

Courtnacuddy Chronicle

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Principal's Note

Last term was once again a very busy and productive one here in Courtnacuddy NS. We celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge, Mother's Day, Grandparents Day, St Patrick's Day and finished the term with our annual Spring clean. Well done to staff and pupils for working so hard and achieving so much. The Staff and Board of Management are grateful for the continued support received from Parents. Your contribution is valued and much appreciated and your input makes a positive difference to our school.

As always, if you wish to discuss anything with me, you can arrange an appointment with Margot in the office and I'd be happy to meet with you. I hope that everyone has a good rest over Easter and that we are all looking forward to our third and final term here in Courtnacuddy.

On behalf of the staff, students and board of management of Courtnacuddy NS, I would like to wish everyone a happy Easter.

Colm Gallagher

Easter Holidays

The school will close at 12pm on Friday 12th April and re-open at 9:20am on Monday 29th April. We wish all our families an enjoyable break.

National Spring Clean

This month we are taking part in the National Spring Clean. Already the children and staff are making an extra effort to keep our school clean and tidy. We ask everyone to join us in keeping our environs litter free. Together we can keep our school a beautiful, enjoyable place to learn & play in.

Grandparents Day

Grandparents' day was a really special experience for our families. The day began with a beautiful mass with music and reflections. We are very grateful to Fr. Nolan for celebrating. We then retreated to school where our hard working Parents' Association had arranged the wonderful spread donated by school families. The grandparents got an opportunity to visit the classrooms and see some of the fantastic work being done by the students. The day taught us to appreciate the role that our loving grandparents play in our lives and we are very grateful for them.

Parents Association

2018/19

Chairman: Michael Reck

Vice Chair: Tricia Delaney

Secretary: Selina Hendrick

Treasurers: Grace O'Brien &
Sara Deacon

PRO: Orla Foley

Thanks to the parents who volunteered their time to assist with making tea and who donated treats for the celebration of Grandparents Day at the end of January. We also had a great turnout of parents to assist in the annual First Penance evening. I think it's a fantastic tradition that the parents of the previous years communion class return to facilitate in the running of this evening every year and I look forward to many more years of this reciprocation.

There are a few events still to come in the final term. In May we will host our Sponsored Walk before finishing the year off with our annual Picnic evening in the field where the fathers get the chance to avenge last years defeat to the mothers in the Tug-o-War battle. I've heard they've undergone a long winter of training in preparation!!

Holy Communion

We will celebrate our First Holy Communion on Saturday 18th May at 11.00am. This will be a very special day for the 15 boys and girls who have been preparing throughout the year for this special sacrament with Ms. Kickham and their parents. The children received their First Penance in February in preparation for the big day.

Lá Glas

As part of our celebrations for Seachtain na Gaeilge we held a non uniform day where the kids were encouraged to wear something green. A great effort was made by everyone and €150 was raised for St Vincent de Paul. Thank you to all who contributed.

Rackard League

The boys and girls have completed all their group games and although both teams won 2 games each they have not progressed to the District finals. However as they have shown such great teamwork and sportsmanship I have entered them into the Rising Stars competition which will commence after the Easter break.

School Uniform

Parents are reminded that full school uniform must be worn up until the end of the year, this includes school ties. As agreed all jumpers/tracksuits should be plain/logo free.

ICT

We were very generously gifted a VR Headset by a parent recently for use in the school. In order to begin use we require an old Samsung phone. If any family has an old Samsung phone from S6 range onwards that they no longer require, we would be delighted to take it off your hands and make use of it in the school in conjunction with the VR headset.

Reminders

Supervision:

Children will be supervised before school from 9.10 am. Children will not be supervised before this time. Please ensure your child waits in the shelter for a teacher to release them onto yard. Children will be supervised after school until 3.10 pm. Children should be collected from the school gate at 3 pm. Please take care in escorting them across the road.

Parking

Can all parents please refrain from parking at the main gate both at set down in the morning and at collection time at 3pm. This gate must remain accessible at all times. Parents should meet their children at the gate to ensure safe crossing of the road. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

