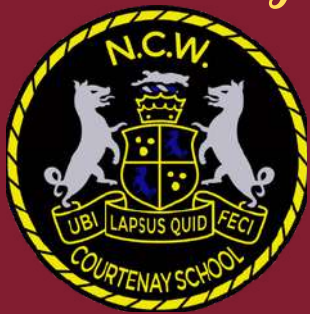


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The Week Ahead



Mon 13th

Geoff Hunt Visits

6th class Pond / River Trip

@9am

Mr. Ruddle's & Mr. Hannon's
classes Demesne Trip @11am

Football Match V's Athea NS
in Athea @ 12:00pm

Tues 14th

GAA Football Training
@ 2.20pm–3.20pm in
NCW GAA Pitch

Wednes 15th

Swimming for Mr.
Ruddle's & Miss
Carmody's classes

Chess Club 3rd-6th
class 2:20pm-3:00pm

Thurs 16th

5th & 6th class
Healthy Eating
Webinar Lesson @
11:30am

Reminder: School will be closed on Friday, 24th October for the
Presidential Election Vote

"A Splashtastic Time at St. Gabriel's"



The children and adults in Mr. Ruddle's and Miss Carmody's classes have been thoroughly enjoying their swimming sessions in St. Gabriel's Hydrotherapy Pool over the past five weeks. They have two more weeks of fun and learning to look forward to!

Celebrating Gráinne's Birthday!

Miss Wagner's class had a busy and exciting week as they got ready for Gráinne's big 50th birthday celebration. The children practised important life skills - writing shopping lists, shopping in SuperValu and paying at the tills - all in preparation for a special birthday breakfast and celebration.

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*Hand-Eye
Coordination
Activity Video !*



From Budding Scientists to Dancing Stars – 3rd Class Shine!

3rd Class have been busy making their very own mini rainforests in Science, exploring how plants grow and what they need to survive. 🌱

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They've also been showing off their rhythm in PE, learning line dancing steps and moving together to the popular Jerusalem dance. 💃🕺

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Cumann na mBunscoil

Our football team played Shanagolden NS on Friday in their first outing of this year's Cumann na mBunscoil Football Competition at NCW GAA Field. Courtenay fielded a strong team with players from 4th, 5th and 6th class.

This was a well-refereed, good-spirited match. Courtenay looked the stronger team and had most of the play in the first half, but only led by a single point at half-time. Shanagolden started the second half well with an early goal, showing their strength and determination.

However, our boys responded brilliantly, showing great camaraderie, teamwork and pride in the school jersey. They tackled in pairs, made clever runs off each other's shoulders, encouraged one another and played as a team. In the end, Courtenay finished the stronger side, with every member of the panel getting onto the field and contributing to a Courtenay win.

After the match, both teams and managements shook hands and thanked each other. The boys then celebrated with Jaffa Cakes and jellies – even sharing their Jaffa Cakes with their Shanagolden opponents. Maith sibh, a bhuachaillí! Best of luck also to our footballers tomorrow when they play Athea.

Finally, congratulations to Daniel Gleeson, Eoghan Grealis and Alan O'Brien, who made it to the final round of the Sarsfield Trials on Tuesday in the Bog Garden, Rathkeale - Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh lads!



1st Class perform Autumn Colours

1st class are very proud of themselves for learning the poem "Autumn Colours". They enjoyed it so much that they asked Miss Murphy to video their performance and share it in the newsletter. Maith sibh, Rang a hAon!

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Full Attendance Award – September



Courtenay Cúinne

Rang a Cúig Book Report

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Táimid ag léamh an leabhar *Bad Dad* faoi láthair. 📖 Is é David Walliams an t-údar. 🖋️ Is leabhar iontach é! ☀️ Bhí timpiste ag athair Frank, Gilbert is ainm dó. 🚗💥 Tá sé i dtrioblóid le Mr. Big agus tá imní ar Frank. 😞

Congratulations to Sam and Kayden Dee who achieved full attendance for the month of September. Mrs. Gilliard, our Home School Community Liaison Teacher, presented them with vouchers to celebrate their achievement. Well done to both!

Nothing scary to see in Super Valu, only friendship and smiles from Mr. Hannon's class.

