aidan Murphy.***



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**2** Best Club Float

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**3** Best Band

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**4** Best Portrayal of Irish Culture

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**5** Best School Float

Trophy

**6** Best Portrayal of Environmental  
Awareness

Trophy

Applications with entry fee to be sent to Community Council Office before  
Friday 29th February or phone Marie Gleeson (office hours - 6285922 or 6285053) or  
John McGinley (6285293 (H) or 087-989045 (M) )

# Clubs, Organisation And Societies

## Maynooth Citizens Information Centre Know Your Rights

### Question

I'm confused about the changes that were made to Mortgage Interest Relief in Budget 2010. I'm a first-time buyer in year 4 of my mortgage. When will my entitlement expire and what rate of relief am I entitled to?

### Answer

Tax relief for home mortgage interest is not given through the tax system but is instead granted at source (called tax relief at source or TRS). Your mortgage repayments are reduced by the amount of the tax credit due.

In Budget 2010 it was announced that qualifying loans taken out before 1 July 2011 will continue to get relief for seven years and that transitional measures would be provided for qualifying loans taken out between 1 July 2011 and the end of 2013. This means that anyone whose entitlement to relief was due to expire in 2010 or after will continue to qualify for relief at the applicable rate up until the end of 2017. The relief will be abolished completely by the end of 2017.

In January 2009 the rate of mortgage interest relief for first-time buyers was increased from 20% to 25% in years 1 and 2 and to 22.5% in years 3, 4 and 5. The relief remained unchanged at 20% for years 6 and 7 of the mortgage. For non-first time buyers the rate of mortgage relief was reduced from 20% to 15%.

For you as a first-time buyer in year 4 of your mortgage you are currently due a 22.5% tax relief on the interest element of your mortgage repayment. This means that if the interest portion of your mortgage is €500 per month, your mortgage lender will reduce your mortgage payment by €112.50 per month. You will continue to get mortgage interest relief at 22.5% for year 5 of your mortgage and you will then get relief at 20% up until 2017 when the relief will be abolished.

Adjustments to your tax relief should be made automatically by your mortgage lender. You don't need to claim relief on your annual tax return or to contact your local Revenue office.

### Question

I am getting a reduced One-Parent Family Payment because I work part-time in the mornings. My employer has just cut my hours. I was earning €250 a week and I'm now down to €130 a week. Does this have any effect on my payment?

### Answer

If people on a One-Parent Family Payment (OFP) experience a drop in income, they may be entitled to an increase in their OFP (this differs from Family Income Supplement (FIS) which is only reviewed yearly). In your case since you are now earning less than €146.50 a week you are entitled to the full OFP. To get the increase you should send a current payslip with a letter from your employer confirming the change in your work situation to your local Social Welfare Office.

The amount of One-Parent Family Payment you get depends on your weekly means. Income from employment is calculated as follows:

- ♦ The first €146.50 of your gross weekly earnings is not taken into account. This means that you can earn up to €146.50 per week and qualify for the full One-Parent Family Payment.
- ♦ Half the remainder of your gross earnings up to €425 per week is assessed as means. If you earn between €146.50 and €425 per week you may qualify for a reduced payment.

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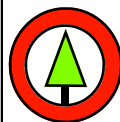
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# Clubs, Organisation And Societies

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Social insurance contributions, health contributions, superannuation contributions and trade union subscriptions are not taken into account in the assessment of earnings. However, your gross earnings must be below €425 before any deductions are allowed.

## Question

My daughter was born in April 2006. Does she qualify for the new Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme and how does the scheme work?

## Answer

Yes, she does. In fact she qualifies for the scheme in January 2010 and in September 2010 although she can only avail of one year. The Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Scheme provides a free year of preschool education for eligible children. In general, children will be eligible for the ECCE scheme if they are aged between 3 years 3 months and 4 years 6 months on 1 September of the year that they will be starting.

For the start-up phase of the scheme from January 2010, children between 3 years 6 months and 4 years 11 months can avail of free pre-school services. This means that children born between 2 February 2005 and 30 June 2006 (both dates included) are eligible to take part in January 2010. Children born between 2 February 2006 and 30 June 2007 (both dates included) are eligible to take part in the scheme in September 2010. Children with special needs may be able to get an exemption from the upper age limit.

If your child attends a "sessional" service, such as a playschool, naíonra, Montessori or parent and toddler group, the normal pattern for the free pre-school year will be 3 hours per day over 38 weeks. (For the initial period January/June 2010, the free year lasts for 23 weeks.)

If your child attends a full-time or part-time daycare service, the normal pattern for the free pre-school year will be 2 hours and 15 minutes per day over 50 weeks. (For the initial period January/August 2010, the free year lasts for 34 weeks.)

Providers of childcare services get a weekly capitation fee from the State to cover the specified number of ECCE scheme hours. If your child attends for extra hours, you pay the school directly for those hours.

You apply directly to a participating playschool or daycare centre. You can get a list of participating services from your local City or County Childcare Committee.

## Question

I am a small business owner and I have been having a difficult time getting payments from some of my clients. How can I reclaim the amounts owed?

## Answer

You can now bring claims of up to €2,000 to the Small Claims Court.

From Monday 11 January 2010 businesses involved in disputes with other businesses can use the Small Claims Court. Up to now the court has only been available to consumers.

The aim of the Small Claims Court procedure is to provide an inexpensive, fast and easy way to resolve disputes without the need to employ a solicitor. The service is provided in your local District Court office and the application fee is €15.

To avail of the Small Claims Court procedure your business must have purchased goods or services from someone selling them in the course of business. You cannot make claims in respect of debts, personal injuries or breach of leasing or hire purchase agreements. The court officials settle many cases through negotiation, without the case having to be listed for court. You have a choice of legal routes since normal court proceedings are also available. It is advisable to have legal advice if your case is listed for court.

You can download an application form for the Small Claims Court from the [www.courts.ie](http://www.courts.ie) website or from [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie). Application forms are also available from your local District Court office. Staff in your District Court office can help in completing the application form.

You can also make an online application on the [www.courts.ie](http://www.courts.ie) website. (This is not currently available for business to business claims.)

## Question

I recently made an InterCity journey by rail. However, the train broke down en route, so we arrived at the

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## Council Notes contd.

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over 8,000 NUIM students.

The subgroup membership consists of the HSE, National Educational Psychological Services, KYS, Mental Health Ireland, Maynooth, Celbridge and Kilcock Community Councils, and Leixlip Town Council.

The context for the formation of subgroup was the number of tragic teenage deaths in the area in 2008 and 2009. The HSE organised information evenings in Maynooth, Celbridge and Kilcock in 2009 and carried out community needs assessments at these events. There was a widespread feeling that there was a need for a co-ordinated community response. Two subgroups were formed: one involving agencies dealing with immediate crisis response, and the other to work on mental health promotion and suicide prevention. Maynooth Community Council participates in this latter group.

The longer term objectives of the subgroup are: to improve co-ordination and information sharing between organisations and agencies serving young people; to improve mental health outcomes for young people; and to increase community knowledge and awareness of the mental health needs of young people. The subgroup hopes that, as it evolves, other interested groups will become involved.

### **Dangerous driving in local estates**

Tom McMullon (Vice-chairperson) said that cars and taxis were using local estates like 'Mondello Park', and endangering residents. Residents from Lawrence Avenue agreed and said that their estate was being used as a 'thru-way' with no speed limits. D. Cullen said that residents in the Lyreen area were also experiencing this problem and that pedestrians were being put at risk. J. McGinley said that drivers were ignoring the no-entry signs to the lanes because the regulations were not being enforced. T. Mc Mullon said that these problems must be put to the Gardai again.

### **D. Cullen P.R.O.**

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# Recipes for St. Patrick's Day

## Potato Soup

Ingredients :

9 potatoes, peeled and diced  
6 stalks of celery, sliced  
2 small onions, chopped  
3 cups water  
2 teaspoons salt  
3 chicken cubes, dissolved in 1/2 cup boiling water  
6 cups milk  
1/2 cup flour  
A desert spoon of margarine or butter



Method :

Combine the potatoes, celery, onion, water, and seasonings in a large pan. Bring to a boil. Cover and cook until tender, about 30 minutes. Combine a small amount of milk and flour until smooth. Add this mixture and the rest of milk to the potato mixture. Stir in the butter. Cook and stir over medium heat until the soup thickens.

## Irish Lamb Stew

Ingredients:

Olive or vegetable oil  
454g (1lb) of lamb pieces  
(get your butcher to cut it for you)  
2 carrots, cut into rough chunks  
1 medium onion, sliced  
1 bay leaf  
Leaves of 2 sprigs of thyme  
1 pint of chicken or vegetable stock (made from a cube)  
Parsley, a small handful, chopped  
4 medium potatoes, peeled and cut into slices (Roosters are good as they hold their shape)  
Black pepper



Method:

1. Fry the lamb pieces in the oil in batches until they are brown. Put them aside on a plate. Fry the onion with the bay leaf and carrot over low heat until the carrots have taken on some colour. Add a grinding of black pepper. Return the lamb to the pan with the thyme leaves.
2. Add the stock and cook with the lid on until the meat is almost done. Add the potatoes and cook until the potatoes are fork-soft but not collapsing. Stir in the parsley and serve immediately or leave it to go cold, keep it covered in the fridge and reheat the next day.

## Colcannon

Ingredients:

3-4 medium potatoes, peeled and quartered  
3 tbsp. milk or unsweetened/plain soy milk  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1/8 tsp. pepper  
2 cups chopped cabbage or kale  
2 tbsp. butter or margarine  
1/4 cup chopped onions



Method:

1. Cook potatoes in a pot of boiling water until tender. Drain, reserving water.
2. Place the hot potatoes in a large bowl.
3. Add chopped cabbage to the reserved potato water. Cook 6-8 minutes or until tender.
4. Meanwhile, fry the onions in the butter or margarine.
5. When they are cool enough to handle, mash potatoes with a hand masher or fork. Add the fried onions and cabbage.
6. Add milk, salt and pepper and beat until fluffy. Serve with Boiled Ham or Bacon.

