

Maynooth Newsletter

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Local News

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**Maynooth Post Primary 10 KM Challenge,
Sunday 22nd May, 10:00 am.**

Runners, Joggers and Walkers

The professionally measured course, which starts at St. Patrick's College and runs through Carton Estate is one of the most historic and scenic routes in Ireland. The Maynooth Post Primary 10 K run will commence at ten thirty sharp from Riverstown car park, located just behind St. Mary's Church in the grounds of St. Patrick's College. The competitors will proceed around the green before turning right at Logic House; they will pass under the archway and will take a left at the Power House. Pass the museum on their right and the junior gardens/orchard on their left. Turn right at Loftus hall and then left towards the graveyard and onto the 1 K marker. Continue on this path around the playing fields and follow the directional signs towards the church spire. Follow the path past the Columbus centre and veer left at the Aula Maxima. Pass by the computer centre and St. Joseph's Oratory, then exit St. Patrick's College through the main gates to the 2 K marker, just outside the grounds of Maynooth Castle.

The athletes will progress up the main street, passing Maximus on their left and Brady's Clockhouse on the right. Follow the course up past Tesco and McDonald's, onto the roundabout at the old Dublin road. Athletes will pass the 3 K marker here, and will progress towards Leixlip. Participants will pass the Dunboyne road on their left and will continue parallel to the royal canal, onto the 4 K marker. Continuing this course, competitors will arrive at Pike's Bridge. Veer left after the bridge into Carton Estate, following the main path through the Montgomery golf course, to marker 5. Not to be confused by Golfers shouting 'FORE!', this is definitely the halfway point of the 10K Challenge. Within half a kilometer, Carton House and the Rye River will come into view. The house was built in 1739 for James Fitzgerald, the Duke of Leinster. After marker 6, proceed over the coach bridge at the boat house and turn right. Follow the path, keeping Carton House on your left and the O'Meara golf course on your right, onto marker 7. Following the tree lined avenue to the roundabout, turn left. Passing the driving range on your right, follow the path towards the house onto marker 8, going by the spa and conference centre on your left. The route takes you back towards the coach bridge, from where you will veer right, heading towards marker 9. Then cross the Dunboyne road into Carton Avenue for the home stretch of the challenge. The finishing line, 10 is at the town end of the Avenue.

By Thomas Quinn, 5th year student, Maynooth Post Primary.



Map by James Molloy

Parking and cloakroom facilities will be available at the school, which will be open at eight am for registration and race numbers, souvenir technical t-shirts and goodie bags. Additional parking at NUIM.

Latest News for TeenSpace Maynooth

Good news on the new community facility that we reported on last year. A licence has been agreed between Kildare County Council and the owners of the premises in the Manor Mills Shopping Centre.

In welcoming the progress Paul Croghan, Chairperson of the Maynooth Community Council, Community Centre sub-committee said that it is now possible for us to move forward and put the plans in place to open the facility. There were a number of issues to be resolved which delayed the completion of the contract and it was frustrating because we had brought together the groups that would be using the facility some time back and nothing had happened for such a long time. In the meantime we had requests from other groups in Maynooth to be included and we are now convinced that the premises will be in use throughout the day. While it is an interim facility it is a very welcome addition to the community in Maynooth. I would like to thank Cllr. John McGinley for his support in moving the matter forward. We have an offer from Carton House Hotel to help prepare the premises and we have put the call out for some tables and chairs to furnish the premises to get it up and running. The premises will be managed by Maynooth Community Council by providing a booking system with the keys of the new premises being provided to designated key holders from the groups that will have permission to use the premises. Groups such as the Maynooth Teen Café and other community groups who currently do not have the use of a suitable premises will particularly welcome this latest development.



Proposed Premises at Manor Mills



May Diary Planner

I.C.A.

Meetings takes place every 1st Thursday of the month in the I.C.A. Hall in the Harbour. Crafts Every Monday Night at 8.00 p.m. New Members Welcome

Senior Citizens Club

Club meets every Tuesday & Thursday morning in the Community Care Unit until Easter after which they will then return to the I.C.A. Hall. Tea Dance takes place Sunday 15th May in the GAA Club

Taekwon-Do

Childrens Classes for 5 years and up held every Wednesday in St. Marys Boys School, Moyglare Road & on Fridays in Educate Together, Celbridge Road 6.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m. For details: Contact Stephen Doyle 087 6986491

Parent & Toddler Group

A voluntary community service for babies and toddlers. They meet in the GAA Club, Moyglare Road every Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. All are welcome.

Bridge Club

Open for new members. If you would like to play in a friendly club with Purpose built facilities in the centre of Maynooth, please see our website at maynoothbridgeclub.com. Contact Katherine Cooney 086 8205910

Community Library

Opening Times
Mondays & Thursdays
1pm to 8pm
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays
9.30am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm.

Toastmasters

Mays meetings take place 9th & 23rd at 7.45 p.m. in the Glenroyal Hotel

Flower & Garden Club

Our next club night is on 17th May in North Kildare Club, Kilcock Road, Maynooth at 8.00 pm
Demonstrator: Lorkan Burke
Competition: "Wind of Change"
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U. 3. A.

May meetings Friday 6th, & 20th at 11.00 a.m. in the Community Library. New Members Welcome Enquiries : Bernadette Phone: 6289131

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band

St. Mary's Brass & Reed Band are holding a Table Quiz in Brady's Bar upstairs in B2 on Thursday 12th May at 9.30 pm. Admission €20 per table of 4

Irish Girl Guides

Meeting Wednesday evening in Maynooth. For further information contact Jackie on 085 1413787 or visit I.G.G. website www.irishgirlguides.ie

If you would like your event for June put into The Diary please contact The Newsletter Tel: 01-6285922 E-mail: maynoothcc@eircom.net Unit 5 Tesco SC Carton Park, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.

Maynooth Tidy Towns

Spring CleanUp and Wee Ireland Collection which was held on Saturday 16th April

As reported last month April was going to be a very busy month. Along with our normal work the following also took place:

Wednesday 13th April the Newtown Inn was the venue for our Table Quiz.

Participants from 18 tables pitted their wits against what was and acknowledged by all a very fair and enjoyable set of questions devised by Gerry Kilmartin which brought about three way tie break and the victorious team comprising of Susan, Gerry and Sean Durack.



Second was John Dredge, Joe McBride and Joe Murphy. Third was Pat Moynans Team.

Our thanks to the following who donated prizes for the quiz and raffle. Please support our local businesses.

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Molloy Family, Kingsbry.

Winners of Tidy Town Table Quiz

Thanks to all who helped to make the evening a great success especially Gerry Kilmartin and his team of helpers.

On Saturday 16th April we held our National Clean Up Day in Carton Avenue. A massive amount of bottles, cans, clothing and general litter was collected. Over 18 tons was collected.

Thanks to all who helped.

Also on Saturday 16th April Weeireland was in Tesco Car Park where three 40foot trailers were used to transport a variety of electrical good and batteries.

Thanks to John Kavanagh and his son Ross who collected electrical items big and small from the highways and byways of Maynooth.



Sean, Susan & Gerry Durack

Our Annual Collection for Maynooth Tidy Towns will be held from Thursday 19th May to Sunday 22nd May through Maynooth. Please give as generously as you can every cent counts.

We are also working on our Tidy Towns Application as we write.

Judging commences from 1st June to 31st August.

Richard Farrell

PRO Maynooth Tidy Towns

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May Editorial

The public servants in all guises seem to have become the target of choice for both politicians and media commentators. The commentariat in particular has decided that it will attack teachers above all others and an entire TV programme was devoted to attacking them recently. One commentator keeps insisting that lecturers only work 10 hours a week and that they earn the salary of a senior professor. There seems to be no way of correcting these misconceptions as they fly around our airwaves.

The much-awaited McCarthy report on the possible sale of our semi-State assets is also a quiet attack on the public services. It is quite shocking to hear Labour Party ministers discussing the possibilities of selling the ESB or Bord Gáis but it is equally shocking to hear of some of the salaries that those in charge of these organisations earn. However that is no excuse to asset-strip the country of its entire ‘family silver’ and to beggar us forever. Leaving the country without a public transport service, an airport, seaports etc. is to take away part of the country’s life blood. Not only that but it is short-sighted in the extreme. The present dire economic condition will not last we hope and then the realization of what has been lost will dawn on the country. The fear that Coillte would be sold off returned as McCarthy recommends selling the trees but not the land. Coillte own 7% of the land of Ireland and this is not simply the forests, they also contain National Monuments all over the country. Bord na Móna is a similar resource that should not be lost and with many of the bogs of Europe disappearing they need protection as well.

But it was the bonuses earned by those leaving the ruins of the banking system that angered people this week in particular. To present a bank executive with a bonus/pension of €3m is simply immoral. To reward bad behaviour seems to be a feature of Irish life.

The Community Council held its AGM this month and a few familiar faces have taken office on the Executive. You can read about that elsewhere in the Newsletter. It is only when the various reports from the officers are read out at the meeting that one can see the schedule of work that the Council is responsible for. It has been a feature of Maynooth life now for over 20 years and we hope that it will last 20 more successful years.

