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Dea-scéalta – good news notices: 😊

- ✚ **Reminder school closed on Monday, Public Holiday March 18th.**
- ✚ **School will close at 12.00pm noon on Friday, 22nd March for the Easter Holidays.**
- ✚ **No Homework this week in the lead up to the Easter Holidays.**
- ✚ **Enjoy your Easter Holidays – School Reopens on April 8th 2024.**



Congratulations Courtenay Chess Club

Congratulations to the School Chess Team “The Courtenay Kings” who emerged victorious in a School’s Chess Competition in Bruff on March 7th.

Well done to all the boys and their coaches Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Sheridan.

A special mention to Paolo from 6th class, who came 1st place overall out of 120 participants. Maith sibh a bhucalláí.

The “Courtenay Kings” will now march on to the next round of the competition on Wednesday 10th April. Go n-éirí an t-adh libh go léir!

Courtenay Chess Club is on Wednesdays after school.

“Triumphant Courtenay Chess Kings”



FiThe Courtenay Kings! Back Row LR: Zein, Max, Jan, Rohan Front Row LR: Paolo, Zack, Dylan

Newcastle West G.A.A Hurling Blitz

The Courtenay Hurling Team will be lining out in a blitz organized by Newcastle West GAA Bord na nÓg. The blitz takes places at the Newcastle West GAA field at 10am on Thursday- *weather permitting!* Go n-éirí an t-adh libh lads.

Reminder: Hurling & Gaelic Football Training for beginner boys aged 4 – 6 years begins on Friday, April 5th 2024 at NCW GAA grounds at 6.00pm.

Daffodil Day



The Courtenay will celebrate Daffodil Day on Friday 22nd March.

We ask all children to wear **YELLOW**

on Friday and donate €2.00 towards the Irish Cancer Society’s Daffodil Day. Míle Buíochas gach duine!!!



FAI 5-a-side Soccer Tournament

On Wednesday 22 boys, travelled to Corbally to represent the Courtenay school in the FAI 5-a-side soccer tournament. The Courtenay fielded 3 teams and each team played 4 matches. The standard of the competition was very high but our boys rose to the challenge and did the Courtenay proud, displaying great attitude, excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

Well done boys! Thanks to Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Devine and Anthony for travelling with the boys on the day. Sincere thanks to Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Devine, Anthony and Mr. O' Doherty who have been involved in the after-school soccer training and coaching since the beginning of January.



First Confession for 2nd class children

Congratulations and well done to all the boys from 2nd class who received their First Confession last Monday night in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Newcastle West. We are very proud of the boys and their families and we look forward to their First Holy Communion Day on May 4th. Míle Buíochas to Mrs. O' Donovan, Ms. Murphy, Mr. Nash and all the school staff who prepared the children for the First Confession Sacrament.

Sincere thanks to Fr. Cussen, Fr. Crawford and Fr. O' Connor who visited the school on Tuesday for confession for all the children from 3rd – 6th class.



Creative Schools

As part of the Creative Schools Initiative this week, 5th class completed an Animation workshop class.

Students took part in a 2 day workshop learning digital techniques and the animation process.

The workshops were a great success with 5th class creating some fantastic animation.

Click on the link here to view Courtenay NS 5th 2024 Animations

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKzqDiAqQuiTC hNGGWnog5b1UF3bv0kOr>

Also see photos below from the Animation Workshop.

Free Talks with West Limerick Children's Services

Please see details and link below regarding upcoming free talks with West Limerick Children's Services which may be of interest to staff and parents.

<https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/events>

Talks will be recorded, if you register (through the link) a recording of the event will be sent to you.

- Neuro Inclusive language and communication 18/03/24 at 11:30
- Neuro divergence isn't a mental health problem 20/03/24 14:30
- Understanding neurodiversity as a family 20/03/24 16:30
- Global perspectives: Neurodiversity around the world 22/03/24 14:30
- Good practice for professionals 22/03/24 16:30

Parents Association – Social Event “Meet and Chat”



Parents Association Members Mark Darcy, Mary Hennessy, Trudy Dooley and Helen Shea at the Meet and Chat

On Wednesday, our Parents Association organized a “Meet and Chat” social event for parents from Juniors – Second class. This was a lovely event and many thanks to our Parents Associations for arranging this event.

