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Newcastle West
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Open Invitation to the Official Opening of the New Building Extension



The Board of Management of Courtenay School will officially open the new building extension on Friday 26th April at 6.30pm.

The school will be blessed by the Parish Priest on behalf of the Diocese.

In a symbolic gesture, student representatives will have the honour of conducting the official cutting of the ribbon, marking the beginning of a new chapter in our school's history.

Following the ceremony, the Parents' Association will generously provide refreshments for all attendees, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our community to come together.

We extend a warm invitation to all our parents and members of our community to join us for this special event. It will be an excellent opportunity for everyone to view the newly extended facilities and celebrate this significant milestone in our school.

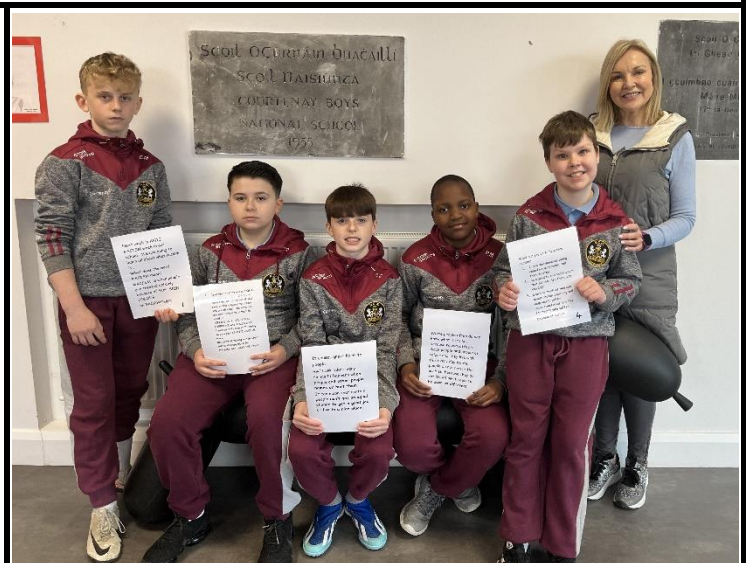
We look forward to welcoming you all on April 26th at 6.30pm for the opening ceremony.

Anti-Racism Week April 15th – 19th

Courtenay NS, is gearing up to host its inaugural Anti-Racism Week from April 15th – 19th. With a focus on education, awareness and fostering inclusivity, the school aims to empower its students and community members to confront prejudice and promote respect for all.

Throughout the week, a series of engaging activities, lessons and games will be organised to promote values of tolerance and understanding. Students will learn about racism and explore its impact on individuals and communities and learn ways to challenge discriminatory attitudes and behaviours.

On Thursday, April 18th, the highlight of Anti-Racism Week will be the "Give Racism the Red Card" initiative; All students and staff members are encouraged to wear **RED** as a symbol of solidarity against racism.



Huge thanks to Ms. Carr and her committee Conor, Charles, Cian, Praise and Milosz for their work in organising Anti-Racism Week.

Courtenay Kings Féile Fichille Final

We extend heartfelt congratulations to the Courtenay Kings Chess Team for their excellent performance in the Féile Fichille Competition final at Scoil Íde in Corbally on Wednesday.

The competition showcased exceptional talent, with participation from 15 schools, each demonstrating a commendable standard of chess. Our boys represented the Courtenay with distinction, showcasing their skill and sportsmanship throughout the event.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our dedicated Chess Coaches, Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Sheridan, whose unwavering commitment drives the Courtenay Chess Club every Wednesday after school. Their guidance and mentorship are invaluable in nurturing our students' passion for chess and fostering a spirit of teamwork and friendship.

Congratulations once again to our Courtenay Kings Chess Team and to all involved in supporting and shaping their progression.

#courtenaykings #watchingeverymove #prideofthecourtenay



Courtenay Kings Chess Team, Zach Hayes, Max Ilco, Dylan O' Keeffe, Blazej Bolka, Zein Alkassab, Jan Markowski, Rohan Durrani & Paolo Ivanov.



Bring it on.... The Courtenay Kings are ready!

6th Digital Coaches Working with 3rd Class



6th class students shared their digital skills and knowledge with 3rd class. The 6th class coached 3rd class to become more confident in using technology in the classroom, helping them to create their own posters, videos and animations using Adobe Creative Cloud.

Tennis for 4th Class

Free afterschool tennis lessons with Mr. Ruddle begin on Wednesday, April 17th. Mr. Ruddle will work with 4th class for this term. Mr. Ruddle will communicate with 4th class around the training times and sessions.



5th and 6th Class Swimming Lessons

- 5th and 6th class begin swimming lessons this week in West Limerick Sports Complex in Killelinee.
- 6th class will go swimming every Tuesday and 5th class every Thursday.
- The lessons will continue for 6 weeks and lessons are €10.00 per week.



Glór na nGael Comórtas Ealaín

- Glór na nGael Art Competition is a way of promoting Irish Language and Culture through the arts
- All classes are busy completing their pictures submission for finished pictures is Friday April 19th.
- The children's art will be displayed in the Desmond Complex for the community to view.
- Be sure to ask your child about their picture; *"Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh sí!*



Home School Community Liaison



Foróige are hosting a Parents Morning on April 24th at 9.30am in Foróige Youth Space in the Market Yard in Newcastle West, V42VW83.

Jigsaw worker Aoife Walsh is coming to speak about the service, all welcome!

<https://jigsaw.ie/location/limerick/>

Sports in the Community

✚ **Newcastle West Tennis Club** are running Saturday Morning Childrens Group Coaching Lessons. Please follow Newcastle West Tennis Club on social media for booking details

✚ **Hurling & Gaelic Football Training** for beginner boys aged 4 – 6 years old continues every Friday at the GAA grounds at 6.00pm. Bigí ann!!!

✚ **Newcastle West Parkrun** is a free, fun, and family friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you! It places every Saturday at 9:30am in the Demense.

Parents Association Announcements

Thanks to Trudy from the PA for sharing the following two webinars from **The National Parents Council**:

1. [Supporting Parents to Support their Children's Mental Health](#)
2. Have you say in the Governments review of regulations associated with childminders: [To have your say, please click this link](#) -The closing date for this survey is **Wednesday the 17th of April**.

Dates for your Diary

- ✚ Anti-Racism Week 15th – 19th
- ✚ Wear Red for Anti-Racism Week – 18th April
- ✚ Official Opening of the School Extension - 26th April
- ✚ First Holy Communion 4th May
- ✚ Public Holiday – School Closure – 6th May
- ✚ Confirmation 22nd May

Courtenay Cúinne

With the Hurling Championship starting next week, here are some useful GAA terms as Gaeilge.

Iománaíocht: Hurling

Cluiche: Game

Réiteoir: Referee

Feadóg: Whistle

Cúl Baire: Goalkeeper

Chun Tosaigh: Ahead

Leath Ama: Half Time

Ar Comhscór: A draw

Ar Fórail: Wide

Luimneach abú: Up Limerick!