On a more cheerful note, the town comes into its own in this beautiful weather and the trees on the main street add such an air of spring. One can feel the mood of the country lighten somewhat as the flowers appear earlier than usual. The work of the Tidy Towns comes to the fore as people are seen using such amenities as the Small Pound. The harsh winter has given way to a wonderful spring and hopefully the sun will continue to shine for all the events of the next month – not least the two important visitors whom we will welcome to our shores in the near future.

In the pre-Christian period, the month of May was called Beltene and the Modern Irish version is Bealtaine which is still the name today. This was one of the four important festivals of the year and like all the others there were certain beliefs associated with this time of the year. The word may mean the fire of Bel an ancient god known as Belenos. It is seen as an important date all over the “celtic” world with fires being lit on the Isle of Man and magical events occur on this day in Welsh literature. It is not mentioned as often in Irish literature as the better-known festivals like Samain (Hallowe’en). According to some folklore sources, cows were driven between two fires to purify them and the lighting of fires was associated with both the Hills of Tara and of Uisnech in the past. There are efforts being made to revive some of these old festivals and the lighting of fires but this would be considered damaging these old sites and would not be approved by archaeologists in particular.

We wish you all a very pleasant festival of Beltene and we would also like to take this opportunity to wish the students in the College good luck with their examinations that will begin half way through the month of May.

We would also remind you that you can reply to opinions expressed here or write us a letter on any topic that you want.

Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin

Maynooth Community Council Annual General Meeting Monday 11th April 2011

Chairperson’s Report: the report was circulated.

I believe that in the past year we have fulfilled to the best of our ability the guiding aims of Maynooth Community Council (M.C.C.) as prescribed in our Constitution:

1. To promote through a common effort, the wellbeing of the inhabitants of the Maynooth area, without distinction as to age, sex, race, colour, religion or political opinion.
2. To provide or secure whatever facilities or amenities it considers to be lacking or desirable in the Maynooth area.
3. To provide or help to provide employment in the Maynooth area.
4. To assist where possible the local authority in the exercise of its office in the Maynooth area.
5. The successful manner in which we achieved our common goals was through the hard work and dedication of our members and staff.

The executive committee(cmt.) have coordinated and effectively executed the years work as directed by the Council. I appreciate the counsel of Mr Tom Mc Mullen, Vice –Chair, Ms Muireann Ní Bhrolcháin, Secretary and executive members.

Secretary’s Report:

The previous AGM was held in April 2010 and the meetings were held every month except August.

The sub-committees and affiliates continue to report to the Council: The Newsletter, Parade, Festival, Planning and Development, Community Games, Tidy Towns
These are the types of issues that came up in relation to these:

The new style *Newsletter* has been very successful with many compliments on its appearance.

The office is also involved in an archive project and a web portal.

The twinning project has been advancing with visits back and forth between Canet and Maynooth.

There was a submission on draft development plan from the committee. Much work has been done on the Youth Café with a premises confirmed but there is need for more volunteers.

I would like to congratulate the Tidy Towns for the extra points last year.

There were other general issues:

The plans of the National Transport Authority for the Kilcock Road. Other changes in that area of the town.

Student parties and noise on estates.

The extension and changes in the Bus services.

Education and schools – there was considerable discussion on the possibility of the schools moving further up the Moyglare Road and much correspondence with the Dept of Education.

There were concerns for the effects of the weather during the cold spells and afterwards, particularly the state of the



Chairperson Mr. Tom McMullon

pavements and the roads and the snow. Road markings, paid parking, parking and footpaths to be fixed.

The groups represented on the Council also reported – Scouts, the Senior Citizens, the U3A, Nuada Players and the Local History Group.

The Scouts are taking responsibility for the Geraldine Hall and the plans were presented.

The interim President of NUIM, T. Collins, addressed one meeting.

I would like to thank the other members of the executive committee, the supervisor in the office, Brian Curtis, and the rest of the staff. I would like to mention in particular Paul Croghan’s hard work as the PDO.

Treasurer’s Report: He reported that it had been a challenge and thanked Brian and Vera in the Community Council Office. The Flag Day had been really successful as had been the Parade making in excess of €7,000, the Festival was not financially successful, but the events were very successful. (Co-options) Adrienne Flynn and Gordon Hinds of the Educate Together School were co-opted. Proposed by P. Croghan and seconded T. McMullon.)

Election of Officers:

Chairperson: E. Tobin proposed P. Croghan, seconded M. Callaghan.

C. Ó Cearúil proposed T. McMullon seconded A. McMullon. P. Croghan withdrew. T. McMullon elected.

Vice-chairperson: C. Ó Cearúil proposed P. Croghan seconded M. Callaghan, elected.

Secretary: T. McMullon proposed M. Ní Bhrolcháin, seconded A. McMullon, elected.

Treasurer: D. Cullen proposed A. McMullon, seconded C. Gallagher, elected.

P.R.O.: T. McMullon proposed D. Cullen, seconded P. Croghan, elected. P. Croghan said that he would only act as PDO for another year and he mentioned the issues involved, the development of staff, the self-belief and that the supervisor was critical to this work. C. Ó Cearúil volunteered as an assistant PDO. D. Cullen thanked the chairperson for his three years service; she complimented him as an outstanding chairperson and for his dedication.

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Maynooth Community Library**Maynooth Film for All.**

The next film to be screened by Maynooth Film for All Club is "Micmacs".

Date: 4th May 2011 @ 7.45pm

Venue: JHL2 Lecture Hall, John Hume Building, NUI, Maynooth.

Starring: Dany Boon, Andre Dussolier and Yolande Moreau.

Director Jean Pierre Jeunet's amazing visual vocabulary and hyperactive imagination provide the foundation for all his cinematic creations, and this ability to be both playful and serious is used to devastating effect in his latest piece of movie magic.

For more details on Maynooth Film for All Club contact Maynooth Community Library at 01-6285530.

Polish Storytelling.

Storytelling in Polish with Agnes takes place every Tuesday morning at 10am in Maynooth Community Library.

Children's Book Club.

The next meeting of the Children's Book Club is 4th May @ 3.30.

The book to be discussed is "The Last of the High Kings" by Kate Thompson.

Fás eLearning workshops are ongoing in Maynooth Community Library. These courses are aimed at beginners or those who want to improve their skills. Application forms are available from the library.

Opening Times

Monday 1.00pm - 8.00pm
Tuesday 9.30am - 1.00pm/2.00pm - 5.00 pm
Wednesday 9.30am - 1.00pm/2.00pm - 5.00pm
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**The Library is closed Monday of
bank holiday weekends**

Children's Chess Club.

A Children's Chess Club meets every Thursday evening at 6 - 7.30pm in Maynooth Community Library.

Parent and Toddler Group.

A parent and toddler group meets every Wednesday morning at 10am in the library for storytelling and sing-a-long.

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Maynooth GAA Notes

SENIOR FOOTBALL NEWS

Johnstownbridge got their first win of their league campaign on home turf last Sunday as Maynooth were put to the sword thanks to the scoring threat of Sean Hurley from midfield on Sunday 17 April.

SFL DIVISION 1 ROUND 3

Johnstownbridge 1-9
Maynooth 1-7

The Kildare under-21 player and his brother Pdraig kicked all but one of the home side's scores in a win that could have been more convincing but for a serious wobble before the break.

There was certainly nothing wrong with their opening efforts as Maynooth were pinned back while the 'Bridge dominated the middle third. Sean Hurley was proving accurate as he kicked four in the opening ten minutes, two from placed balls.

Maynooth got on the scoreboard after Sean McBride reacted quickest to a breaking ball after 12 minutes. Pdraig Hurley then showed his brother wasn't the only man who could kick a point before the visitors hit back with a fine effort from wing back John Comerford.

Then the younger Hurley found the net as he the Maynooth defence opened up and the young man was allowed to bear down on Paul Flood and he slipped it past the imposing keeper. Now the Bridge were six up and cruising, but they would go over 25 minutes before registering another score as the opposition bounced back.

It was self-imposed pain from Johnstownbridge who turned over the ball only to see Andrew O'Regan getting played in and he duly finished. Niall Naughton then lashed over a huge point to leave it 1-5 to 1-3 at the break.

It was all to play for after the restart as Maynooth moved Pierre Ennis from a roving role to a position much closer to the danger zone. It seemed to do the trick as he converted a free inside a minute before Paddy Comerford ran in to dissect the posts from an extremely tight angle to make it a draw game.

Ennis was having a great battle with his marker James O'Connor, but the corner back could do little as the forward hit two superb scores in quick succession to gibe Maynooth the lead midway through the first half. Sean Hurley finally broke the Johnstownbridge dry spell as he ran in to fist over, then his brother Pdraig finished after a little quick free move worked out.

Paul Mooney's effort put the home side back into the lead with time ticking down before Padraig Hurley got on the end of another move to seal the win. After losing so much of the play in the second half the strong finish from the Bridge was just enough to claim the full quota of league points.

