



**Cathaoirleach Miriam Murphy, elected members and officials at Arklow Municipal District present an apple tree to principal Linda Greene, teacher Anne Marie Nuzum and pupils at Scoil San Eoin, Redcross.**

## Councillors warmly welcomed to Redcross

THE members and officials of Arklow Municipal District received a warm welcome to Redcross on Wednesday as they held their monthly meeting in Scoil San Eoin National School.

Before their meeting, the group met with school principal Linda Greene, teacher Anne Marie Nuzum and their students, and cathaoirleach Miriam Murphy presented them with an apple tree to be planted on the school grounds.

Scoil San Eoin NS is a two-class teacher and one Special Education Needs teacher school, situated in Redcross in Avoca Parish. The school was built in 1963, replacing the older building which dated from 1895. A great debt is owed to the people of Redcross who fundraised and worked tirelessly to

ensure that this new school became a reality.

William O'Keeffe was principal of the school from 1973 until he retired in 2012, at which stage, Linda Greene was appointed to the post.

During the summer of 2012 the school was completely renovated, upgraded and modernised. Once again, the people of Redcross, through their generosity of time and skills, made this project possible.

A new classroom, along with a disabled toilet and storage, to replace the existing prefabricated building, was completed in September 2015.

A further classroom extension was built and completed in 2019.

This means there are now two full size, spacious, modern classrooms; a meeting

room/staffroom and a general purpose room which can be used for a range of physical activities (gymnastics, dance, workshops etc), wet breaks and group and project work.

'Having the meeting in Redcross today creates a little bit of history as this is the first ever council meeting to be held in the village,' said Cllr Murphy. 'Part of our job as public representatives is to listen to the communities and that is what we will be doing here today, listening to the community of Redcross,' she added.

Michael Geaney, district manager, said 'Holding the meetings in other parts of the District is a great opportunity for the Elected Members and staff to learn more about the areas they represent and work in'.