## Easy Strawberry Mousse

Ingredients:

2 x 400g tin of strawberries, drained  
1 packet strawberry jelly  
1/2 pint cream, lightly whipped  
4-5 egg whites, stiffly beaten  
50g caster sugar



Method:

1. Crush and sieve the strawberries - set aside to fold into the mousse when it is half set in the fridge.
2. Dissolve the jelly as per the packet instructions and leave until cold.
3. Stiffly beat the egg whites, then add the jelly to the beaten egg whites, while continuing to beat.
4. Lightly whip the cream and fold it into the jelly along with the sugar.
5. Transfer to the fridge to set.
6. After 2 hours, fold the sieved strawberries into the mousse and divide between ramekin dishes and leave to set.



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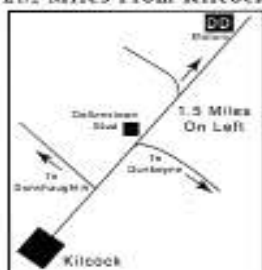
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# Horoscopes



**ARIES—March 21—April 20**

Good things are happening. Some of them you may not feel you've earned, but don't worry. Bad things have happened too, and you didn't deserve those, either.  
Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 9, Colour Yellow.



**LIBRA—Sept 24—Oct 23**

You will rise above the tone that others set. In fact, you'll be feeling so great for at least part of the day that you may officially call this your favourite time of year for decades  
our lucky day is Thursday, Number 25, Colour orange.



**TAURUS—April 21—May 21**

You'll be the rebel. The role is a valuable asset to the group you rebel against. In fact, you are vital to the functioning of society. You're there to keep the status quo in check.  
Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 13, Colour Cerise.



**SCORPIO—Oct 24—Nov 22**

You'll enjoy each stage of a relationship, so don't worry about how things will develop. When the newness wears off, the next thing to look forward to is a real sense of connection.  
Your lucky day is Sunday, Number 28, Colour Gold.



**GEMINI—May 22—June 22**

You will be a decisive and commanding presence this year. Others will enjoy following your orders because you have a clear and exciting vision. Attractive new friends come into your life in March  
Your lucky day is Monday, Number 16, Colour Blue.



**SAGITTARIUS—Nov 23—Dec 21**

You know what the greatest blessing of your life is. Every time you think about that part of your experience, you feel truly lucky.  
Your lucky day is Tuesday, Number 14, Colour Red.



**CANCER—June 23—July 23**

Something you want continues to be so elusive that you are beginning to wonder whether it is even possible to have it. Impossibility is a temporary stage in the development of everything that was, is and ever will be.  
Your lucky day is Saturday, Number 32, Colour Midnight Blue.



**CAPRICORN—Dec 22—Jan 20**

Avoid being reactionary. Pick an image to help you stay true to the purposes you choose for yourself. This vision will be your lighthouse, guiding you toward the person you want to be.  
Your lucky day is Friday, Number 25, Colour Violet.



**LEO—July 24—August 23**

You'll be dealing with a subject that has universal appeal. Whether it's your love of a person, a pet or your struggles with a project, share your story and the people around you will respond by sharing theirs.  
Your lucky day is Monday, Number 22, Colour Black.



**AQUARIUS—Jan 21—Feb 19**

Balance and moderation are in order. Those around you will want to push you in a direction that is too extreme. Be reasonable.  
Your lucky day is Wednesday, Number 19, Colour Petrol Blue.



**Virgo—August 24—Sept 23**

Yes, you have responsibilities. But must you handle all of them in one day? Consider whether you can put something off until tomorrow.  
Your lucky day is Wednesday, number 17, Colour White.



**PISCES—Feb 20—March 20**

It's not every day that someone is so astutely tuned in to you. Today you'll get a line of questioning from a curious mind. You'll find it interesting what you are willing to reveal about yourself.  
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Easy

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	3		5		9	6		

Medium

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		4	2	5		6		
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Super Difficult

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Solutions



Easy

9	6	3	8	1	4	2	5	7
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7	1	8	2	6	5	3	4	9
1	8	7	6	4	2	9	3	5
6	5	9	1	3	8	7	2	4
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5	7	6	3	2	1	4	9	8
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8	3	4	5	7	9	6	1	2

Medium

9	7	8	5	4	6	1	2	3
4	3	1	8	2	7	9	5	6
5	2	6	1	3	9	8	7	4
8	9	4	2	5	3	6	1	7
3	1	5	6	7	4	2	8	9
2	6	7	9	1	8	3	4	5
7	8	3	4	9	1	5	6	2
6	4	2	3	8	5	7	9	1
1	5	9	7	6	2	4	3	8

Difficult

7	4	2	5	8	9	1	6	3
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Super-Difficult

8	1	4	2	7	6	9	3	5
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The transition initiatives currently in progress in the UK, Ireland and beyond represent the most promising way of engaging people and communities to take the far-reaching actions that are required to mitigate the effects of Peak Oil and Climate Change.

Transition Initiatives exemplify the principle of thinking globally, acting locally. In essence, this is a process of relocalising all essential elements that a community needs to sustain itself and thrive. It builds local resilience in the face of the potentially damaging effects of Peak Oil while dramatically reducing the community's carbon footprint. In this way, it addresses both Peak Oil and Climate Change.

The Transition Model is a loose set of real-world principles and practices that have been built up over time through experimentation and observation of communities as they drive forward to build local resilience and reduce carbon emissions.

### **Underlying awareness**

Underpinning the Transition Model is a recognition of the following:

- ♦ Climate Change and Peak Oil require urgent action
- ♦ life with less energy is inevitable and it is better to plan for it than be taken by surprise
- ♦ industrial society has lost the resilience to be able to cope with energy shocks
- ♦ we have to act together and we have to act now
- ♦ regarding the world economy and the consumptive patterns within it, as long as the laws of physics apply, infinite growth within a finite system (such as planet earth) simply isn't possible.
- ♦ if we plan and act early enough, and use our creativity and cooperation to unleash the genius within our local communities, then we can build a future that could be far more fulfilling and enriching, more connected and more gentle on the earth than the lifestyles we have today.

The ultimate aim of a transition initiative is to design an Energy Descent Action Plan to reduce our consumption of energy to a sustainable level. The Transition Movement has set out a series of twelve steps to accomplish this. One of the first steps is to raise awareness and to attract committed members.

For an effective Energy Descent Action plan to evolve, its participants have to understand the potential effects of both Peak Oil and Climate Change – the former demanding a drive to increase community resilience, the latter a reduction in carbon footprint.

Screenings of key films, Inconvenient Truth, Power of Community, The Powerdown Show, are very effective. Articles in local papers, presentations to existing groups, including schools, are also part of the toolkit to get people aware of the issues and ready to start thinking of solutions.

There are today more than 450 transition initiatives in the UK and hundreds more worldwide with a growing number in Ireland. To find out more go to [www.transitiontowns.org](http://www.transitiontowns.org)

Here in Maynooth we are at the initial stage. Currently we are showing the Powerdown series of films which we follow with a discussion. Details of this and other events on the Irish scene can be found on the website [www.transitiontownsireland.ning.com](http://www.transitiontownsireland.ning.com) under Events. If you would like to join this growing movement or just know more contact me at [David.Walsh@nuim.ie](mailto:David.Walsh@nuim.ie) or at 6286874 in the evenings.

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# ***Maynooth Tidy Towns***

## **Reinstatement works in open spaces should be finished by the end of 2010**

Last month we reported the concern that these reinstatement works had come to a halt particularly in the small pound. Kildare County Council has confirmed that the existing reinstatement was only temporary and that the aim is now to complete the final works by the 31st March 2010 as per the proposals agreed with Maynooth Tidy Towns.

## **Maynooth Tidy Towns support Maynooth Transition Town initiative**

David Walsh addressed our February meeting seeking our support for the “Maynooth Transition Town” movement. Such groups exist in towns in other Countries particularly the UK. There are a number of other towns in Ireland. They aim to seek lifestyle changes in communities to tackle at local level the twin issues of “Climate Change” and “Peak Oil”. Peak Oil relates to the fact that the world Oil supplies are diminishing. They aim to encourage local food production as one way of limiting food transport needs. The discussion for Maynooth was around the group’s view that we should plant fruit bearing trees in areas of the town as The Tidy Towns Committee is supportive of the initiative.

## **Maynooth Tidy Towns start works for 2010**

Our first major work for 2010 took place on February 13th at the Boy’s School on the Moyglare Road. The two beds were cleaned off and the litter which mainly consisted of empty alcoholic drinks bottles and cans were removed. It would be appreciated if people would not park on the grass in this area.

## **St. Patrick’s Day Float**

After some discussions the theme of this year’s float in the Maynooth St. Patrick’s Day parade was decided. The message will be that the community help fight litter. Look out for the live boxing match on the day.

## **National Tidy Towns Competition Application 2010**

Just a reminder to Residents Associations that if you plan to do any upgrade work in your area this year, please advise us so that we can include it in the “National Tidy Towns Competition” application 2010. Remember everyone’s work helps to improve the town’s performance in the competition so that if we know about it we can include it as part of Maynooth’s effort.

## **Maynooth Tidy Towns looking forward to working with Post-Primary students**

Following communication from the school’s environmental group Maynooth Tidy Towns is looking forward to working with the students. One key outcome would be to put a mechanism in place for an ongoing working relationship between Tidy Towns and the students.

**Paul Croghan**

**Vice-Chairperson**

**Maynooth Tidy Towns.**

## **I.C.A. Notes**

Having missed our January meeting due to bad weather we had a full house at the February one. The Centenary year has got off to a great start with many events in the pipeline for 2010. Six new officers are needed for the Federation this year and new committee members are also needed for the Guild. Lots of new people have shown an interest in becoming members of the I.C.A. as crafts are making a big come back.