Maynooth: Paul Flood; Niall Byrne, Colin O'Neill, Adam Gunn; John Comerford 0-1, Sean Kennedy, Alan McAndrew; Micky Bennett, Andrew O'Regan 1-0, John McAndrew, Conor Canning, Seamus McBride 0-1, Pierre Ennis 0-3, Niall Naughton 0-1, Paddy Comerford 0-1. Subs: Vinny Hanrahan for Naughton, 52; Joe Brennan for Byrne, 55; Conor O'Brien for P Comerford, 56.

A superb six point haul from John McAndrew ensured Maynooth collected their first win of this year's league campaign in Monasterevin on Saturday (9 April).

SFL DIVISION 1 ROUND 2

MAYNOOTH 0-13
MONASTEREVIN 2-5

McAndrew's tally included a terrific sideline kick as Monasterevin struggled to get to grips with the Maynooth forwards in what was a one-sided match for large spells.

Only in the final quarter did the home side rally and two late goals put them within striking distance as the game came to a nervy conclusion for the visitors. They were glad to hear the final whistle after enduring nearly seven minutes of injury time but it was no less than they deserved considering their dominance of the game.

Playing with the wind but against the hill in the opening half, it was 0-8 to 0-1 at the interval thanks to some inspired shooting from McAndrew and the deep-lying Pierre Ennis. Playing behind the Maynooth midfield, Ennis effectively acted as an extra defender and the role suited him as he scored four first half points. McAndrew chipped in with three in that spell while the Blues could only manage a solitary score as they wasted numerous chances.

Despite dominating on the scoreboard and in terms of possession, Maynooth were still inclined to lose the ball cheaply and a number of turnovers could have proven more costly.

They continued to control the game after the break and their lead was still seven points approaching the three quarter stage when Monasterevin netted their first goal. When their second green flag quickly followed, there were anxious looks on the Maynooth sideline as they battled their way to victory in the final quarter. The referee's final whistle came as a relief as the Crom Abu secured their opening league win after losing to St Laurence's the week before. Meanwhile the club's second team enjoyed a comprehensive win against Rathangan in Division 4, winning out by 3-9 to 0-6.

MAYNOOTH: Paul Flood; Darragh Carr, Colin O'Neill, Adam Gunn; John Comerford, Sean Kennedy, Alan McAndrew; Michael Bennett, Andrew O'Regan; John McAndrew 0-6 (3fs), Conor Canning, Seamus McBride 0-1; Pierre Ennis 0-4 (2fs), Niall Naughton 0-1, Paddy Comerford.

HIGGINS STARS FOR KILDARE

Maynooth's Sean Higgins starred for Kildare at corner-back as the county minors beat Longford convincingly by 1-15 to 0-8 to reach the quarter-finals of this year's Leinster championship on Saturday, 16 April. Higgins lined out at left corner-back in what proved to be a one-sided affair at St Conleth's Park in Newbridge as Kildare got the better of the reigning provincial champions, and the side who beat them in last year's semi-final.

LADIES FOOTBALL

Maynooth travelled to face Naas away in the first round of the ladies league on Tuesday night (5 April) for their first outing since last August.

Ladies SFL Division 2 Round 1

Maynooth 6-8
Naas 4-9

Maynooth started brightly and threatened the Naas backline at every opportunity, scoring a quick point.

However the shooting boots were left behind and a number of bad wides were registered in the opening stages.

The home team started to gain some confidence from this and came into the game gradually. They delivered good ball into the forwards and took some scores well. Maynooth scored 1-2 in the final minutes of the half to leave the scoreline: Naas 1-3 Maynooth 2-4 at half-time. Naas certainly put it up to the Crom Abu in the second half and attacked in droves. Maynooth's defenders stood tall and managed to repel a lot of these, although they couldn't stop all of them and the home team got a few quick scores which put them right back in the game.

Maynooth stepped up their game and were rewarded with a number of goals. To their credit the Naas girls never gave up and scored two2 goals (one from the penalty spot) in injury time at the end of the game. Maynooth ran out five point winners in the end and while they have a lot to work on, it was a good start to the campaign.

Goalkeeper Michelle O'Connor had to be on her toes on a few occasions and plucked some balls out of the sky to set up counter attacks. Her kick outs were also excellent throughout the game.

The full back line of Heather McAree, Aisling Farrell and Annmarie Farrell did very well and managed to block some certain scores.

The half backline of Ailbhe Flynn, Elaine Kelly and Eilis Ni Chorca cut out a lot of ball and frustrated the Naas forward line. In midfield T Dolan and Michelle Carey worked hard and gave good support to the players around them. In attack Roisin Murray raided down the wing all evening while Jenny Moore and Ellen Sweeney picked up a lot of loose ball to set up scores. The dangerous full forward line of Anne Dempsey, Ginny Breslin and the flying Niamh Murray all scored when it mattered.

Jen McMahon and Ciana Heneghan both came on at half-time and did extremely well, and kept possession for the away team.

HURLING NEWS

Maynooth's senior hurlers maintained their winning start to the league with victory away to Confey on Thursday (14 April) night. The win follows on the back of their opening round win against Celbridge the previous Thursday, when they were winners by 3-10 to 1-9. The win puts John Byrne's side in a very good position in the intermediate league table. The juniors get their league campaign underway on Friday night (15 April) against Eire Og at home at 6.45pm

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LETTER TO OUR READERS

This is just a note to remind you all that the **Newsletter** exists for your enjoyment and that we welcome all contributions from our readers. We would like to hear from any organisation or indeed from individuals with something to say or suggest. We hope you continue to enjoy your monthly read and keep us informed of your activities.

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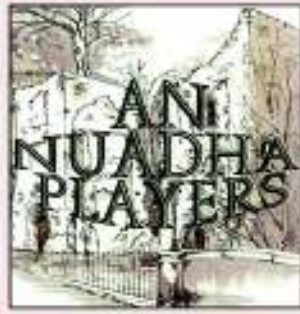
Just as we were about to rest on our laurels and bask in the glory of our March performances, along came two more challenges. An invitation to perform in our Community Library and also in the Riverbank Theatre, Newbridge for the Bealtaine Festival which takes place during the month of May. So, once again it's back to rehearsals. We are privileged to have the dynamic Emer Crehan working with us. Her passion for her work is inspiring. Our repertoire is definitely expanding and our presentation and delivery improving. The programme includes the dramatisation of 'The Racing of Finn McCool' by Teresa Brayton who lived in Kilcock. Well done Bernadette Duffy for taking on all 13 verses. Maura our jockey, is looking very toned and should cut a quite a dash in lycra. However, our horse still lacks definition! Our dancers literally have a spring in their step. Rather appropriate is the 'Sweets of May'. An Irish ceili dance, originally from County Armagh. It is a lively dance and should convey the joys of May and Spring. The basics have been learned and ladies, all that's needed now is stamina, so dig deep.

We had an enjoyable evening representing U3A in the Tidy Town's Quiz. The atmosphere was cordial with some discreet trading of answers here and there. We were making quite an impression on the scoreboard but lost some ground on the Sports round. Optimistically we hoped to recover on the Music round. Alas, it left us feeling a little perplexed. However, it was a lovely evening and we have filed away a few new facts. So Mr McBride and Co beware.

'Dangerous Pity' by Elizabeth Wassell, was an instantly engaging read. What a welcome delight, at last! The author found her inspiration from the following:

'In the past you had accomplished people and their genuine admirers - masters and disciples. Now you have celebrities and their stalkers'. Elizabeth explores the fine line between pity, compassion and love. Having left West Cork to live in Nice she captures very well, the streets, cafés and various moods of the City. Most of us were not aware of the connection to the Sophie Toscan du Plantier murder investigation because of the author's ties to Ian Bailey, a suspect in the case. A few of our members are travelling to Cote d'Azur for the Easter holidays and so can savour for themselves the smells of the bakeries and restaurants as they stroll down the cobbled streets of the Old Town. Those of us left behind will have to resort to creative visualisation!

With so much happening it is difficult for our travel sub-group to make plans. Sligo appears to be the destination for a short break in early June. A trip further afield will have to wait until late summer. As we prepare for our AGM on May 6th we anticipate some changes. This is our 5th year in existence so plans are afoot to celebrate the occasion. From small beginnings we have grown into a very vibrant group of 35 members. So well done, everybody. **Enquiries: Bernadette 6289131**



The Maynooth Festival.

An Nuadha Players.

An Nuadha Players will perform a selection of pieces for the festival on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd July.

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RTÉ Genealogy Roadshow at Carton House on Sun May 29th

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The Genealogy Roadshow is a brand new series for RTÉ Television presented by Derek Mooney and it is coming to Carton House, near Maynooth, Co. Kildare on Sunday May 29th 2011, 3.00 - 7.00pm

The Roadshow's crack historical and genealogical team will help people find extraordinary stories in their family as well as giving free advice on how to track down a family history. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with experts in the field and fill in the blanks revealing the true story of your ancestors.

The Genealogy Roadshow is looking for people from Co. Kildare who are interested in finding the missing pieces in their family tree, to be featured in the programme.

