



Delight as
work on
new Irish
school gets
under way

*30 years later,
Portakabins
replaced by a
fit-for-purpose
new building*

BY CONOR MCPARLAND

A NEW era has dawned for the Irish language in South Belfast after the first sod was cut this week on a new Ormeau Road Gaelscoil.

Almost 30 years after Scoil an Droichid welcomed its first pupils and parents to a Portakabin in Cooke Street, work is under way on an all-new school and nursery unit.

Scoil an Droichid has been operating out of temporary buildings for the entirety of its existence and today principal Claire Donnelly tells us of her delight that the school is finally to get the home it deserves.

She said: “We are delighted to reach this stage now that work has started. It has been a very long planning process. I think it has been 11 years since Minister O’Dowd announced we were on the list for school capital funds.

“A new school is badly needed. We are currently operating in second and third hand mobile-type units and they are just not fit for purpose.”

SHAKE ON IT: Scoil an Droichid Principal Claire Donnelly and Francis McCloskey of contractors Connolly and Fee at the new school site

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Lady Dixon roses set to bloom

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No move on lethal bonfire asbestos

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