The Centenary dinner will take place in Wexford on the 6th May with a celebration in Bree on the 7th to mark the foundation of I.C.A., where it started 100 years ago. A Centenary Garden Party will be held in An Grianán in Louth on 9th July. The Federation dinner dance takes place on 19th February in the Keadeen Hotel with period costumes being worn by all the ladies, covering 100 years. A celebration is to be organised at Punchestown and a Service of Light and Concert in Kildare in November.

Our President Margaret Houlihan will represent Maynooth I.C.A. at the St. Patricks Day Parade. Daffodil Day takes place on 26th March and as usual the I.C.A. will be out in force on the streets.

The Guild were very successful this year in requiring a Go for Life Grant and this will go towards dancing and Badminton lessons. Kildare Week takes place in An Grianán from 21st to 26th May and the weekend will happen from 5th to 7th November.

Irish Language classes are starting in the Guild on 10th March and will continue for 5 weeks so we look forward to seeing a full hall for this event. Craft nights continue every Monday night in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour and Badminton on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the College Gym. The next Federation meeting takes place on 30th March in Celbridge and the Guilds next meeting on Thursday 4th March and this will be the A.G.M. The Raffle winners were 1st - Ann Fahey, 2nd - Ann Broughan, 3rd - Irene Matthews and the competition winners were 1st - Mary Halton, 2nd - Rosemary Hanley, 3rd - Catherine O’Reilly and Theresa Corcoran, 4th - Margaret Houlihan.

We look forward to seeing some new faces at our next meeting.

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## Maynooth GAA News - ALL-IRELAND IFC CLUB SEMI-FINAL



**Spa save best 'til last to end  
Maynooth's All-Ireland dream**

SPA (KERRY)	2 - 11
MAYNOOTH	2 - 9



LIMERICK'S Gaelic Grounds might boast a big open field but she had a cruel heart for this epic semi-final, a game that was in doubt until the final whistle. Conor Gleeson struck Spa's second goal with just three minutes left and Maynooth's Croke Park dream disappeared into the foggy haze that surrounded the stadium.

They had come within inches of the winning line but Spa stood in their way at the crucial moment to send them back to the wilderness, a million miles from the glamour of an All-Ireland final in Croke next month.

It was especially hard on Maynooth's county star Karl Ennis, who scored 2-3, and pounced for a poacher's goal with just 13 minutes left that almost stole the game. After a poor start, Maynooth recovered to take the lead before the interval, thanks to a sublime first goal from Ennis, and when he toe-poked the ball past James Devane for his second in the 47th minute, the omens looked good.

But then those omens hadn't looked good before the game. Maynooth manager, Declan Cryan, suffered a puncture on his way to the game and had to flag a lift from the club chairman. Cryan has instilled a belief in his side that could never be deflated by a small piece of bad luck, and twice Maynooth came back to take the lead when Spa had threatened to overrun them.

Showing bottle might not be much consolation in defeat but this game hinged on a late blow to the gut that few teams would recover from. If Maynooth believed they could win, Spa seemed certain that they would.

Conor Gleeson's second goal was an exercise in self-belief. There was nothing on when the Spa half-forward gathered possession on the right wing but as he carried the ball into the centre, a channel opened up and he had no hesitation in gambolling through the space in front of Paul Flood's goal. When he got within striking distance, he coolly slotted the ball over Flood's right shoulder. Maynooth's All-Ireland dream had burned brightly for nearly an hour and in an instant the flame had been extinguished.

It didn't matter that there was only one point between the sides, it was the nature of the blow that meant Maynooth couldn't recover. Spa were on the ropes but they had delivered a knockout blow.

"You never know what might happen, I really felt, God we were going to get there," said Maynooth manager, Declan Cryan. "All year I never believed we were going to be beaten. And that's what we've been trying to instil in the guys, no matter what, whether we're two points up or two points down."

All of a sudden, and without much warning, Maynooth's belief system had taken a battering and they couldn't recover. Mike O'Donoghue clipped over a simple point three minutes later to leave two between the sides yet the gap seemed much greater than just two scores.

Although there were three minutes of injury time left to play, they didn't think to go for two points. A win that was within sight was now out of reach though they still went in search of salvation, and a third goal.

*"We keep fighting, we keep plugging away. We never believe we're beaten. Spa had serious pace around the park. They had guys who could kick some fantastic scores. It took us 10, 15 minutes to get a handle on that. O'Mahoney at centre forward had speed to burn and Gleeson, they were dynamite. It took us a while to adjust to that," said Cryan.*



**Karl Ennis receiving treatment for  
Maynooth during their recent game  
against Spa**

The first half began in ominous fashion for the Kildare champions. Mike O'Donoghue and Fergus Clifford pointed within the first five minutes for the Kerry side as they controlled midfield and after Pierre Ennis had struck a goal chance narrowly wide off his left foot, Niall O'Mahoney, increased the advantage to three points. It took a very good point from Karl Ennis' trusty left foot to open Maynooth's account in the seventh minute, and when the county man added a second scored after 12 minutes, Maynooth looked in better shape, trailing 0-4 to 0-2. As the balance of power shifted in midfield, Maynooth exploded into life. Pierre Ennis converted a free, Niall Naughton struck two fine points from play and then Karl Ennis struck a sublime shot to the net from the 20 metre line. A collision with the Spa full back in the process of kicking that goal left Ennis bloodied and bruised and it took a few minutes to stitch him up on the sideline.

By the end of the half, Spa had recovered to within one and trailing 1-5 to 0-7 at the interval. Spa moved back in front early in the second half when Conor Gleeson struck his first goal but it

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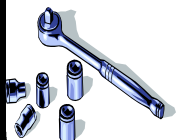
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# Maynooth GAA News

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wasn't enough to repel Maynooth and Pierre Ennis converted a 45 in the 46th minute to level the game. A minute later older brother Karl toe poked a shot to the net when the ball was dropped by a Spa defender in the square. Spa hit back with two points but when Ennis scored his third point of the game with six minutes left, Maynooth were starting to dream. "We're devastated now," said manager Cryan. "But it's been a fantastic year. At the start of the year our big goal was to make sure we stayed in division one. Once you qualify for Leinster everything is a bonus.

Then you get to an All-Ireland semi-final you do start to dream about Croke Park and that's the heartbreaking thing, we were so close."

There were no prizes handed out on Sunday but Maynooth knew they could have been contenders – it's the kind of thought that keeps you awake at night.



***The Maynooth Team and officials before the throw-in of their recent match against Spa***

MAYNOOTH: Paul Flood; Joe Brennan, Colin O'Neill, Adam Gunn; Sean Kennedy, Alan McAndrew, Karl Ennis 2-3; Michael Bennett 0-1, Hugh Purcell; Kevin Comerford, Cillian Carr, Conor Canning, Vincent Hanrahan, Pierre Ennis 0-3 (1f, 1 45), Niall Naughton 0-2. Subs: John McAndrew for Hanrahan, h/t; Michael Fahey for Naughton, 46; John Comerford for Purcell, 57; Peter Warren for O'Neill, 60.

## **GALA CELEBRATION NIGHT**

Following a hugely successful year for Maynooth GAA, a celebration night will take place in the Glenroyal Hotel on Saturday 27 February at 7.30pm. Music by "Men in Black."

Tickets €50 are available from Pascal Ennis, Matt Doran, Aidan Sinnott, Gerry Egan or Colm Hoban. Tickets are limited so order yours today.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Maynooth GAA club Membership for 2010 is now due. The price structure is €120 for family, €80 for individuals, €50 for students and €50 for juveniles.

We have two ways for you to register and pay your membership fees this

year: Pay securely online via paypal with your credit card or you can download the application form online and return to any committee member with the appropriate amount.

Any questions please contact Teresa Murray on 086-8985700 or e-mail her [tmurr@eircom.net](mailto:tmurr@eircom.net).

## **UNDERAGE FOOTBALL**

Underage football under-5 to under-9 resumed on Friday February 26.

Ages 5-7: Indoor Hall in Maynooth University 7-8pm. Need to wear runners. No football boots.

Ages 8-9: Astro at Maynooth University 7-8pm. Can use runners/football boots.

For all ages please bring your own water and €3 to cover costs (€5 max. per family).

Further information can be found under the Juvenile section of this website. Click on Boys football for details of training times and trainers/locations.

Anyone interested in helping out across the age groups please contact Paraic McCabe 086-383067. No experience of GAA necessary.

## **HARRY OLIVER RIP**

Maynooth GAA club was sad to hear of the death of Harry Oliver senior in early February. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam.

***Brendan Coffey/Maynooth GAA Club PRO***  
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# March in the Garden

## General tasks

- ◆ Sow some hardy annuals such as Alyssum, Calendula, Eschscholzia, Limnanthus douglasii and Nigella - there are many more varieties to choose from in the Organic Gardening Catalogue.
- ◆ As the temperature increases so will weed growth. Keep a check on young weeds and remove them before they take hold.
- ◆ Spread mulches of compost or well rotted manure over herbaceous borders and around shrubs and trees.
- ◆ Make a wigwam frame, place in a suitable place in a flower border and direct sow two sweet pea seeds at the base of each cane.
- ◆ Prune summer-flowering shrubs like Buddlejia davidii, Spiraea japonica, and hardy Fuchsia. They benefit from cutting down hard in early spring. If your garden is prone to late frosts, then cover the cut stems to protect new shoots.
- ◆ **DON'T PRUNE** spring flowering shrubs and climbers until flowering has ended. Wait until flowering is over, then prune as required - cutting back hard or re-shaping if necessary. If you want to reduce an overgrown tangle now, just remove a few selected branches to thin things out somewhat.
- ◆ Finish tidying up last year's dead growth on perennials before they start into growth as weather warms up.
- ◆ Regularly clean bird tables and birdbaths, provide fresh water and food. Birds are much more active this month, mating and nest building.
- ◆ Provide nesting materials such as pet hair, small twigs, straw and other suitable materials. Tie them in loose bundles and attach in trees or other places where birds perch around the garden.