If you think you fit the bill, or would just like to attend the Roadshow, Big Mountain Productions want to hear from you.

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STUDENT ENTREPRENEUR COMPETITION

The finals of the NUI Maynooth Student Entrepreneur competition took place on Wednesday, 13 April. Battling it out for the €6K first prize, €3k second prize and €1000 third (courtesy of our sponsors Bank of Ireland and McCann FitzGerald Solicitors) were Kevin Quinn and Martin Loneran of www.horsebase.ie, Paul Kavanagh of Momentum, Alvaro Palomo of eBitez and Keith Walsh and Mark Reynolds of ProDesign Embroidery.

This is the fourth year of the competition which is run annually by the NUI Maynooth Commercialisation Office. With over five previous competitors trading to date the competition has proven to be a real help to aspiring undergraduate and graduate entrepreneurs. The competition requires that the competitors make several pitches to a different panel of dragons at each round. The competitors are mentored by the Commercialisation Office who help shape their businesses ideas into something viable.

The teams had ten minutes to present their pitch to the friendly dragons; Conor Boyce Patent Attorney from FRKelly, Conor Mallaghan from Carton Estate, Teresa Gorman from Bank of Ireland and Paul Lavery from McCann FitzGerald Solicitors. Bearing in mind the generous prize fund, the dragons were given carte blanc to ask the difficult questions. First up was ProDesign Embroidery, who described their business of embroidering football boots and accessories which was based on a similar model to Pro-Direct in the UK. This business was a classic case of spotting something that worked in another market and tailoring it for the Irish market. With a contract in place for the 65 Lifestyle stores in Ireland the business was generating some publicity and more importantly some revenue to help pay off their initial investment in machinery. Keith and Mark described their product and where they wanted to take the company and what markets they wanted to expand into. Their challenge was to convince the dragons that they could take the business to the next level.

Next up was Alvaro Palomo who is studying for his PhD in Electronic Engineering. Alvaro has a love for cooking and described his eBitez App for making shopping cheaper for chefs or aspiring chefs. Alvaro made a very a very succinct presentation describing the App, why it was different and the business model. As with all Apps there is always the opportunity to make a healthy income, but few do so, the dragons had some very specific questions around about the business model novelty and opportunity for success.

Following in Alvaro's footsteps was Paul Kavanagh who described his business idea, Momentum. Momentum was born out of Paul's frustration with the ineffectiveness of many campaigns. Coming from a programming background Paul proposes a business model where campaigns could be made more effective while providing a potentially strong business opportunity. Paul made a great convincing pitch which solicited plenty of probing questions from the dragons!

Last up was horsebase.ie - Kevin and Martin made a great pitch describing their business for advertising show jumping horses online. Already established, the site has over 40 horses advertised, where a potential purchaser can see the horse's show jumping record, a picture and even videos of the horse in action. Kevin and Martin described their plans for taking the business to the next level once they had established some footfall.

After nearly two hours of pitching and questions the dragons disappeared to consider the various merits of the pitches leaving the competitors and audience to enjoy pizza, compliments of the NUI Maynooth Commercialisation Office.

The dragons returned twenty minutes later to announce the winners as follows;

1st place, €6,000 prize to Alvaro Palomo with eBitez

2nd place, €3,000 prize to Paul Kavanagh of Momentum

Joint 3rd place: €500 each to Horsebase and ProDesign Embroidery

An elated Alvaro commented afterwards "The learning curve has been exponential in my case, and one of the best experiences in my life".

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Owen Laverty, Commercialisation Office, NUI Maynooth presents the winner Alvaro Palomo with the €6,000 cheque

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Maynooth Golf Society

Result Sheet—Outing to Millicent Golf Club 5/3/11
Owen Byrne Shield - Sponsored by Maynooth Bookshop

1st Prize	Barry Farrell	37pts B9
2 nd Prize	Mick Fahy	37pts
3 rd Prize	Dave Weafer	36pts
4 th Prize	Mick Flynn Jnr	35pts B9
5 th Prize	Mark Kehoe	35pts B9
6 th Prize	Paul Farrelly	35pts
7 th Prize	Brendan Leigh	34pts
Front 9	Francis Reilly	21pts
Back 9	Joey Edwards	18pts
Visitors		
Nearest the Pin	Mick Flynn Jnr	
2's Club	Tom Nolan, Gerry McTernan, Paul Farrelly, Mick Flynn Jnr,	
Longest Drive	John Carroll	

Millicent Golf Club was the venue for the Owen Byrne Shield, the first outing in the 2011 golfing calendar of the Maynooth Golf Society. 40 members played this very challenging course on Saturday 5th March, weather conditions were sunny and the first signs of spring were evident.

The winner on the day was Barry Farrell with a score of 37 Stableford points closely followed in second place by Mick Fahy 37 points also but beaten on the back 9, and third place Dave Weafer with 36 points. Other results listed above.

A big welcome to all our new members of the society. For those interested in joining Maynooth Golf Society please contact any committee member.

We would like to thank our sponsors for this outing John Byrne Maynooth Bookshop for his generous sponsorship of the Owen Byrne Shield at Millicent.

Result Sheet—Outing to Athy Golf Club 2/4/11 Eddie Kavanagh Cup—Sponsored by Kevin & Bronagh Donovan

1st Prize	Niall Byrne	40pts
2 nd Prize	Derek Murray	37pts
3 rd Prize	Rob Tobin	35pts
4 th Prize	Niall Farrell	34pts B9
5 th Prize	Brendan Bean	34pts B9
6 th Prize	Paul Farrelly	34pts B9
7 th Prize	Mick Flynn snr	34pts
Front 9	Martin Deveney	19pts
Back 9	David O'Donahue	19pts
Visitors	J Keogh	36pts
Nearest the Pin	Gerry McTernan	
2's Club	Derek Murray	

Athy Golf Club was the venue for the Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Cup one of the Maynooth Golf Societies most sought after trophies.

We would like to thank our sponsors for this outing Bronagh and Kevin Donovan for their generous sponsorship of the Eddie Kavanagh Cup. 36 members and visitors played this challenging course on Saturday 2nd April, weather conditions were sunny.

The winner was Niall Byrne with a score of 40 Stableford points followed by Derek Murray 37 points and third Rob Tobin with 35 points. All of the next 4 prize winners had a score of 34 points; fourth place was Niall Farrell, fifth Brendan Bean, sixth Paul Farrelly and seventh Mick Flynn snr. All results posted above.

Our next outing is to Portarlinton Golf Club on the 7th May. Then we travel to Gowran Park Kilkenny and Waterford Castle for our weekend away on 21st/22nd May.

For those interested in joining Maynooth Golf Society please contact any committee member.

TeenSpace Maynooth

TeenSpace Maynooth is a Christian youth group for 3rd to 6th year secondary school teenagers (15-18 year olds). Once a month we meet on a Friday evening in the Coffee Mill in Maynooth and once a month we organize a Saturday event. For the past few weeks everyone involved in TeenSpace has been very busy organising fun events. Here is a taste of what the group has been doing:



On Friday 4th of March we had a successful movie night in the Coffee Mill; this was our third official event. We chilled out and watched the hilarious “Despicable Me” and ate popcorn and crisps. Movie night was very enjoyable and we hope to have another one in the future.

Our first Saturday event took place in the Maynooth Post Primary School’s sports hall on the 26th of March. This event was an opportunity for teenagers to have fun and chat while playing table-tennis and badminton. We ended the afternoon with everybody joining in a basketball game. We received great feedback from this particular event.

We asked the teens to bring their creative side to the Coffee Mill for our event on the 8th of April which was named “silly games, skits and creative activities”. This particular event was full of games and fun and was a great opportunity for all the teens to mix and socialise.

If you are in 3rd to 6th year or perhaps you know teenagers who would be interested in joining us for our future events, we have two planned for the month of May. Join TeenSpace on our next adventure as we hike from Bray to Greystones on Saturday the 14th of May; we plan on taking the train to Bray and going for a walk/hike. Enjoy Ireland's scenic coastal views and, as always, share laughs and stories with each other along the way. On Friday, the 27th of May, we are planning a band/music night in the Coffee Mill between 7.30 and 9.30 pm. Please bring 2 euro to the events and bring your friends along as we love to see new members. TeenSpace is a great opportunity for teenagers to escape exam pressures and worries and a chance to hang out with their friends in a safe, yet fun environment.

If you are interested in coming along to our TeenSpace events or would like more information on our youth group please contact us on our mobile number 0861009484 or Facebook page; TeenSpace Maynooth.

“ U.S. President to visit Timahoe ”

If you were listening to ‘ Today in the Papers’ on Radio Telefís Éireann (RTE) in 1970, you would have heard that leading headline announcement.

Richard M. Nixon, 37th. President of the United States of America, had discovered his Irish roots, and had included a visit to the old Quaker cemetery at Hodgestown, near Timahoe, in north-west Kildare in his official round of Irish visits.