Míle Buíochas also to our parents who baked all the goodies and treats.

The Mackey Cup

Congratulations to Conor Mullenger, 6th class who was selected to represent Courtenay NS on the West Team in the Mackey Cup Competition.

Conor lined out in the corner forward position. The West won the semi-final beating the East.

In the Final the South beat the West by just one point in a very close and hard fought game.

Well done to Conor and all his team mates. All in the Courtenay are very proud.

Seachtain na Gaeilge agus Lá Fhéile Pádraig á cheiliúradh

Mar a deireann an seanfhocal, “Mól an Óige agus tiocfaidh sí” and this was certainly the case on Friday when the children from 3rd – 6th class presented a fantastic concert of music, song and dance for the school community to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge.

The Courtenay went “green” for “Lá Glas” agus bhí ceol, amhráin, caint agus craic againn sa halla.

The children sang old Irish favourites such “Óró Sé do Bheatha Bhaile” and “Dilín Ó Deamhas” and a group of musicians performed a píosa ceol traidisiúnta for us. Classes learned some simple Irish dance steps – “a haon, dó, trí” agus bhí tráth na gceist (quiz) sna ranganna freisin.

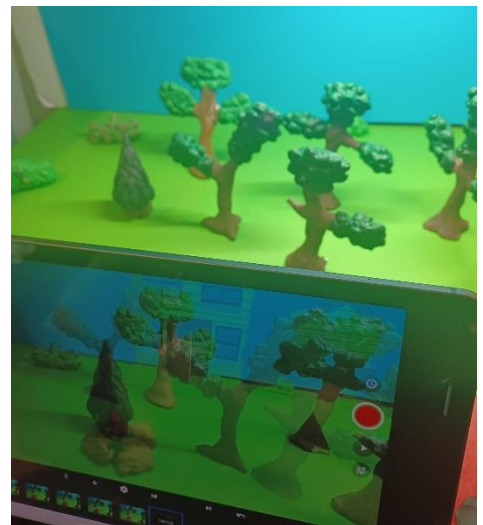
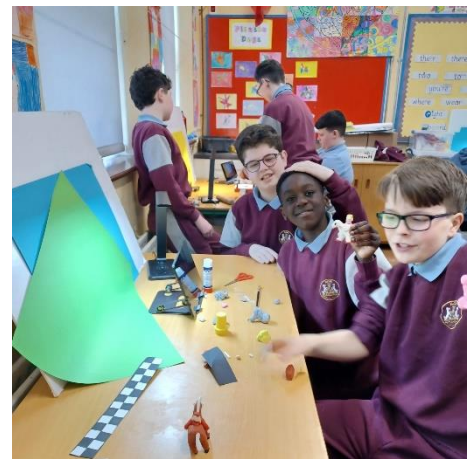
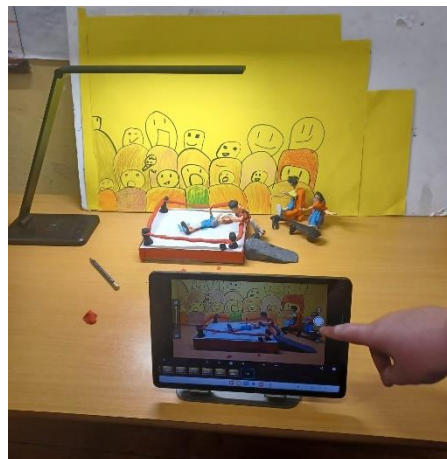
Maith sibh go léir, bhaineamar go léir an sult agus craic as an “Lá Glas”.

Enjoy Lá Fhéile Pádraig, bain taitneamh as an lá agus the weekend!



Conor in action during the Mackey Cup Final

Pictures from the Animation Workshop.....AMAZING work and creations



Lá Glas sa halla, amhráin, ceol agus píosa drámaíocht ón Rangana 3rd – 6th



Sheinn ár grúpa cheoil cúpla port dúinn agus bhí said ar fheabhas! HUP!!



MCs don
Cheoilchorim
Darragh agus
Daniel



"Junior Infants on Lá Glas"



"Ag canadh Amhrán na bhFiann"



Lá Glas amuigh faoin aer!!