## The Greenhouse

- ◆ Many plants will be growing away by now, top-dress any large potted plants. Scrape off as much of the old compost as possible but be careful not to damage surface roots. Rich garden compost is ideal as a top dressing and a final thin mulch of

horticultural grit will help retain moisture in the warmer months.

- ◆ Pot on any half hardy and tender perennials. A mix of good garden compost and 20% grit is often ideal for this. If you grow Agave and various cacti then increase this to 40% grit. Always wear thick gloves when potting on spiky plants. Cacti with small fine spines can be the worst offenders leaving dozens of spines in your hands that can take days to remove.
- ◆ Pest populations may start to increase dramatically, be vigilant and deal with any pests promptly. This will help prevent any serious infestations building up as plants come into fresh growth. Remove any scale insects from shrubby plants like citrus and umbrella trees, this is time consuming and tedious but essential to reduce numbers before they start to breed in the spring.
- ◆ Divide half-hardy and tender perennials, like Hedychium, Musa, Aspidistra, Agave and Aloe. Keep them well watered for a few weeks until you see active new growth.
- ◆ Sow seeds of perennials in modules. Plants establish quickly and are easy to pot on as root damage from pricking out is minimised.
- ◆ Fuchsias in pots that have been dormant will need watering now and dead stems cut back.



### The Herb Garden in March

- ◆ Tidy up herbs grown in containers and pots. Remove any moss or lichen growing on the surface. Re-pot or add fresh compost to the top of the pot.
- ◆ Check shrubby herbs for wind and snow damage. Cut out damaged twigs and branches.
- ◆ Place a bird bath or construct a small pond around your herb garden to provide shelter and water for wildlife.
- ◆ Buy new potted herbs such as Parsley, Thyme, Sage, and Mint. Keep in the greenhouse or your kitchen until all signs of heavy frost have disappeared.



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## Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat.

**O**n 3rd February students from Maynooth Post Primary school began a performance of the musical, "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat". The story is based on the biblical story of Joseph found in the Book of Genesis. Joseph's brothers are jealous of him for his coat, a symbol of their father's preference for him.

The show ran for five nights and Friday and Saturday night were sold out.



***Sean Bean.***



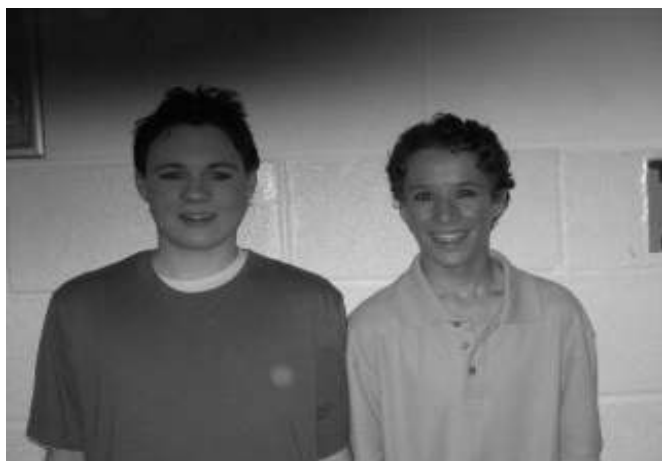
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## *NUI Maynooth Library celebrates Science & Engineering Success*

The NUI Maynooth Library Social Sciences Festival took place from 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January in the John Paul II and Russell Libraries. The festival highlighted NUI Maynooth's many world-class innovations, research and publications in a range of areas of scientific and engineering interest. In addition to the work of established researchers the festival also featured projects from budding scientists from local schools. A project by Anne McGloughlin, a student from Maynooth Post Primary, that won the Google individual female award at the recent BT Young Scientist exhibition was amongst those on display.

The festival was opened by the President of NUI Maynooth, Professor John G. Hughes followed by an address by Monsignor Hugh G. Connolly, President of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Professor John Ringwood, Associate Dean of Engineering, Faculty of Science and Engineering also spoke. The speakers highlighted the strength and depth of the Faculty's research output over recent years. Also on the opening day Professor Ray O'Neill, Vice President for Research, launched the University's Research Information System (RIS).

In addition to the many publications on display, there were also a number of examples of the practical applications of the Faculty's research on display including robots, music technology equipment, virtual campus applications and electronic body suits.

Throughout the Festival the Russell Library hosted an exhibition of the fascinating science and engineering materials held there and this exhibition continued until 25<sup>th</sup> February. The festival included a range of other activities including seminars and visits to the on-campus science museum.



Monsignor Hugh Connolly, President of St. Patrick's College Maynooth, Cathal McCauley, Librarian, NUI Maynooth, Colm Purcell, Mayor of Kildare.



Suzanne Redmond, Maloco Institutional Repository Manager, Library and Computer Research Office; Rory Hopkins, Computer Research Office; Cathy Jones, Research Office; and Prof. Ray O'Neill, Vice-President for Research, NUI Maynooth



Colm Purcell, Mayor of Kildare, Susan Durack, Library, NUI, Maynooth, Colm Ó Cearúil, Chairman, Maynooth Community Council.



Students of Maynooth Post Primary School displayed their outstanding projects from the Young Scientist Exhibition. Anne McGloughlin, Luke Stuart Mills & Seoirse Murray.

## Clubs & Organisations



### An Nuadha Players

*Centenary Concert 1910 2010*  
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An Nuadha Players, St Mary's Brass and Reed Band, The Maynooth Local History Group and members of the Music Dept Maynooth College will combine their talents to re-enact a concert that took place in Maynooth in 1910.

The Concert will feature the music of the time with singers instrumentalists, recitations. The evening will be completed with a play "No Pastry for the King" written by local man Declan O'Connor.

To maintain the atmosphere of the time we hope to see the audience dressed in the fashion of the period.

The entire concert will be filmed by the Media Dept. from the College.

**This is a once in a lifetime performance not to be missed.**

**For more information contact An Nuadha Players**

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### University of Third Age

Spring was in the air and the topic was St Patrick's Day parade. How could we further define our group?

Suggestions abounded. They ranged from the funereal to the ludicrous! Nevertheless the outcome was positive and a splash of wild mountain heather should be apparent on the day. In addition a colourful accessory when chilly winds blow.

Our most recent book for discussion was Trans-sister Radio by Chris Bohjalian. A compelling story, focusing on the subject of transexuality. The author showed great sensitivity and really got to the heart of the story behind stark news headlines. It challenged us to examine our own perception of relationships and gender.

'Log on and Learn' is the national initiative between Intel and Microsoft. It is a programme designed to 'buddy up' a participating transition year student with an older person from the community to learn computer skills. Once again it is being offered to our group. Feedback on the initial session was very positive. At a time when we read so much negative press regarding young people there was nothing but praise of the students involved in the project. Miss Mannion, take a bow.

**Meetings for March are on Fridays 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 11.00 in the Community Library.**

**New members welcome.**

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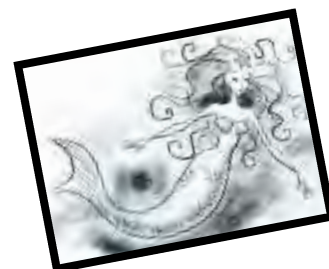
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# Poetry Corner

## St. Patrick's Day

*Green is the grass of Ireland  
Where shamrock is for all to see  
St. Patrick with his mighty hand  
Brought Christianity all to be  
Our king of this patron land  
Vanished snakes to their doom  
Also celebrating parades so grand  
And put an end to the country's gloom*

*A mighty man stood his ground  
In a special and saintly way  
A new world each person found  
And made the best of our day  
Pray for our Saint forever more  
And for our welfare we pray  
A priestly man we so much adore  
And for Irish people showed the way*

*Many blessings bestowed on us all  
Where we will soon see the light  
And the years swiftly they fall  
Our country sort is out right  
Emasculate grace on this man bestow  
To a new world within our hearts  
A better world unite to grow  
Where love our creator never departs*

**By Patrick Murray**

## Mothers Day

*A Mother loves right from the start.  
She holds her baby close to her heart.  
The bond that grows will never falter.  
Her love is so strong it will never alter.  
A Mother gives never ending Love.  
She never feels that she has given enough.  
For you she will always do her best.  
Constantly working, there's no time to rest.  
A Mother is there when things go wrong.  
A hug and a kiss to help us along.  
Always there when we need her near.  
Gently wipes our eyes when we shed a tear.  
So on this day shower your Mother with Love.  
Gifts and presents are nice but that is not*

*enough.*

*Give your Mother a day to have some peace  
of mind.*

*Be gentle, be good, be helpful, be kind.  
Happy Mothers Day.*

**By Carol Matthews**

## Mommy I Love You

*Mommy, I love you  
For all that you do.  
I'll kiss you and hug you  
'Cause you love me, too.  
You feed me and need me  
To teach you to play,  
So smile 'cause I love you  
On this Mother's Day.*

**By Nicholas Gordon**

## Spring, the Sweet Spring

*Spring, the sweet spring, is the year's pleasant  
king,  
Then blooms each thing, then maids dance in  
a ring,  
Cold doth not sting, the pretty birds do sing:  
Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to-witta-woo!*

*The palm and may make country houses gay,  
Lambs frisk and play, the shepherds pipe all  
day,  
And we hear aye birds tune this merry lay:  
Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to-witta-woo!*

*The fields breathe sweet, the daisies kiss our  
feet,  
Young lovers meet, old wives a-sunning sit,  
In every street these tunes our ears do greet:  
Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we, to witta-woo!*

**By Thomas Nashe**

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## *Fantastic Friday for Maynooth BNS Quiz Teams.*

**F**riday 29th January proved to be a very successful day for the quiz teams of St. Marys Boys National School in Maynooth. At the end of play on Friday the school had secured the Scoil na Mainstreach Perpetual Trophy and both the under 11 and 13 titles in the Credit Union Quiz.