The press were somewhat puzzled. “Where’s Timahoe?” asked national and international journalists. “County Laois” chorused all the knowledgeable people, in reply, and many of the good people in the County Laois Timahoe nodded their heads in total agreement, and claimed their town was the genuine resting place of the President’s Milhous ancestors.

This heresy was soon put to flight, and Timahoe, in North Kildare, began to take on an international news dimension. Does this remind you of the current competing claims for connections to President Obama’s Irish ancestors?

You are very welcome to hear the full story of President Nixon’s visit to the real Timahoe at 8 pm. on Wednesday, 11th. May at the Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth, when Maynooth Local History Group presents a talk by local historian, and Donadea resident, Seamus Cullen.

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Millhouse-Nixon Memorial in Hodgestown Burial Ground Timahoe

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Recipes

Leg of Lamb Roasted with Mustard and Rosemary

Ingredients

1 leg of lamb, 2½ kg, well trimmed

Topping

- 2 tablesp. good quality mustard
- 2 tablesp. soy sauce
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 teasp. rosemary leaves, chopped
- 2-3cm piece of ginger, peeled and grated
- 1 tablesp. olive oil

Method

Preheat the oven to 220°C (430°F) Gas Mark 7.

Place the lamb in a roasting tin. Mix the mustard, soy sauce, garlic, rosemary and ginger together and then gradually stir in the olive oil to make a paste. Spread this mixture over the lamb.

Put in the oven and roast for 20 minutes, then reduce the heat to 180°C (350°F) Gas Mark 4 and continue to roast for another 50 minutes. The lamb will be cooked medium at this stage. Remove from the oven, wrap the lamb loosely in foil and allow to rest for 15 minutes before carving.

Serving Suggestions

Roast potatoes and red onions roasted alongside the lamb – peel and quarter potatoes and some red onions and mix with a little olive oil, bay leaves and seasoning. Roast for the last 50 minutes in the roasting tin with the lamb.

Roast fillet of Beef with shallots & Mushrooms

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp red wine vinegar
- 6 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 8 garlic cloves, peeled, 4 crushed, 4 left whole
- 1 beef fillet, about 1.75kg
- 10 small shallots, peeled
- a small bunch rosemary, stems removed
- 350g mixed mushrooms, such as chanterelle, oyster and chestnut, halved or quartered if large

Method

1. Mix 1 tbsp soy, the vinegar, and 3 tbsp olive oil with 4 cloves garlic, crushed. Set aside. Season the beef with plenty of salt and put in a large plastic zip bag with the marinade. Marinate in the

fridge for at least 1 hour and up to 24 hours.

2. Let the beef come to room temperature a couple of hours before roasting. Pat dry and season again. Heat the oven to 200C/fan 180C/gas 6. Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a heavy-based frying pan and sear the beef well on all sides, then put it in a large roasting tin with the shallots. Sprinkle over half the rosemary and roast for 25 minutes for rare beef (give it another 10 minutes for medium-rare), cover with foil and a tea towel while you cook the mushrooms.

3. Mix the mushrooms with the remaining olive oil, soy sauce, garlic cloves and rosemary. Put the mix on a large shallow baking tray, season and roast in the oven for 15 minutes. Slice the meat and serve with a spoonful of mushrooms and shallots.

Raspberry cupcakes

Ingredients:

For the cakes

- 125g/4oz unsalted butter, softened
- 125g/4oz caster sugar
- 2 eggs
- 125g/4oz self-raising flour
- 150g/5oz raspberries
- 6 passion fruit, sieved pulp only
- a little milk, to loosen the mixture as necessary

For the icing

- 500g/1lb 1½oz icing sugar
- 160g/5½oz butter
- 1 vanilla pod, seeds only
- 2-3 drops pink liquid food colouring
- 50ml/1¾oz milk
- hundreds and thousands

Method

1. For the cakes, preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Sit 12 paper cases in a muffin tray.
2. Beat the butter and sugar in a bowl until pale and creamy. Add the eggs, one at a time, and beat until well combined.
3. Fold the flour, raspberries and passion fruit pulp into the mixture until almost smooth. If the mixture looks too stiff, add a little milk, as necessary.
4. Divide the mixture among the paper cases then bake for 20 minutes. Remove from the oven and set aside to cool in the tin for 10 minutes. Turn the cakes out onto a wire rack and set aside until completely cooled.
5. For the icing, using an electric whisk, cream the icing sugar and butter together until light and fluffy. Whisk in the vanilla pod seeds and food colouring. Gradually whisk in enough milk to form a smooth paste.
6. Spoon the icing into a piping bag with a large star-shaped nozzle and pipe the icing over the cake. Sprinkle over the hundreds and thousands.

Gardening in May

Keep pots watered

Pots on the patio can be in danger of drying out as the weather warms up. Be sure to water plants regularly.

Cut back perennials

Give your perennials a 'Chelsea chop' to encourage bushier plants. Later flowering plants such as rudbeckia and echinacea respond well and early spring perennials may surprise you with a second flush of flowers.



Water and feed houseplants

As the weather warms up, add a liquid feed to houseplants and water regularly. When repotting plants, add granules of slow release fertiliser to the compost.

Thin out gooseberries

Remove about half of the new fruits from the plant to encourage a longer cropping period and larger fruits later in the season.

Sow tender vegetables

Courgettes and squash can be planted outside in a sunny spot. If you didn't start them off in the greenhouse, sow seed directly in the ground for a late summer crop.

Grow sweetcorn

Place ready-grown plants in rows to form a block. Keep plants well watered and weed free.

Plant up a container herb garden

Try growing basil, mint, parsley or thyme. After planting, place in a sunny spot near the kitchen so they're handy when cooking.

Try growing peppers and chillies

Chillies and peppers are ideal for growing in pots. Put plants outside and pinch out side shoots to encourage branching.

Sow courgette seeds

Sow seeds on their sides in pots from now until the end of May. Place pots in a heated propagator or on a sunny windowsill and water well.

Protect your carrots

The main threat to your crop is carrot fly. Reduce the risk of an attack by thinning plants and placing a shield around your seedlings.

Grow celery

Plant seedlings from now until June in a sunny spot. The crop will grow best if planted in a grid.



Plant a climber

Plant a climber along a trellis, wall or fence. Water in well and spread a layer of mulch around the base of the plant.



Plant out tomatoes

Tomato plants that have been raised under glass can be planted outside in warmer areas. Make sure to harden plants off first.

Feed irises

Feed plants with a low-nitrogen, slow-release fertiliser and add extra lime for very acid soils.

Keep your lawn trim

Give your lawn a weekly trim. Regular cutting will keep the grass thick, green and free of weeds.

Prune shrubs

Cut back shrubs after flowering to rejuvenate plants and improve its overall shape. Choisya, forsythia and chaenomeles all benefit from a hard prune.

Grow sunflowers

Choose a sunny spot and sow seeds in rows with the tallest varieties in the back. Plants will germinate quickly and by mid-summer you'll have plenty of flowers.



Family friendly sunflowers are annual plants, that are easy to grow from seed and bring a burst of sunshine colour to the summer garden. They are also good for attracting wildlife and the seedheads provide winter food for birds.

Sunflowers are not just available in the traditional brilliant gold colouring. There is a whole range of sizes and shades of yellow through to rusty orange. The range of height and colour makes them ideal for using as a summer screen.

Ensure a continuous supply of beetroot

To get a regular supply of beetroot, sow a row every month. If space is short, you can sow them in a pot. If the seedlings you sowed earlier are overcrowded, thin them out. The leaves can be used in salads.

Attract wildlife

Encourage bees and beneficial insects by planting flowering plants.

Train roses

Tie in climbing and rambling roses so that their stems are almost horizontal. This will encourage side-shoots and produce more flowers.



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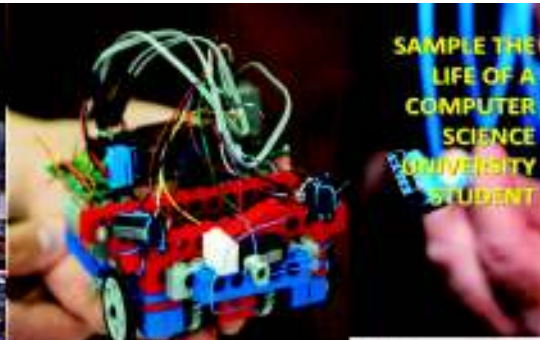
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The bib hangs from the cats collar and stops them from catching birds. It works by disrupting their sense of timing and co-ordination. It doesn't interfere with any other activities. Don't worry, it's safe. A cat can still climb trees, scratch up some kitty litter, scratch up your couch and all the other cat mischief that we have come to expect. To put it simply, the bib gets in the way just as the cat strikes out. Additionally, it also functions as a colourful visual warning.

Cat Bibs are available for purchase over the Internet.

New Arrival In Dublin Zoo

Dublin Zoo was delighted to announce the arrival of a bouncing, baby western lowland gorilla. Proud mum, Lena, gave birth to a healthy, baby gorilla at 4.15pm on Sunday 27th March. The newborn weighs only 2kgs and so far keepers are unable to tell if it is a boy or a girl because Lena is keeping the baby boy close to her chest.

