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## Courtenay National School's New Extension Opening




Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s) and Community Members,

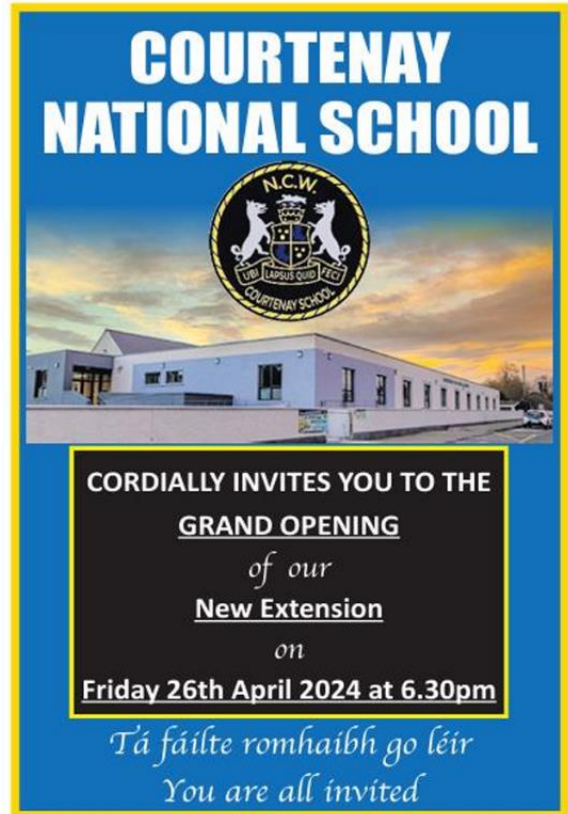
We extend a warm welcome to you all to join us for the opening of Courtenay National School's new extension on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm.

This exciting event marks a significant milestone for our school and community, and we can't wait to share it with you.

Come and be part of this special moment as we celebrate the expansion of our school.

It's an opportunity to meet our dedicated staff, mingle with fellow parents and neighbours and explore the new spaces that will enhance the learning and experience for our students.

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing this memorable occasion together.   



**Friends in Kerry**

Senior Infant pictured at the Post Office posting their letters and drawings to their new penpals in Tarbert N.S. in Co. Kerry.

Boys, we look forward to hearing and learning all about your new friends.



**6<sup>th</sup> Class Student Council Candidates**

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> classes are abuzz with Student Council Elections!

Candidates are busy writing and delivering speeches as they seek to win the number 1 vote from their fellow students.

Counting and canvassing is still ongoing in some classes!

Watch this space for Student Council updates!!



## Anti-Racism Week in Courtenay National School – A Triumph in Unity and Understanding

Courtenay's Anti-Racism Week was a wonderful learning experience for all children and staff; fostering cultural conversations and deepening understanding among the students that we are *"all different, all equal"*.

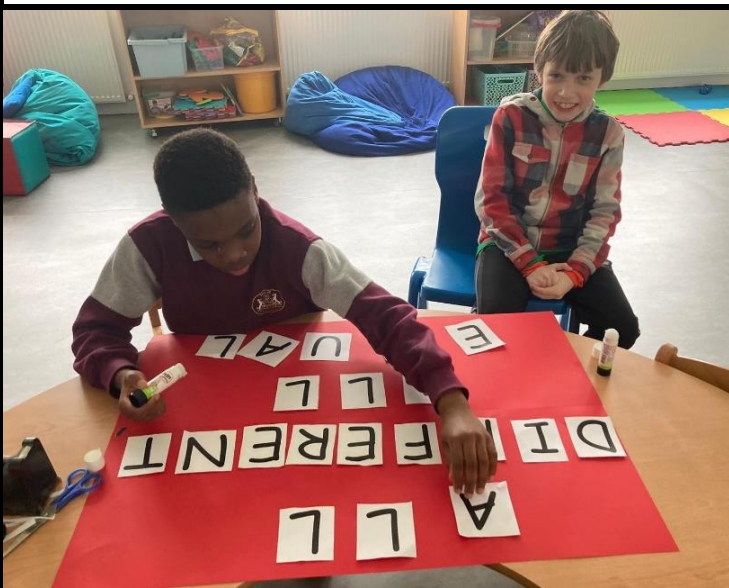
Through engaging learning activities, art and initiatives like "Wear Red to Give Racism the Red Card", the week successfully promoted empathy and unity.

The week's emphasis on celebrating diversity through art, food, and conversation helped cultivate a more inclusive school community.

Overall, Anti-Racism Week was a resounding success, leaving a lasting impact on students and staff alike, and serving as a powerful reminder of the importance of actively combating racism in all its forms.

Sincere thanks to Ms. Carr and her committee for organising the week and learning resources for activities and lessons.

[Click here to view video of Anti-Racism Week from 2nd class.](#)



The Hazel Room working on their "All DIFFERENT ALL EQUAL" poster art during Anti-Racism Week.



The Olive Room during Anti-Racism Week, where even the adults embraced each other's county colours!!



Senior Infants "Show Racism the Red Card"





Our Junior Infants wearing **RED** on Thursday.



The Willow Room display their art for Anti-Racism Week!



1st class present their "One World, One Community" Art

### West Limerick Sports Complex

West Limerick Sport Complex based in Killeline, Newcastle West is currently in talks with Limerick City and County Council to purchase, improve and expand its current facilities.

Currently, it is the only public swimming pool and leisure facility between Limerick City and Tralee and provides swimming lessons to 22 local national and secondary schools with a waiting lists of 10 other schools, which clearly demonstrates the serious need for larger public swimming facilities.

Please sign and circulate the following video and petition link in support of West Limerick Sport Complex.

<https://chng.it/7CsvsZ7bsj>





**“Renew and Reboot” - Sustainable Tech Transformation with Chrome OS for Aging Laptops”**

Paul Hayes, sharing his digital and IT expertise with 6<sup>th</sup> class, demonstrating how to repurpose old Windows Laptops by installing Chrome OS.

This is a fantastic way of updating and upcycling hardware and computer devices and is a fantastic learning initiative in technology and recycling for the boys.

**Parents Association Announcements**

The National Parents Council, are hosting FREE, interactive online webinars for parents and guardians on the transition from pre-school to primary school during Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> , April 2024.

The webinars will provide parents with advice and useful tips on the transition from preschool to primary school.

For more information, click on the link [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EYTransitions\\_April2024](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EYTransitions_April2024)

**Home School Community Lison**



Mary Gilliard, HSCL Teacher, pictured with parents who are participating in an ETB cookery course for six weeks.

**Courtenay Cúinne**

As the GAA Championship kicks off, know and support your your county as Gaeilge.

**Cúige na Mumhan – Province of Munster**



- An Clár**- Clare
- Luimneach** – Limerick
- Ciarraí** – Kerry
- Corcaigh** – Cork
- Port Láirge** – Waterford
- Tiobraid Árann** - Tipperary