The victorious Maynooth team was made up of Dylan McCarron, Michael Mc Brearty, Michael Wilson and Tomás Feeney.

It was a particularly sweet victory as it was the first time that the school had won the trophy.

On the same evening both teams again lined out for the Credit Union Quiz. Both teams again acquitted themselves excellently, finishing in first and third places respectively in the under 13 category. The future for school quiz teams in Maynooth BNS also seems very bright as they took the first three places in the under 11 category. These teams were;

1st - Callum McCabe, Ben Carroll, Paul Damery, Michael Diamond.

2nd - Daniel Berisnikov, Matt Guillermo, James Sheridan, Brendan Bradley.

3rd - Cian Durkan, Fiachra Ward, Aaron Byrne, Tim Barry.

The school would like to thank all the teams that took part in helping to make this an entertaining enjoyable evening.



*Under 13 team. Michael McBrearty,  
Michael Wilson, Dylan McCarron, Tomás Feeney.*



*Under 11 team. Ben Carroll, Callum McCabe,  
Paul Damery, Michael Diamond.*

## **Maynooth Community Library**

**Children's Chess Club** resuming Monday 8th March 6pm - 7pm and the Adults resuming Thursday 11th March 6pm - 7pm. All levels of play welcome!

**Parents and Toddler Storytime in Polish** with Agnes every Tuesday morning at 10am, come and enjoy storytelling in your native language.

**Parent and Toddler Storytime** every Wednesday morning 10am aimed at pre-schoolers.

**MFA (Maynooth Film For All)** Viewing for March - All films screened in the John Hume Hall in MUIM at 7.45pm. March 3rd - Identities - Vittoria Colonna's new feature-length documentary, is a sensitive and compelling documentary, which explores the multicoloured, multicultural transgender community in Ireland. March 31st - Quiet Chaos - Pietro is a successful executive, happily married and father of a 10-year old daughter. One day, he arrives home only to discover his wife has suddenly died. From that moment on his life changes radically.

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# March Diary Planner



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## Maynooth Community Library

Maynooth Film for All club's next film is  
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John Hume Lecture Hall in NUI Maynooth.  
Wednesday March 3rd "Indenties"  
feature length  
documentary by Vittoria Colonna  
Storytime in Polish with Agnes  
Tuesday mornings at 10.a.m.  
Parent & Toddler Storytime  
Wednesday mornings at 10.a.m.  
Children's Chess Club resumes  
Monday 8th March 6–7 p.m.  
Adults Chess resumes  
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Department of Philosophy NUIM  
"Emotions and Cognition in Aristotle and Aquinas"  
Response: Dr. Susan Gottlöber  
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Meeting takes place on Tuesday  
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## *Mothers Day — 14th March*

**I**n Ireland, Mother's Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of the Christian fasting month of Lent. The day is devoted to all the mothers, for the pains and hardships they have taken to make life better for their children. All the children in the world realize the importance of a mother and the contributions she makes in their life and hence, a day like this gives them an opportunity to thank her for all of what she has done.

Today, Mother's Day is celebrated with great pomp and show all across Ireland. Though, the emotion associated with the celebration is the same, the way of expression has changed a bit. Commercialization has crept into the articulation process. Along with the traditional flowers, cards and gifts are given to mothers on this day. People in Ireland also make their mother feel special by doing small things for her, like making meals or taking her out for dinner.

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*Happy Mothers Day*

## *A Special Mother's Day Story*

**Y**our Mother is the most loving person that can be in your life. She is the heart and soul of the home. A mothers love is unconditional. Mothering Sunday is a Christian festival celebrated in Europe since Neolithic times. In the Roman religion the festival was in honour of the mother goddess Cybele and it took place during mid - March. We nowadays call it Mother's Day.

I lived with my parents all of my life. We led a simple, but lovely life. We seldom fought, and for most of the time we were happy and contented together.

My mother is dead now but I still remember our last Mother's Day together. On the Saturday before the big day we went shopping. My memory is quite vivid that it was a lovely Spring afternoon. I really wanted to make it special for my mum. She was happy that day. We met one of her friends while we were shopping. They stopped and chatted for a few minutes and had their usual little gossip.

On the morning of "Mothers Day", we were all in high spirits. The cards from my two sisters had already arrived, and on that special morning they rang my mother and chatted for ages.

My mother displayed her cards with pride on her immaculately polished sideboard, for all to admire. The biggest present we can give our mother is a smile, and a card to say that we love her, and care about her.

We gave my mother her presents, and then headed off to treat her to lunch at her favourite hotel.

It was exactly a week to the day that my mum died in her sleep. It was so tranquil for her, but a massive shock to those she left behind. The memories she left behind I will treasure for the rest of my life. Hopefully if I have children one day, I will instil into them the values & tenderness she gave to us.

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*By Enda Clavin*



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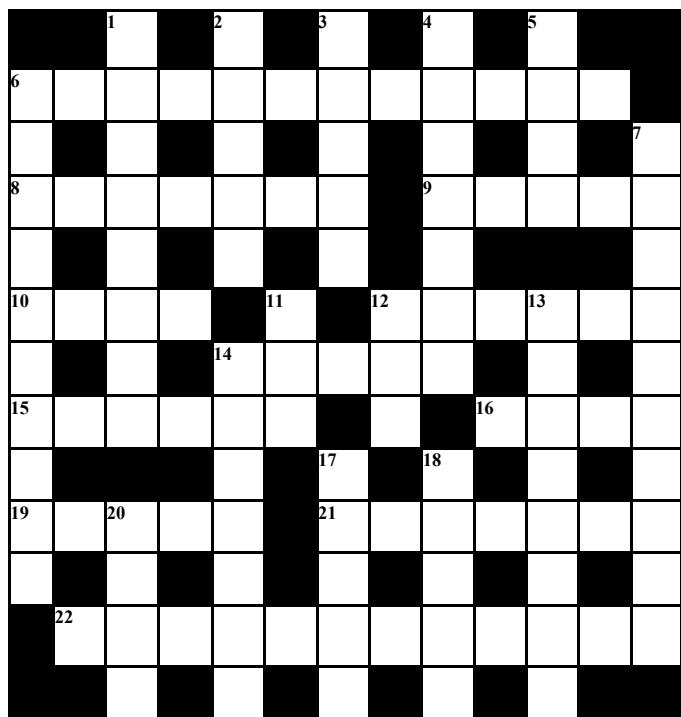
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# Crossword No. 86



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## Across.

6. Home of the Hollywood stars (7,5)
8. White-ant (7)
9. Indiscretion (5)
10. Seepage (4)
12. Be restless (6)
14. Presented (5)
15. Former tennis star, \_ \_ \_ Edberg (6)
16. Court order (4)
19. Hale \_ \_ \_ , US golfer (5)
21. Intoxicating drink (7)
22. Donation (12)

## Down.

1. Pass (8)
2. Plait (5)
3. Bonnie \_ \_ \_ , singer (5)
4. Scoundrel (7)
5. Failure (4)
6. Large armoured vessel (10)
7. Athletic contest (10)
11. Racket (3)
12. Nourished (3)
13. George \_ \_ \_ , famous US composer (8)
14. Alf \_ \_ \_ , TV bigot (7)
17. Saying (5)
18. Reconnoitre (5)
20. Copse (4)

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## Doodle Box

## Solutions to Crossword No. 85.

**Across:** 1. Strauss, 5. Brad, 9. Grumpy, 10. Oasis, 12. Inner, 13. Holster, 14. Cradle, 16. Bureau, 19. Pitcher, 21. Trash, 23. Idiom, 24. Tennis, 25. Eyed, 26. Preview.

**Down:** 2. Turin, 3. Admiral, 4. Scythe, 6. Rosette, 7. Distraught, 8. Foal, 11. Discipline, 15. Astaire, 17. Ustinov, 18. Crater, 20. Hump, 22. Arise.

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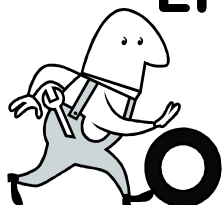


The Dara Community Support Programme for adults with learning difficulties, led by Dr. Bob McCormack is provided by Dara Residential Services and funded by the HSE. A core focus of the programme is to reach people who are socially isolated and to empower them to develop new friendships, new interests and to explore ways in which they can enjoy rich and rewarding social experiences. There is no fee associated with the support service; participants are expected to meet the costs of travel and expenses.

Further Information from Dr. Bob McCormack at the DARA Community Support Programme on 01 6271484.

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# Party Political-Maynooth Labour News

## Height of New Road at Old Greenfield:

Councillor McGinley got the following reply to his motion:

"That immediate action be taken to adjust the relative heights of the new road constructed at Old Greenfield, Maynooth, in association with planning permission 06/424, and the ground level of houses to the North which are supposed to have access to this new road."

**Report:** Planning Ref. 06/424 and the most recent permission 09/220 are for blocks of apartments. Both permissions contained conditions requiring the creation of management companies. Accordingly, building control section had no involvement in this development when the road/ footpath referred to in this motion were constructed.

Since then building control has contacted the developer and informed him that the Council is prepared to consider taking in charge the communal areas and services in the development, if he undertakes to limit the use of the management company to the apartment blocks. The developer has not responded to this request. Until such times that the developer confirms that he will limit the management company to the apartment blocks, building control has no role in this development. It is for other departments to establish if the conditions of planning permissions have been complied with.

A warning letter has been issued to the developer from the unauthorised development section for non compliance with conditions 5 and 9.

Cllr. McGinley pointed out that the Report did not address the issue and he asked that the Roads Section engineers would meet with Mr. Mooney in order to come to a satisfactory conclusion and that the residents would be kept informed. This was agreed.