Lena, who was born in 1984, is an experienced mother and this is her fifth baby. She has a very close relationship with the baby's father Harry the dominant silverback of the Zoo's group of gorillas. Dad Harry was born in 1986 and is an experienced, relaxed male and an excellent father. Harry stays close to Lena and the newborn keeping a protective eye on them at all times. As the leader, Harry is responsible for the group's well-being.

Ciaran McMahon, team leader responsible for the gorillas said, "The youngster is doing very well, within minutes the baby was feeding from mum Lena which is a very good sign. We can tell that the infant is strong because there are a lot of head movements."

The baby gorilla, yet to be named, will join two brothers Alfie (born 2003) and Evindi (born 2006) and Mayani, a female gorilla who moved to Dublin Zoo from Stuttgart Zoo in 2005. Evindi, who is the second youngest gorilla is curious about the new arrival and is staying close to mum and baby. Keepers have noticed that every so often he tenderly touches the baby's head or tummy.

The new arrival is a great success for Dublin Zoo as part of the European breeding programme for these critically endangered primates very strong.



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Question

What are the changes to the rules about apartment management companies?

Answer

The Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011 came into effect on 1st April 2011. The Act aims to regulate some of the issues which have caused disputes between developers and home owners in multi-unit developments- in particular how the common areas (for example, halls and gardens) are managed and funded. The act provides for the setting up of owners management companies to manage such areas.

The Act applies to new developments completed after 1st April 2011 and to existing multi-unit developments. A multi-unit development is generally a development in which there at least five residential units that share facilities, amenities and services.

From 1st April 2011, before a developer can sell any units in a new development, an owners management company must be set up and the common areas of the development transferred to it. For existing developments where one or more units have already been sold, the developer has six months-until 30th September 2011- to transfer ownership of the common areas.

Each owner of a residential unit is entitled to membership of the owners management company and is generally entitled to one vote. If a different arrangement is in operation it can be continued provided it is just and equitable. The owners management company must hold annual meetings and provide reports to members. Service charges must be agreed by the owners management company. It must also set up a sinking fund into which every member pays on a regular basis (for emergency or very large repairs).

When a unit in a development is sold or transferred, the membership of the owners management company automatically transfers to the new owner. It is not necessary to formally execute the transfer or have it approved by the directors of the company. (In general, the transfer of membership of a company does require such formalities).

In some existing developments, directors appointed by the developer are entitled to remain as directors for life. This is no longer possible after 1st April 2011 and directors in place on 1st April 2011 must cease to be directors by 1st April 2014 at the latest. All new directors will be limited to a term of three year.

Question

What is the difference between a medical card and a GP visit card?

Answer

A medical card allows you to receive certain health services free of charge. The main services are free GP (family doctor) services, free prescribed drugs and medicines (except for a 50 cent charge per prescription item), free in-patient and out-patient public hospital services and some free dental, optical and aural services.

Medical card holders also qualify for other benefits. They pay a reduced rate of Universal Social Charge on their income. They may also be exempt from paying school transport charges and State examination fees (in publicly-funded second-level schools). They may also get financial help with buying school books.

To qualify for a medical card your weekly income must be below a certain figure for your family size. Normally your dependent spouse or partner and your children are also covered for the same range of health services. Medical cards are small plastic cards (similar in size to a credit card). Your medical card will show your doctor's name. It is usually issued for a year after which it is reviewed.

The GP visit card entitles you to visit your family doctor for free. If you do not qualify for a medical card on income grounds, you may qualify for a GP visit card. It is means tested, but the income limits are 50% higher than for the medical card. It does not cover any prescribed drugs and does not entitle you to any other health services (All non-medical card holders living in Ireland can get help with the cost of prescriptions under the Drugs Payment Scheme (DPS). Under the DPS you and your family only have to pay a maximum monthly amount (currently €120) for all prescribed drugs, medicines or appliances).

You apply for a medical card and a GP visit card on the same application form. You can get it at your Local Health Office or health centre or download it from hse.ie. Return the completed form to your Local Health Office or health centre.

Question

I co-own a house with my sister. We pay the mortgage jointly. However I recently lost my job and am unemployed. I am getting Jobseeker's Benefit but am struggling to pay my share of the mortgage. Since my sister is working full-time I don't think I can get Mortgage Interest Supplement. Is there other help available?

Answer

You may have misunderstood the criteria for Mortgage Interest Supplement (MIS). The disqualification for working full-time only applies to couples. This means that a spouse, civil partner or cohabitant owned the house with you their circumstances would be taken into account. However your sister's circumstances irrelevant. If you personally meet the criteria for Mortgage Interest Supplement you can get help with the interest part of your mortgage payments. Your lender can tell you what part of your monthly mortgage payment goes towards the interest on your loan.

The main criteria for Mortgage Interest Supplement (MIS) are:

You must have been able to afford the repayments when the mortgage was taken out. The amount of mortgage payable is reasonable (so for example you are not paying an excessive interest rate). The loan is only for the purchase and essential repair or maintenance of your home (This means that if you have taken out an extra mortgage for another reason, for example, to support a business or if you have rolled up all of your loans into a mortgage, the extra loan amount is not eligible for MIS). Your house must not be up for sale. You are habitually resident in the state.

As you are aware you won't qualify for MIS if you, your spouse, civil partner or cohabitant works more than 30 hours a week or if you are in full-time education. If your loan is in arrears and you have not engaged with your lender you may not be awarded MIS. However each case is considered individually. You will not be awarded MIS for interest payments on arrears on your mortgage. The scheme is administered by community welfare officers in your local health centre. Visit keepingyourhome.ie to find more about the rules for Mortgage Interest Supplement and how to apply.

Question

I own a holiday cottage in the West as well as my main home. I am currently selling the property and the sale will close in May 2011. Does the new owner have to pay the Non Principal Private Residence Charge on this property and how do I transfer responsibility for it to them?

Answer

The Non Principal Private Residence Charge (NPPR) Charge ("second home charge") is €200 for each property you own on 31st March each year (apart from your main home). This means that if the sale goes through as planned you are liable for the charge and not the new owner (since they will not become the owner until after 31st March).

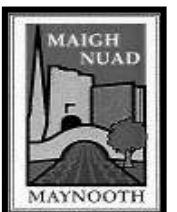
You can pay the NPPR Charge for 2011 from 31st March 2011. You must pay the charge by 30th June each year. A late fee of €20 is charged for each month or part of a month after 30th June. You can pay online at nppr.ie.

After you have paid the charge you can print off your receipt from the online system or a receipt will be emailed to your email address if you have provided one during registration. You can always ask the local authority to give you a certificate stating that you have paid the NPPR charge for the year. You should give this to the new owner as evidence of payment. You can remove yourself from as owner of the property on the nppr.ie website. It will then be up to the new owner - if it is not their principal private residence - to register as the owner of the house and pay the charge the following year.

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Tree Removals on Carton Avenue Maynooth

Copy of Email received from Simon Wallace

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Pruning works were carried to the avenue of Lime Trees on Carton Avenue prior to Christmas. During the course of this work it was noticed that a few trees along the avenue had extensive decay in them. As a result the trees are considered dangerous and not worthy of retention. Therefore it is proposed to remove these trees. A total of five trees will be removed. It is hoped to commence this work on Wednesday this week. These locations and others where trees appear to have fallen previously will be replanted next winter with semi mature Lime trees to compensate for the loss of the trees and to retain the amenity value of the Avenue. If you have any further queries please let me know.

Yours sincerely

Simon Wallace
Senior Executive Parks Superintendent

Extension of 66 & 67 Buses in Maynooth

We were given the following update at today's (15/4/2011) Celbridge Area Meeting of the Council:

The Council have received € 200,000 from the National Transportation Authority to cover the cost of bus friendly ramps and bus stops. It will also cover the cost of the terminus for the 66 at Rathcoffey Road. The location and cost of providing a terminus for the 67 at Moyglare Hall will be decided between the Developer and Dublin Bus as it is a private road and estate. Traffic signals will be provided at the Straffan Road/ Meadowbrook Link Road junction to facilitate the 66 bus turning right. I had preferred a roundabout here but Dublin Bus and the Council prefer traffic signals. However, it is good news for those who are turning right from the Meadowbrook Link Road and it will put a stop to those drivers who turn left here and do a U Turn at Carton Court. Council Officials are in discussion with landowners on the town side of the M4 on the provision of a terminus on the Rathcoffey Road for the 67 bus.

Bollards at Old Greenfield

I had a meeting in Old Greenfield with Council engineers last week and it was agreed that the bollards would not be removed due to the narrowness of the road at the bottom of the Lane. i.e. it is too narrow for two way traffic.

