

**Press Release 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

### **Gaelscoil Philib Barún Exhibition Opening at Tramore's Coast Guard Station**

An exhibition of work by the children of Gaelscoil Philib Barún was officially opened last Thursday at the Coast Guard Station on Love Lane, Tramore. The display will run until Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June, admission is free and all are welcome. The work includes the history of the school, since it first opened twenty four years ago in Tramore House, through its time in the old Stella Maris building, up to the present school at its site in Crobally Upper. The gaelscoil has grown since its first enrolment of 29 pupils with one teacher in 1985 and now has over 200 pupils enrolled from Junior Infants to 6th class. Despite the growth and development of the school, it has yet to secure a permanent building. The school now has a staff of eight teachers, a resource teacher and an administrative principal.

The children have created models, collages, paintings and writings representing what they envisage for their permanent school building. There is an audio recording, in English and Irish, so you can hear the children's voices describing their ideas. These range from a cinema room and sofas to a cafeteria, solar panels, wheelchair access, lots of toys, a hall for playing when it's raining, and lots more besides!

The gaelscoil sits on a wonderfully elevated site in the town of Tramore, with panoramic views of the bay that are shared by the Coast Guard Station. The gaelscoil owns its current site with a playing field, hardcore courts and prefabricated buildings. For more information on the school and its campaign for a permanent building, visit [www.pilibbarun.com](http://www.pilibbarun.com). The Coast Guard Station is open from Monday to Thursday 10.30 am to 4.30 pm, and Sundays 2 – 5 pm. All are welcome, *Fáilte roimh cách*. Free admission, *Cead isteach saor in aisce*. Further details contact [eolas@pilibbarun.com](mailto:eolas@pilibbarun.com).