## Construction of Left Turning Lane from Greenfield Estate/Shopping Centre to Straffan Road:

Cllr. McGinley asked that a staff member from the Traffic Management Section meet with him at this location to discuss John's proposal.

## Road Safety Improvement for Celbridge Road, Maynooth | :

Cllr. McGinley asked that a staff member from the Traffic Management Section meet with him at this location to discuss John's proposal for a ramp and road markings on the town side of the Pedestrian Lights.

## Deteriorating speed cushions at Straffan and Celbridge Road, Maynooth

It was reported at the January meeting that the cost of repairing both ramps would be very expensive and Councillor McGinley requested that the ramp in Straffan be removed permanently as it is a hazard and unsightly in its current state and requested a costing for the necessary works for the February meeting and that the speed cushions at the Gael Scoil at Celbridge Road, Maynooth be repaired without any further delay as they constituted a safety hazard at present.



Cllr. John McGinley

## Safety at Railpark Road to Pikes Bridge

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

*"That the following safety measure be carried out on the Railpark Road linking Pikes Bridge with the Celbridge Road, Maynooth:*

- 1. That the Gardai be asked enforce the 60kmh speed limit*
- 2. That the "Local Traffic Only" sign be put back in place at the Celbridge Road entrance*
- 3. That consideration be given to banning through traffic from this narrow road*
- 4. That signs be erected stating that the road is prone to Black Ice*
- 5. That banking be removed at the narrowest sections of the road so that at least pedestrians would be able to step in to avoid being mowed down "*

## Replacement of Missing Public Lights:

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following

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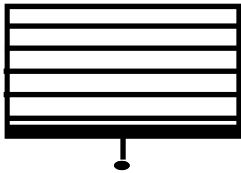


### Particulars and Arrangements Contact:

Paddy Nolan (Secretary to Maynooth Mortality Society), 7 Castlebridge, Maynooth.

Phone: 6286312

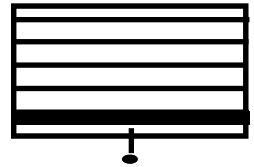
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# Party Political-Labour News

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motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"That the two public lights that were removed from opposite house number 3 Parsons Hall and at Barton's, Pound Lane, Maynooth be put back in place without any further delay."

## **Safety at Junction of Dublin Road/Doctor's Lane**

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

*"When is the Pelican Crossing facility being installed at the junction of Dublin Road/Doctor's Lane, Maynooth, as specified in WSP Drawing No. TMD-003."*

## **Proposal to Ban HGV's from Straffan:**

Cllr. John McGinley has submitted the following motion for the consideration of the Celbridge Area Committee of the Council:

"That through traffic HGV's be banned from Straffan Village"

## **County Council Grants Scheme**

The Council advertised their Grants Scheme for 2010 in local Papers on 6 February for Festival Grants, Community Grants, Residents Association Grants and Amenity Grants. Application forms and details are available on the Council web-site : [www.kildarecoco.ie](http://www.kildarecoco.ie) and the closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 19 March.

## **TENDERS TO BE SOUGHT FOR PERMANENT SCHOOL FOR GAELSCOIL UI FHIAICH**

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Education in relation to the invitation of tenders for the Permanent School for Gaelscoil Ui Fhiaich in Maynooth.

The Minister has advised Deputy Stagg that the Board of Management was recently authorised to proceed to tender for the new 16 Classroom School.

Deputy Stagg has welcomed this positive news for the pupils, parents and teachers of the School. The site for the New School has been in the ownership of the School Board of Management since December 2004 and is where the current temporary accommodation is

located.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg congratulated the Board of Management of the School and looked forward to seeing the Project advance to fruition in the near future.

## **2008/2009 FIGURES SHOW 23% OF KILDARE NATIONAL SCHOOL PUPILS IN CLASSES OF 30 OR MORE**

Deputy Emmet Stagg sought information from the Minister for Education in relation to class sizes for the 2008/2009 school year in Co. Kildare and the State.

The figures provided by the Minister for Education to Deputy Stagg show that 23% of pupils in National Schools in Co. Kildare are being taught in classes of 30 or more with 51% of pupils being taught in classes ranging from 25 to 29 pupils.

These figures do not take into account the change announced in Budget 2009 which increased pupil teacher ratios to 28 to 1. Therefore whilst the 2009/2010 figures are not available we can assume that things have only got worse.

With more than 1/5<sup>th</sup> of our pupils being taught in classes of 30 or more Deputy Stagg has condemned the Government for their failure to ensure that children get the best opportunity to develop during their school years. Immense pressure is being placed on teachers and no matter how hard they work, children will suffer because of the class sizes being imposed by the Government.

	Kildare	National
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 19 OR LESS	4%	15%
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 20-24 PUPILS	22%	26%
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 25-29 PUPILS	51%	40%
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 30-34 PUPILS	22%	18%
% OF CHILDREN IN CLASSES OF 35-39 PUPILS	1%	1%

The breakdown for Kildare for the 2008/2009 school year compared to the National Figures, stated Deputy Stagg, again shows how Kildare pupils are being discriminated against:

This Government stated Deputy Stagg, just like the previous one, have broken promises left, right and

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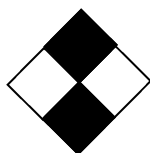
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centre. Their promise in 2002 to reduce class sizes for children under 9, to 20 pupils or less was reneged on and their promise in the 2007 Programme for Government to hire an additional 4,000 teachers has now been consigned to the dustbin. In fact they are sacking teachers.

This short-sighted policy stated Deputy Stagg belies the fact that Investment in Education is paramount to the Economy of the State and one area where we should not be cutting but should be investing more is Education for our children, who after all are our future.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that if the Government insist on increasing Pupil Teacher Ratio's to the detriment of children then they will have to find a system where the ratio actually applies in our schools and not have a situation where 23% of Kildare Pupils are in classes of 30 or more.

## AHERN IGNORES STAGG'S CALL FOR INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF ALLOCATION OF GARDAI

Deputy Emmet Stagg tabled a Parliamentary Question to the Minister for Justice, Dermot Ahern T.D., requesting the Minister to order an Independent Review of the allocation of Gardai in the State in view of the disparity between the numbers in some divisional areas, including the fact that Kildare has one Garda for every 580 people, Roscommon and Longford has one Garda for every 312 people, Cavan and Monaghan has one Garda for every 287 people and Clare has one Garda for every 330 people.

The Minister in his response to Deputy Stagg stated that The Garda Commissioner, with his senior managers and Divisional Officers arranges for the allocation of Gardai throughout the State and that they are aided in this by a distribution model known as the Garda Establishment Redistribution Model (GERM). The Minister indicated that this model indicates the most effective means to distribute Garda Personnel and takes into account crime trends, socio-economic factors and census information. In relation to Deputy Stagg's call for an Independent Review the Minister failed to respond specifically.

Commenting on the Ministers response Deputy Stagg stated that the allocation of Gardai throughout the State excluding City Areas was nothing short of a disgrace and to prove his point listed the following Ratio Examples:

## GARDA DIVISION NUMBER OF GARDAI PER POPULATION

State people	1 Garda for every 341
Kildare people	1 Garda for every 580
Donegal people	1 Garda for every 315
Cavan/Monaghan people	1 Garda for every 295
Roscommon/Longford people	1 Garda for every 319
Clare people	1 Garda for every 330
Meath people	1 Garda for every 517

The figures show quite clearly that the Garda Force in Kildare, the most undermanned in the State, continues to be systematically discriminated against stated Deputy Stagg. Its no wonder that the 2009 PhoneWatch Burglary Report, covering the period July 2008 to June 2009, showed that Kildare remained the most burgled County outside of Dublin.

There are Gardai assigned to Counties for Historical reasons who should be reassigned to the Kildare Division. A review of the Kildare and Meath figures shows a very similar problem where there has been massive population growth but little to correct the ratio of Gardai to population levels.

The end result of all this is that Gardai in the Kildare Division are under pressure to deliver a proper service to the Public with inadequate resources. Kildare people pay their Taxes like everybody else and we expect a properly manned Garda Force in the County stated Deputy Stagg.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he had been raising this issue for many years without success and he posed the question to the Minister for Justice, if the GERM model is correct, Why are you worming your way out of an Independent Review?

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Michael Fitzpatrick T.D.

### **FG scaremongering about older people is simply irresponsible – Fitzpatrick**

Fine Gael's scaremongering regarding the Community Support for Older People is simply irresponsible according to local Fianna Fail TD, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"Fine Gael's Charlie Flanagan was on KFM this week talking about the Community Support for Older People and questioning the Government's commitment to older people as the funding had decreased last year. This is totally irresponsible as it causes confusion for older people and the groups working to support them."

"I was happy that the Minister responsible, John Curran TD was able to reply to these claims and emphasise the Government's commitment to the Community Support for Older People Scheme."

"The Scheme of Community Support for Older People provides grant support to enable older people to continue to live securely in their home with confidence, independence and peace of mind. A key requirement of the Scheme is to ensure that community groups maintain ongoing contact with older members of their local community."

"Despite being suspended for a number of months to enable a review to be completed, the Department received and processed around 550 applications from some 440 community groups for grant support under the Scheme of Community Support for Older People."

"At the end of December, all applications had been processed and some €2.1m had been paid to these groups. The Department is awaiting responses to queries raised in respect of a number of applications and when these have been addressed by the relevant community organisations, grant support will be paid."

"The Department depends on the activities of local community and voluntary organisations working with older people to identify those older people that might be in need of this service and are willing to apply."

"The Department will be advertising in the coming weeks for community groups that might wish to participate in the Scheme. Enquiries can be made at any time to the Department and the grant support is currently available for those groups wishing to make applications."

