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### Principal's Update 8/3/24

Dear parents,

We had a wonderful outcome to last week's Credit Union quiz heat in Armagh. After a nail -biting competition Joseph, Muhammad, Caitlin and Jude won a place in the All- Ireland final to be held in the RDS in Dublin in April. We are delighted!

We are also very proud of our pupils who participated in the EA Music Makers' Spring Concert- they were great ambassadors for our school- Thank you Ella, Joseph, Alex, Cecily, Sophie, Lucia, Chloe, Joseph and Conall.

At assembly today the school ECO council presented a lovely assembly outlining their Eco work to date and all that they had included in their submission for the Eco School awards- they have been incredibly busy and St Francis, our school's special saint and the patron saint of Ecology, is no doubt very pleased.

Thank you to all pupils for participating so wholeheartedly in our World Book Day celebrations. Our Literacy co-ordinator organised a fabulous programme of events and highlights have been posted on Seesaw and class pages on our website. Thank you Mrs Mc Parland!

Next Friday we will have a celebration for St Patrick's day. The school council will prepare and send out posters next week providing detail, but **pupils are allowed to wear green clothes etc if they choose to do so.**

### Water bottles

Some pupils are taking very expensive water bottles to school at the moment. We have had a few breakages resulting in very upset children. I encourage parents to provide less expensive, yet robust plastic bottles to avoid this. We **are** delighted however that the children are bringing water bottles to school as we know that they need to drink a lot of water to remain hydrated, alert and ready for learning.

**Reminder- School will be closed on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March for St Patrick's day.**

I sign off by wishing all the mothers a happy Mothering Sunday. I have been informed that you are all going to be indulged beyond belief, and deservedly so- you are wonderful!!!!!!!

Have a lovely weekend, yours in partnership,

Mrs Monaghan

