

# Courtenay National School Newsletter, March 16th March 2025



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## MARCH 2025

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

17  

**SCHOOL CLOSURE**  
 PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
 ST. PATRICKS'S DAY

18  
 1ST /2ND CLASS GAA  
 TRAINING AT 12PM /1PM  
**AFTERSCHOOL TENNIS**  
 @NCW TENNIS COURT  
 5TH & 6TH AFTERSCHOOL  
 BASKETBALL 2.15PM-3PM

19  
**GAA TRAINING**  
 3RD&4TH  
 3RD-6TH CHESS CLUB  
 2.15-3.00PM

20  
**AFTERSCHOOL HURLING**  
 TRAINING 2.15-  
 3.00@SCHOOL

21

24  
 START OF ANTI-BULLY  
 ANTI RACISM /  
 FRIENDSHIP WEEK

25  
 1ST /2ND CLASS GAA  
 TRAINING AT 12PM /1PM  
**AFTERSCHOOL TENNIS**  
 @NCW TENNIS COURT  
 5TH & 6TH AFTERSCHOOL  
 BASKETBALL

26  
**HALF DAY**  
**CLOSURE**  
 ANTI-BULLYING - BÍ  
 CINÉALTA STAFF TRAINING

27  
**AFTERSCHOOL HURLING**  
 TRAINING 2.15-  
 3.00@SCHOOL

28 **DAFFODIL DAY**  
  
 CHILDREN CAN WEAR YELLOW  
 & BRING €2.00 TO SUPPORT  
 IRISH CANCER SOCIETY!!

31  
 5TH & 6TH  
 AFTERSCHOOL TAG  
 RUGBY

1  
 1ST /2ND CLASS GAA  
 TRAINING AT 12PM /1PM  
**AFTERSCHOOL TENNIS**  
 @NCW TENNIS COURT  
 5TH & 6TH AFTERSCHOOL  
 BASKETBALL

2  
**GAA TRAINING 5TH &**  
**6TH**  
 3RD-6TH CHESS CLUB  
 2.15-3.00PM

3  
**AFTERSCHOOL HURLING**  
 TRAINING 2.15-  
 3.00@SCHOOL

4

## AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

**Tag Rugby**



5th & 6th class  
 2.15pm-3.00pm  
 @school

TUESDAY

**Tennis**



4th class @ NCW  
 Tennis Court 2.20-  
 3.00pm

TUESDAY

**Basketball**



5th & 6th class  
 2.20pm-3.00pm  
 @school

WEDNESDAY

**Chess Club**



3rd -6th class  
 2.15pm-3.00pm

THURSDAY

**Hurling**



3rd -6th class  
 2.15pm-3.00pm

# Celebrating Grandparents' Day – A Heartwarming Gathering of Family and Community!

Last Wednesday, we celebrated Grandparents' Day with a beautiful Mass in the church, filled with music and song, where we welcomed all grandparents who attended and took a moment to remember those who could not be there, including those living in other countries.

During the Mass, Fr. Cussen reminded the children of the love, wisdom, and guidance their grandparents provide, encouraging them to cherish the time they share together. The beautiful singing and music in the church added to the sense of occasion, and the Ceolchoirm was a fantastic way to continue the celebrations while also embracing Seachtain na Gaeilge.

The children were a credit to themselves singing and performing with great enthusiasm. Their excitement was clear as they proudly took part, eager to spot, wave at, or simply share a smile with their family members in the audience.

A special thanks to our Parents' Association members who organised the cupán tae and treats in the school hall—it was a lovely social occasion. The children were thrilled to welcome family members into their classrooms and share their school experience with them.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh!

*Photos from Grandparents' Day*

**Courtenay Grandparents' Day '25**



**Music from Michael Collins and Miss. Mc Carthy**



# Courtenay Cúinne

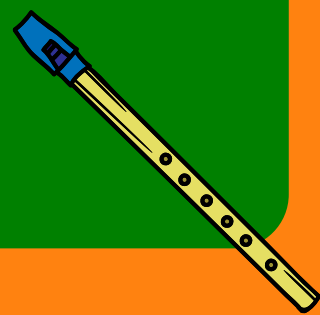


Lá 'le Pádraig, Hip Hurae!  
Rang a hAon ag canadh agus ag  
máirseáil!!

Seachtain na Gaeilge agus  
Lá Glas



Píosa ceoil ó na buachaillí!



# 5th & 6th Class Teams participate in the FAI 5-a-Side Soccer League

On Tuesday, three teams from 5th and 6th Class participated in the FAI 5-a-Side Soccer League in Corbally. It was a fantastic day filled with plenty of soccer, striking, dribbling, goal-scoring, and, most importantly, fun!

Beyond the skills on the pitch, the boys embraced the spirit of teamwork and sportsmanship, supporting each other, playing with determination, and showing great respect for their opponents. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn, compete, and enjoy the game together.

Well done to all involved!





# Silver Birch Trees Planted for National Tree Week

On Friday, as part of National Tree Week, Newcastle West Tidy Towns kindly donated and planted five silver birch trees outside the school. Members of the Green Schools Committee were actively involved and thoroughly enjoyed the experience—getting their hands dirty with soil, digging, and learning about the importance of planting trees for the environment. We were also delighted to have members of the Board of Management present to support this wonderful initiative.

A huge thank you to Newcastle West Tidy Towns for their generosity and commitment to keeping our community green. Their support is greatly appreciated, and these trees will be a lasting addition to our school grounds.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh!





# 6th class baking for Grandparents' Day