"I wish to acknowledge the ongoing invaluable work carried out by local organisations in promoting and fostering community activity at local level in north Kildare. I am calling on local community groups in who are not yet participating in the scheme to apply for this essential funding," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

### **Kildare businesses urged to apply for PRSI Exemption Scheme to help create jobs – Fitzpatrick**

Local Fianna Fáil TD and Convenor of the Oireachtas Enterprise Committee, Michael Fitzpatrick has encouraged businesses in Kildare to apply for a new scheme that will promote local employment and also reduce their PRSI contributions.

The Government's Employer Job Incentive Scheme is expected to help create jobs in Kildare and around the country.

Under the scheme when an employer creates a new job and employs a person who has been on the live register for six months or more, they will then be exempt from the employers' PRSI contributions for the first 12 months of that employment.

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"Typically this will result of a saving of about €3,000 per annum in the cost of employment which is obviously a huge saving for any business. I hope that there will be a significant uptake by companies throughout Kildare as it will not only save them money but it will also help get more people off the dole and back into the workforce."

"Many businesses have been afraid to take on new staff in the current economic climate but I hope this scheme will give them extra encouragement. It is particularly aimed at those who have been on the live register for six months or more as these are the people who generally find it most difficult to find new employment."

"This is a strong, positive step by the Government to help promote employment and I hope that it will prove of assistance to businesses in Kildare," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

## **Fitzpatrick welcomes framework for an inquiry into the banking crisis**

Kildare North Fianna Fail TD, Michael Fitzpatrick has welcomed the news that the Government has today agreed a comprehensive framework for an inquiry into the banking crisis.

"This enquiry is necessary if we to learn the lessons of what went wrong with our banks and how we can ensure that the same mistakes are never made again. It is important if confidence is to be restored in the banking system."

"As part of this inquiry the Government has agreed that the Governor of the Central Bank will report to the Minister for Finance on the performance and functions of the Central Bank and the Financial Regulator up to September 2008."

"An independent person, yet to be decided, will conduct a preliminary investigation into the background and causes of the recent banking crisis and what lessons can be learned. The impact of international events will also be considered."

"An appropriate Oireachtas Committee will meet the Governor and the independent expert at the outset of their work and will be briefed on the Oireachtas' priorities for the investigation."

"It is hoped that both reports will be completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2010 after which they will be considered by the Government, the Houses of the Oireachtas and

an appropriate Oireachtas Committee who will consider the findings of the reports."

"Following the completion of the reports an independent statutory Commission of Investigation is to be established by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2010 chaired by an expert to examine and report on the causes of the crisis."

"The terms of reference for the Commission of Investigation will be informed by this report following consultation with the Oireachtas. The Commission's report will be completed within six months and be laid before the Oireachtas for further consideration and action by an appropriate Oireachtas Committee."

"I am pleased that this inquiry will be so speedy and has very definite timeframes laid out which will ensure best value for money for the taxpayer. We experienced the worst financial crisis in the history of the State and the public deserve to know exactly how it happened and how we will safeguard against it happening again. It is vital that we restore domestic and international confidence in our banking system if our economy is to fully recover," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

## **Noisy neighbours to be tackled with new Government plans – Fitzpatrick**

There is good news for homeowners as the Government is due to publish a new Bill allowing local Councils to deal with complaints of noise pollution according to Kildare North Fianna Fail TD, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"Noisy neighbours can cause significant distress for those affected regardless of whether the disturbance is caused by parties, house or car alarms. In the case of late night parties in particular residents can often feel too intimidated to confront their neighbours."

"It is a particular problem in the newer housing estates like those around north Kildare where young families who commute daily often do not know their neighbours."

"The new Noise Bill that is due to be published by the Government will give local authorities enhanced powers to fine those guilty of causing noise pollution and to turn off house alarms that are ignored or neglected."

"The Bill will enable local authorities to take a lead role in dealing with noise pollution which means that residents who are affected will not have to contact the

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Gardai or the HSE to deal with different aspects of noise pollution."

"These measures will hopefully act as a deterrent to noisy neighbours and improve the quality of life for everyone," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.

### **Good news for consumers with 40% reduction in cost of many drugs – Fitzpatrick**

There is good news for consumers as the Irish Pharmaceutical Healthcare Association has agreed to Government requests to reduce the cost of drugs according to local Fianna Fail TD, Michael Fitzpatrick.

"The Minister for Health has announced that there will be a 40% reduction in the cost of 300 of the most common off-patent drugs."

"This will mean a huge saving for those who need to use drugs on a regular basis."

"It is estimated that these price reductions mean that those who have to pay for their medicines could save €3 to €4 on every €10 they spend resulting in a potential saving of up to €500 per year."

"The reduction will also see a huge saving for Government when meeting the costs of drugs for medical card patients."

"It is estimated that there will be savings of well over €90 million for taxpayers and several million for consumers."

"Generic drug manufacturers have not yet decided to cut their prices for these drugs, but I know that the Government is working hard to persuade them to do so."

"The Government also intends to bring forward legislation to allow for generic drugs to be substituted for prescribed drugs which will mean even further price reductions for consumers."

"Reducing the costs of drugs will enable the Government to divert those funds to other places within the health care system."

"Consumers can check if their drugs are included in the price reduction by logging on to [www.checkthelist.ie](http://www.checkthelist.ie) or phoning the lo-call number, 1890 876700," concluded Deputy Fitzpatrick.



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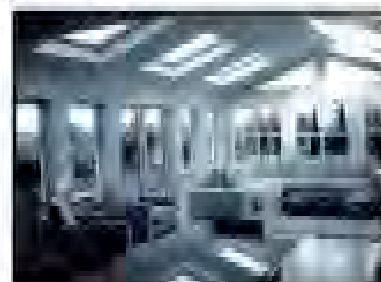
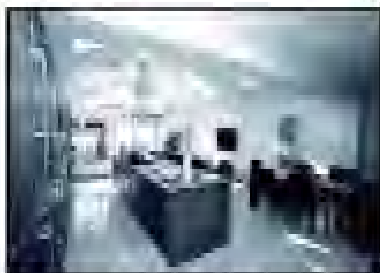


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### **Maynooth Senior Citizens to benefit from Government funding – Brady**

Older people in Maynooth will benefit from Government funding under the Community Support for Older People scheme according to Local TD and Minister of State Áine Brady.

"Maynooth Senior Citizens will receive €3,090 from the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs to support their work for older people in the area." stated Minister Brady who met with her colleague Minister Curran to discuss this scheme in recent months.

'This Scheme encourages and assists the community's support for older people by means of community-based grant to improve the safety and security of its older members. The Scheme is open to people aged 65 and over who have a genuine need for assistance. Funding is available towards the cost of installing monitored personal alarm systems, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, external security lighting and other ancillary items of physical security equipment.'

"These measures can often make all the difference for older people and can help them to remain in their own homes and at the heart of their communities for longer."

"I will continue to work to ensure that this scheme is maintained and expanded."

"I would like to commend the volunteers in Maynooth for their hard work and commitment towards our older people," concluded Deputy Brady.

### **Maynooth Girls School get works Approval says Brady.**

The Maynooth Presentation Girls National School has received approval to proceed with some minor works according to Local TD and Minister for Older People and Health Promotion Aine Brady TD.

'The school has received approval to proceed with works to replace underground pipework at the school.'

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'The Building Unit of the Department of Education will be in touch with the School Authorities in the coming days to discuss and agree the amount of funding required for the project.' concluded Minister Brady.

## **Applications for the Nursing Homes Support Scheme, A Fair Deal, well on target**

Áine Brady, T.D., Minister for Older People and Health Promotion, today (Thursday, 4th February 2010) announced that applications for the Nursing Homes Support Scheme, A Fair Deal, have exceeded 7,000.

"I am delighted that so many people have applied for the scheme. However, I am aware that there are many other people who could benefit from applying for the scheme and I would encourage them to do so as soon as possible.

The cost of nursing home care has been a financial burden for older people and their families for too long. The Fair Deal ensures that this burden is alleviated and that the cost of nursing home care is no longer a source of anxiety".

Under the scheme, individuals make a contribution to the cost of their nursing home care based on their means. The HSE meets the full balance of cost over and above the individual's contribution in public, private or voluntary nursing homes approved for the purpose of the scheme.

An important feature of the scheme is that applicants who were in long-term nursing home care on the date the scheme commenced (27th October 2009) shall have their State support backdated to that date. New entrants after the 27th October will have their State support paid from the date of application or the date of entry to the nursing home, whichever is the later.

While the scheme is resource capped, the Minister pointed out that the Government has made a sum of €97m available in 2010 for the Fair Deal scheme. This is in addition to the €55m made available in 2009.

The Minister said, "The overall budget for long-term residential care in Ireland for 2010 is now just over €1bn. This reflects a substantial ongoing commitment by this Government to this service, and to support some of the most vulnerable people in our society today".

## **€45.5m allocated to Kildare Roads says Brady**

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady has confirmed that a total of €45,592 has been allocated to Kildare County Council under the 2010 National Roads Allocations.

Welcoming the allocation, Minister Brady said that the significant investment demonstrates the Government's continued commitment to the development of the our road infrastructure.

"In the allocation to Kildare County Council, €44,100,567 is for the improvement of roads and €1,487,000 is for maintenance."

"Improving our Road Network is key to maintaining and improving our competitiveness. Recent Bad weather has taken a heavy toll on our roads and we must continue to provide resources to ensure that we incrementally improve our road network."

'Any fair assessment of our road network would acknowledge the significant improvement that has take place in recent years. I will continue to work with my colleague the Minister for Transport Noel Dempsey TD to ensure that Kildare continues to receive resources to improve our road network," concluded Minister Brady.

## **Good news for Kildare older people in Budget 2010 - Brady**

It was important to protect older people in Budget 2010 according to Minister of State with Responsibility for Older People and Fianna Fail TD for Kildare North, Áine Brady.

"Pensions went unchanged in this Budget and thresholds for medical cards were maintained at current levels. This is welcome news for older people in Kildare."