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The Table Quiz was held in the Boys National School in November and 2 teams were picked to represent Maynooth East

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Callum McCabe

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Catherine Jones
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Subs Katie McKimm
Laureen Kelly

Well done to all the boys and girls and to the 2 teams who travelled to the Kildare Finals in Sarsfield's GAA on March 11th. The final shakedown resulted in 1st place for Clane/Rathcoffey with a total of 93 points out of 100. In joint position were Maynooth 1st team and Clane each having 91 points. A nail biting tie-breaker then took place. Four rounds of tie-breaker questions failed to separate the teams. Having exhausted tie-breakers, a sudden death question finally victory to the Maynooth team and were rewarded with Silver Medals. However this year only the winning team goes through to the All Irelands, here to fore the top two went on the finals so we missed out a chance to participate. Team 2 came through with a score of 82 marks and well done to the young team, keep up the practice for next year. Many thanks to Brian and Colm for all the practice sessions and to Dominic Nugent in the Boys School for all the help.

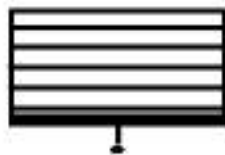
Chess Team

Our newcomers Chess Team U12 lost to Kill in the Semi Final. Team Matthew McBrearty, Ruari Wall, Conor Ganley, Hannah Murphy and Kristoffer Grey. Well done boys and girls and keep up the practice. Many thanks to Alan Millet for all the guidance and tuition.



Boys Table Tennis

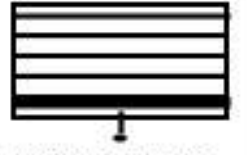
The Under 13 Boys are once again bringing home the trophies, Gold finalists in Kildare and Leinster and are now heading off to the All Irelands in May. Well done boys.



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Independent Representatives Applaud Community Participation in Kildare County Development Plan

Kildare County Council's group of Independent Councillors, Pádraig McEvoy, Seamie Moore, Paddy Kennedy and Seamie Moore, along with Catherine Murphy T.D. commended the high level of community participation as the plan was finalised on Monday 4th April. Of the 6,685 submissions, 4,073 were from people concerned about the heritage value of Donaghomper in Celbridge. They believed that the planning applications from the developer were incompatible with the historic character of Celbridge and the adjacent Castletown demesne.

In the final meeting on the plan, the Council officials recommended against new protection policies which had been secured by Catherine Murphy and Pádraig McEvoy in December. This was despite An Bord Pleanála's refusal for bridge and road infrastructure, for reasons of conservation and traffic management, which were designed to service a high-rise town centre development. Cllr McEvoy argued that "a revised town centre objective would allow for alternative thinking during the next Celbridge Local Area Plan. The Georgian streetscape is unique in Kildare and with the restoration of Castletown House, Celbridge has the potential to be a vibrant tourist venue on Dublin's doorstep. Future plans must take this into account."

Cllr Larkin, who backed the retention of the policies to protect the views from within Castletown demesne, spoke afterwards. "The public reaction on Castletown has been an enormous consideration in the finalising of this document. It is clear that the future for Celbridge will have to be sensitively planned and will have to see past the profiteering motives from the Celtic Tiger period."

Deputy Murphy, who as a TD was precluded from the final stage of the process, was happy with some of the outcomes. "I want to see the planned

corrections to the protection boundaries of Castletown and Donaghcumper demesnes progressed quickly. Furthermore, there is a need to revisit the LAP in Celbridge and to down-zone the lands which are not compatible for a town centre. Celbridge has been held back by the failed policies from 2002 and we now need to start planning for a proper future for the town," she said.

Of the thirty-six motions in the final debate, the Independent Councillors were the movers on eighteen proposals. They pertained to managing nuisance noise at recycling points, ensuring compliance with the Regional Planning Guidelines, encouraging appropriate public access to protected monuments and natural heritage, proper flood management and the progress of policies on walking and cycling. Cllr Moore backed the provision of clarity on the planned upgrades to Osberstown Waste Water Treatment Plant which serves the Naas area. "I want to see this progressed but in the interim, there is a need to ensure that the site is compliant with environmental safeguards," he said.

Cllr Kennedy spoke of the need for the plan guide the economic recovery for which County Kildare could play a leading role. "Proper planning should connect the local need with the regional potential. We need our towns and the hinterland areas to act as commercial focal points which will underpin strong local economies" he noted. "The new plan gives some vision towards that.

The Kildare County Development Plan 2011-2017 will be enacted on the 2nd May.

Joint press release issued on behalf of Cllr Pádraig McEvoy, Cllr Paddy Kennedy, Cllr Seamie Moore, Cllr Anthony Larkin and Deputy Catherine Murphy regarding the Kildare County Development Plan 2011-2017.

Please don't hesitate to contact any of the Councillors or the Deputy at the following numbers should you require any further input on the Development Plan.

Cllr Pádraig McEvoy - 086-8658262
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Cllr Seamie Moore - 087-2497813
Cllr Anthony Larkin - 087-2128837
Deputy Catherine Murphy - 087 2696450

MURPHY DEMANDS THAT SYSTEMIC FAILURES IN WASTE DISPOSAL MARKET BE ADDRESSED TO STOP FUTURE KERDIFFSTOWN LANDFILL SCENARIOS RECURRING

Catherine Murphy, TD during the debate on the Environment (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2010 highlighted the desperate need for a full appraisal of the waste disposal market due to the very worrying situation at Kerdiffstown Landfill along with the various costly inefficiencies in the present system.

The Kildare North TD spoke in the Dáil about the difficulties of a fully deregulated waste market where private operators "cherry pick" the areas they wish to work in, often towns in which there is a high density of users, while leaving the Local Authorities to take up the slack on the more remote areas.

"Competition in the waste market is more acute in the towns, so there is cherry picking taking place. It is not unusual for a refuse collection provider to commence work in the same estate every morning of the week often at 5am or 6am in the morning"

Throughout her speech, Murphy spoke about the practical problems with having several private operators collecting from housing estates throughout the week leading to a situation where everyday was bin day and early morning noise is now a real problem for some households. She went on to highlight the environmental concerns associated with the increased movements of bin trucks throughout the county as each operator was going in and out of the same areas to serve different clients.

More worryingly however, Murphy highlighted the grave dangers of incineration being trumpeted as the way forward in waste disposal. She spoke of the controversial Poolbeg incinerator and the costs that the taxpayer is likely to incur as a result of its construction.

"The contract entered into between Dublin City Council and Covanta requires 325,000 tonnes of waste to be delivered every year for 25 years or a penalty will be incurred to

compensate Covanta in the event of a shortfall. The SLR review concluded that the proposed Poolbeg incinerator was oversized and

that a plant with 250,000 to 300,000 tonnes would suffice rather than the 600,000 tonne plant that is proposed."

This, according to Murphy is just another example of a waste disposal system that is costing the taxpayer multiples of what it should be. In the case of the Poolbeg incinerator the taxpayer will pay the fines to Covanta if enough waste is not sent to the plant and, in a deregulated market where private waste operators are not instructed on where they dispose of the waste they collect there is no guarantee that enough waste will be sent to the plant. This, according to the Kildare TD will not only cost the state in terms of fines but it will also act as a disincentive towards recycling as all available waste will be required to be sent to the incinerator. Another issue with the various private operators in the market is that of the waiver system operated by Local Authorities. In this system those who cannot afford to pay waste collection fees obtain a waiver from the Local Authority to use their service however private operators are not compelled to do this so they get to benefit from profitable routes but do not have to absorb the type of loss that the Local Authorities do.

Finally Murphy spoke about the cost of environmental cleanup operations once again falling on the taxpayer. This ranges from the increases in illegal dumping that fall upon a combination of community organisation's, such as Tidy Town's committee's, and local authorities to be cleaned-up to the most drastic of scenarios that we see at the Kerdiffstown Landfill where the cost to the final cost to the state will be in the region of €30million.

Murphy has called on the Minister for the Environment, Phil Hogan TD to consider the bill in terms of its practical application and to address the practical problems with the current system as a matter of urgency.

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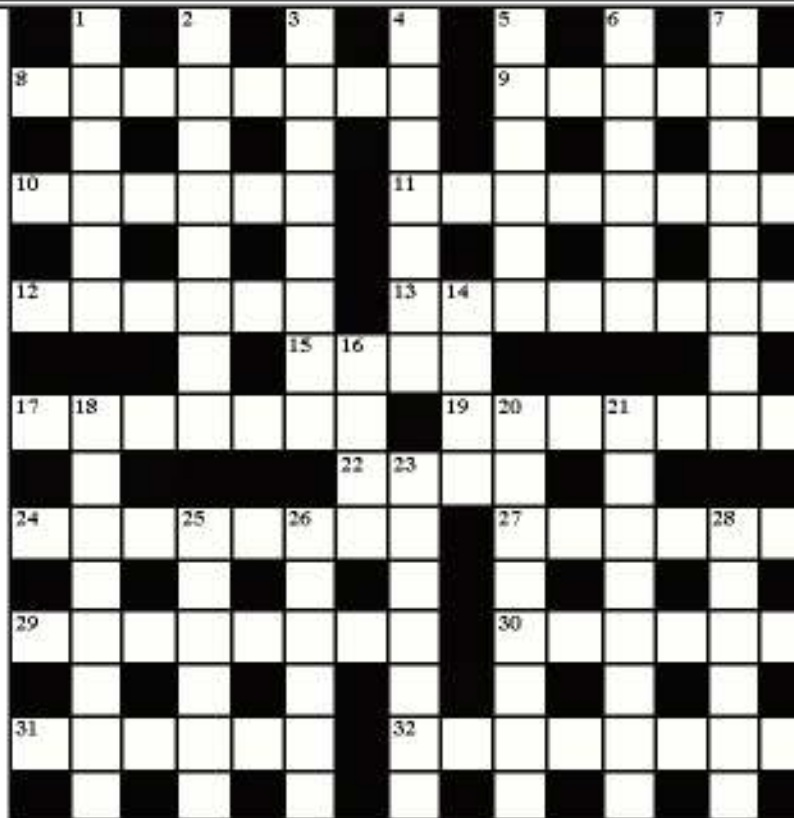


