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Courtenay National School's New Extension Grand Opening

The official opening of our new school extension was a joyous and very special occasion for all who attended on Friday evening. With the sun shining, The Newcastle West Pipe Band playing and seeing so many smiling faces in the large crowd in attendance, it filled us all with pride and excitement for what the future holds. Your presence signified your ongoing support, co-operation and belief in our school's mission and vision.

Richard Collins, Chairperson of the Board of Management spoke with sincerity, reflecting the spirit and perseverance that saw this building project through from its inception to completion. Richard thanked everyone involved and recognised the importance and interest the Courtenay National Schools holds within in entire town community.

A special word of thanks to Fr. O' Dea, whose blessing of the school and school community marked the parish's continued support of Courtenay NS. The spiritual support and guidance of the Diocese and local clergy is invaluable and we thank you for your blessings and prayers always.

Our Parents's Association ensured a Céad Míle Fáilte was shown to all with teas, coffees and refreshments, enhancing the celebratory atmosphere of the evening.

A sincere thanks to all our children who attended the opening. Each and every one of you were fantastic ambassadors and role models for our school. The new extension is a credit to our whole school community and especially to our children who will be the primary beneficiaries of the new facilities. Our new extension, is testament to what we can achieve together. It represents our collective effort at providing the best possible learning environment for all our children.

Finally, the event itself would not have been possible without the huge work of the official opening committee. Míle Míle Buíochas to: Anne Somers (Board of Management), Helen Shea (Parent Representative), Annette O'Donnell, Máirín Brosnahan, Úna O'Connor Nash and Mary Gilliard (HSCL Teacher) who met over several weeks to discuss and plan the event which ran so smoothly on the night.

This marks the beginning of a new chapter in our school's story, one that promises growth, innovation and the continued nurture for the children in our care. Some pictures below but more to follow over the coming weeks and our website.



Newcastle West Pipe Band members Séamús Hunt and Cian O' Shaughnessy entertaining the crowd before the official cutting of the ribbon!



Fr. O' Dea blessing the new extension and all who attended the official opening.



Eager to get into school!!!!

Some of our students who attended the official opening on Friday evening.



Josh Sillery 6th Class and Kostiantyn junior Infants cut the ribbon to officially open the new building.



First Communion

Second Class pupils will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday next, May 4th at 10.00 a.m. They have been extremely busy preparing for the sacrament over the past months and are very much looking forward to all of this hard work coming to fruition on Saturday morning next. If you are in the location of the Church on Saturday you might like to wish them well.

WELCOME TO COURTENAY NATIONAL SCHOOL



Student Council

Meet our newly elected Student Council Daire, Charles, Davy, Emlyn, Prodige, Darragh, Dylan and Mike

Congratulations and welcome to our newly elected Student Council and Student Voice.

Elected for their dedication and leadership, our Student Council are committed to enhancing our school community by advocating for student interests and fostering a collaborative environment.

All in the Courtenay supports our Student Council as they work to make our school experience even better!

Best of luck in your new roles. Go n-éirí an t-adh libh



Sensory Room

Well done to our Sensory Room Committee and the entire school community for their effort and contribution to the setting up and completing of our sensory room.

Our school's sensory room provides a calming space, helping students manage sensory needs and improve focus, relaxation, and emotional regulation.

Sincere thanks to Newcastle West Rugby Club and club members Mark Darcy, Eoin Sheridan, Club Secretary Geraldine Darcy and club players donated €500 towards our Sensory Room.



Well done to our Courtenay Hurling Team who played Killoughteen N.S., in the Cumann na mBunscoil competition last Thursday.

Courtenay Cúinne

As the sun begins to shine, here are some Summer time weather phrases as Gaeilge.

Cén séasúr atá ann? *What season is it?*

An samhradh atá ann. *It is Summer*

Conas atá an aimsir inniu? *How is the weather today?*

Tá an ghrian ag taitneamh. *The sun is shining*

Tá sé te! *It is hot!* **Tá sé grianmhar!** *It is sunny!*

Tá an ghrian ag scoilteadh na gcloch.
The sun is splitting the stones.