"While this obviously was a very difficult Budget for everyone, I think it was important that we did something to protect older people as much as possible. I was encouraged to see Minister Lenihan leave the pension untouched in the Budget at its current level."

"It was also important that the thresholds for qualifying for the medical card were maintained. Older people place a high value on their medical cards and I think their importance has been recognised in this Budget."

"The free travel for pensioners has also been maintained despite calls in some quarters to curtail it.

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This measure which was introduced by Fianna Fáil in Government has had a significant impact on the lives of thousands of people over the years and I'm delighted that this will continue for next year."

"The older people of Kildare have made a huge contribution to the development of the county. They have made many sacrifices over the years to put us in the position we are in now. It is only right that we recognise this contribution and they should not be subjected to the same burden as some others in the Budget."

"I hope that this Budget will be a source of some comfort for the older people of Kildare. We have pressed Minister Lenihan hard to ensure that they were protected given their contribution over the years and in particular that the pension was not reduced. Minister Lenihan has clearly paid attention and I hope this provides some good news for the pensioners of Kildare," concluded Minister Brady.

### **Approval given to purchase site for Celbridge Post Primary School**

Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady has been informed by her colleague the Minister for Education, Batt O'Keeffe TD, that he has given approval to Kildare VEC to purchase a site for a new Post Primary School in Celbridge.

'Kildare VEC has been acting on behalf of the Department of Education in securing the provision of a site for the future secondary school needs of Celbridge.'

'I am delighted that Kildare VEC has now been given approval to purchase the site and I will continue to liaise with all stakeholders to ensure that we bring the project to the next stage.'

'In recent years, we have made significant progress, even with the current Government Financial difficulties, in improving our educational infrastructure in Kildare. We have made progress in Maynooth, Ardclough, Celbridge, Kill, Naas, Johnstownbridge and Clane. Great credit is due to whole school community in Kildare, and I will continue to work with them and build on the progress already made.' concluded Minister Brady.

### **Cervical vaccine to be made available to Kildare school girls this year – Minister Brady**

The Cervical Cancer vaccination is to be made available to all schoolgirls in the first year of

secondary school this year, according to Kildare North Fianna Fáil TD and Minister of State at the Department of Health, Áine Brady.

"I am delighted that the Government is now in a position to introduce the Cervical Cancer Vaccination."

"The vaccination will be made available this year to all girls in the first year of secondary school."

"This will complement the Cervical Cancer Screening already running around the country."

"The Government was not in a position to introduce the vaccination some time ago because of prohibitive costs, but vaccine companies have now offered the Government considerably better prices for Ireland."

"The vaccine was available in other countries for substantially less than was quoted for Ireland and the Government fought for a better price for Irish taxpayers. The efforts were successful and now the vaccine will be made available here but at a much fairer price."

"While everyone would have preferred to introduce it earlier, I am glad that it is now being introduced and at a fair price for the taxpayer."

"The vaccine will be offered free of charge this year for girls who are in the first year of secondary school. This is the same group of girls who would have received the vaccine under previous plans for 2009."

"Cervical cancer is one of the most preventable kinds of cancer and each woman has a role to play in ensuring that she keeps herself healthy and out of danger."

"The cervical cancer screening programme provides free smears tests for women aged between 25 and 60 and this is also a very important step in prevention."

"More information on cervical cancer is available from local GPs or from any Family Planning Clinic. The national Cancer Helpline can also help with queries and is contactable on 01 800 200 700," concluded Minister Brady.

### **Brady announces Funding for Kildare groups supporting Older People**

Local TD and Minister of State, Department of Health and Children with responsibility for Older People and Health Promotion, Áine Brady, T.D., announced details of the allocations under the **Go for Life**

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**national grant scheme**, which includes a total of €12,400 for Kildare groups supporting Older people.

'Go for Life is the National Programme for Sport and Physical Activity for Older People. It is an Age & Opportunity initiative which is funded by the Irish Sports Council and its aim is to help local clubs and organisations to increase opportunities for their older members to actively participate in recreational sport and a range of physical activities.'

'Kildare Groups, which were successful in their application include; Maynooth Senior Citizens, Arthritis Ireland Kildare Branch, Prosperous ICA, Kilteel ICA, Naas ARA, Derrinturn ICA and Celbridge ICA Guild.'

'These grants allow people to decide for themselves how to be more active. They are making a huge contribution to improving the physical, mental and social well-being of older people throughout the country and great credit is due to the successful groups for their on-going work and their efforts in applying for funding. Further details about the Go for Life Programme can be found on [www.ageandopportunity.ie](http://www.ageandopportunity.ie)' concluded Minister Brady.

### **Rural Transport Companies join in collective effort to Support Older People says Brady**

Rural Transport Companies, such as OK Community Transport in Kildare, are continuing to provide a valuable communications link to Older People in our community during this sustained cold weather period, according to Local TD and Minister of State, Aine Brady.

'I have spoken with the PRO for the National Rural Transport Network, Alan Kerry, General Manager, OK Transport, in recent days, and he has informed me that they are continuing to provide services to our older people, including providing support in getting medicines, fuel and food to some of the users of their transport services and have over 350 staff nationwide willing to assist.'

'In Kildare, the Council Staff, HSE Staff, the Defence Forces, Civil Defence, Muintir na Tire, Meals on Wheels and many other Voluntary Groups are providing a coordinated and effective range of services to our community, in the most challenging of circumstances.' stated Minister Brady who commended all those involved.

'We also see the Rural Transport Companies, like OK Transport, also playing their part in reacting and adjusting their service offerings to take account of the

severe weather conditions.'

'Before Christmas, and again last week, I highlighted the fact that the HSE have published an information booklet 'Keep Warm Keep Well' and I have advised that particular attention be paid to the sections on keeping active and warm. The HSE information booklet 'Keep Warm Keep Well' is available from the **HSE Information Line on 1850 24 1850, which is also the emergency helpline for the Elderly.** Other useful numbers for our community during this very cold spell, include: **Muintir Na Tire 086 6000751, St Vincent de Paul 01 8386990, Age Action Ireland 01 475 6989, Naas Garda at 045 897 333 , Leixlip Gardai at 01 666 7800, Rural Transport Network PRO Alan Kerry 086 3899767 and Kildare Co Co Emergency Number 1890 500 333.'** concluded Minister Brady.

### **Still time to register for free pre-school year - Minister Brady**

There is still time for parents to register their children for the Government's free pre-school year, according to local Fianna Fáil Minister of State, Aine Brady TD.

The new Early Childhood Care and Education Scheme is being rolled out this month and more than 4,000 private and community service providers around the country will be providing the free pre-school year to eligible children with support from the Government.

Minister Brady is encouraging parents in Kildare to sign up for the Scheme if they have not already. A year at pre-school is of enormous benefit to children, she said.

"The free pre school year is available to all children who were aged between 3 years and three months and four years and six months on September 1."

"For example children born February 2nd 2005 and June 30th 2006 are eligible for a free place between now and June."

"Any parent who is unsure about their child's eligibility for the Scheme can get further information from the Kildare Childcare Committee or directly from the Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs."

"The Kildare Childcare Committee will also be able to advise parents what service providers are operating the scheme in their area."

"Service providers have until January 22 to register details of eligible children with the Office of the

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Minister for Children and Youth Affairs."

"The pre-school year is free for all parents regardless of their income and I want to encourage all parents with children who are in the right age bracket to avail of it."

"Experts say that early education is essential in the development of a children's lifelong learning. It gives them a head start and prepares them well for entering primary level education."

"This Scheme brings real equality of opportunity to children at the most important development stage of their lives. Regardless of their parent's income or ability to pay, all children will be entitled to avail of this pre-school service."

"Children enrolled in playschools will receive free pre-school provision of 3 hours per day, 5 days each week over a 38-week year. This equates to a weekly capitation grant to the service provider of €64.50."

"Children enrolled in full or part-time childcare services will receive free pre-school provision of 2 hours and 15 minutes per day, five days a week over a 50 week period. This equates to a weekly capitation grant to the service of €48.50, with parents paying for their childcare net of this amount. Over the course of the year, the financial benefit of the scheme for a single child is over €2,400 euro."

"Fianna Fail in Government has prioritised investment in childcare, dedicating some €1 billion in developing childcare infrastructure over the last decade. This significant investment in infrastructure has made it possible to introduce this pre-school year."

"That this measure will also help safeguard jobs in the childcare sector at a time when the area is experiencing difficulties is also very welcome," concluded Minister Brady.

## Post Primary School News

Under 14 camogie team have reached the Dublin League Final. This is a great achievement for the team who have already won the Kildare League Final. The final is to be played on the 24th February against Loretto Beaufort.

The first year girls basketball team have reached the semi final of their league. They will be playing Maryfield College after the midterm. The girls have won all of their games in the league so far.

Our junior debaters are through to the final of the UCD Law Society Plate debating competition. They beat Loretto St Stephen's Green and St Conleth's to get through. The final will be held on Mar 4th.

Our cross-country running team have had success in the West Leinster's. Emily Milner, Ciara Hewson and Roisin Everard won the intermediate girls. Well done to all!

Fifth Year and Transition Year students are celebrating their recent success with the production of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. Over 150 students took to the stage entertaining full house every night. Well done to Ms Murphy and all her team for the hard work

Transition Year students are continuing their year of activity. Coming up next month they will be involved in a Peace and Reconciliation Workshop, a Percussion workshop and "retreat" and many will act as "Readers" for junior students in their mock exams.

Plans are well underway for our involvement in the St Patrick's Day parade. We look forward to a fun day.

Thanks for all the coverage. Can you also let me know if you received our application for participation in the parade. I sent it last month and just want to check we are definitely involved!! Really looking forward to being part of it.

March will see "Star's in Yer Eyes" come to Maynooth Post Primary School. The competition will take place on Mar 25th where 12 acts will battle it out to represent MPPS in the regional final. More information from Ms O'Connell

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