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May 2011 Crossword —No: 391

ACROSS

8. Disappears (8)
 9. Pungent bulbs (6)
 10. Curved, closed line (6)
 11. Against the current (8)
 12. Easing of pain (6)
 13. Collected in one place (8)
 15. Put into service (4)
 17. North American bison (7)
 19. This hour is just before dawn (7)
 22. Smaller quantity (4)
 24. Bony structure (8)
 27. One in time can save nine (6)
 29. It's thrown in winter (8)
 30. Copper, tin and iron (6)
 31. Arm or record cover (6)
 32. Interchangeable words (8)



DOWN

1. Of the sea (6)
 2. Devilment, impishness (8)
 3. Showing good spirits (8)
 4. Allay, alleviate (7)
 5. Sorted out the English county (6)
 6. Ferocious, savage (6)
 7. They enter by force to conquer (8)
 14. Appends (4)
 16. Performance by one person (4)
 18. In an unsympathetic way (8)
 20. Taking for granted (8)
 21. Working with needles (8)
 23. Language spoken in his glen, strangely (7)
 25. Attorney (6)
 26. Bought and sold (6)
 28. Cylindrical vertical upright (6)

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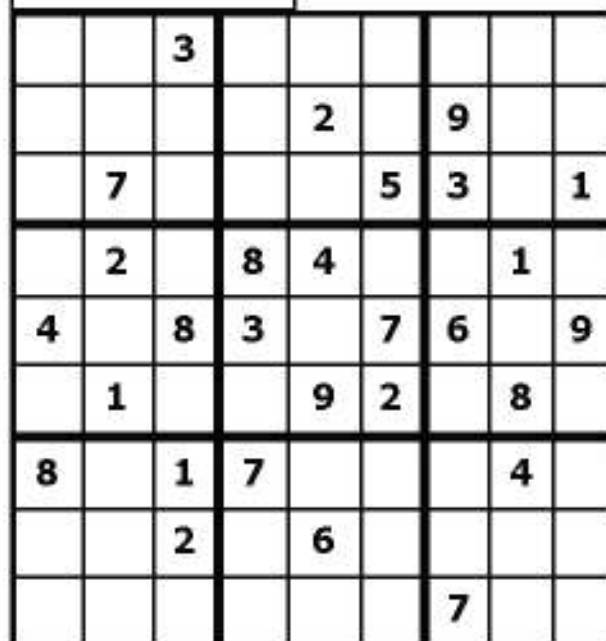
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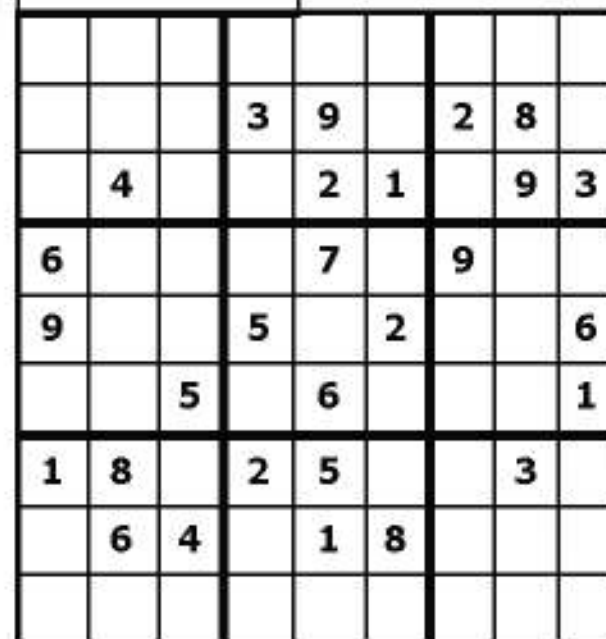
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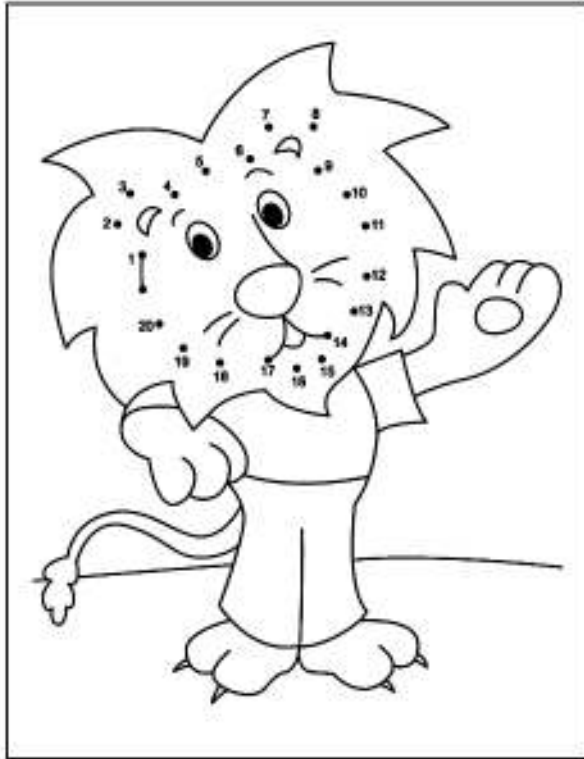
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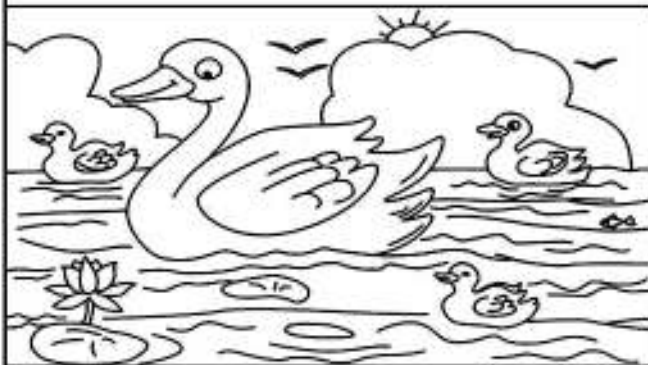
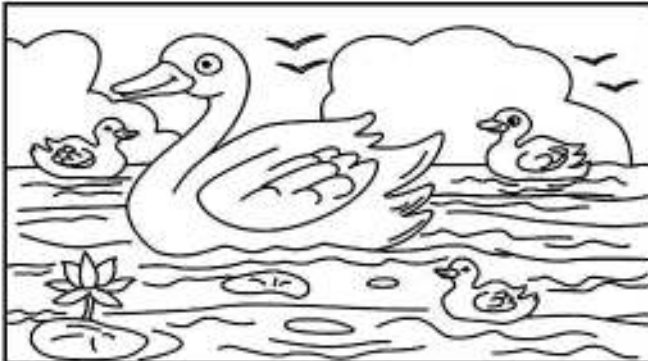
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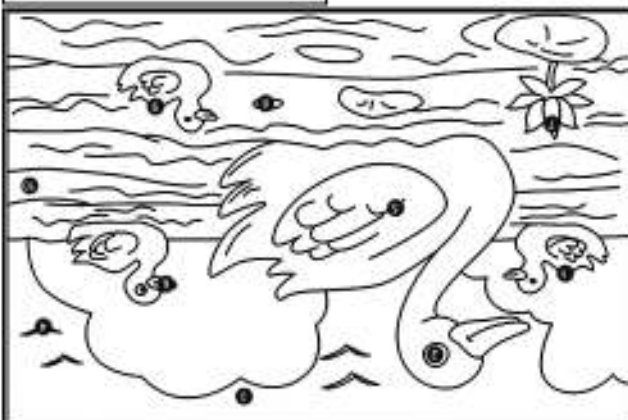
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Some tips to help with Home to School Transitions are:

- Talk to your child about the preschool and what the activities and fun they will have.
- Bring your child to see the school, and introduce the teachers.
- Make sure your child has enough time to wake up before school, tired children find transitioning hard.
- Let him bring a little piece of home along, it will provide comfort.
- Don't anticipate trouble.
- Put on a happy face, don't feel guilty or overly sympathetic, if you waver your child will play to those feelings and you will feel even worse.
- Support don't criticise, your support builds your child's confidence.
- Make your farewell short and sweet, once you are ready to go, tell your toddler in terms they can easily understand.
- Ask a teacher to join your transition team, as the transition will go more smoothly if a teacher helps out.
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