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Principal's Update 19/4/24

Dear Parents

Thank you to the many families that joined us in St Brigid's Church for the family mass last Saturday. It was a beautiful celebration and our children led the liturgy so well. [Thank you to Caoimhe, Conall, Aoife, Sophie, Lucia, Evie, Conor, Aoibhe and Ella.](#)

### **Our very busy Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April:**

The school council represented us at a big meeting in Newry Library in the morning. They had been invited to attend by the newly appointed NI Commissioner for Children and Young People, Chris Quinn and they enjoyed the presentation he gave re the rights of all children. I was very proud of our pupils' intelligent conversation, careful listening and beautiful manners throughout.

On the way back to school we called to the Cathedral Presbytery and presented a cheque for £863 to Canon Brown, the total of our Trócaire fundraising campaign during Lent. He will pass it on to Trócaire and was very appreciative.

That afternoon the Eco Council hosted the Judge from the Green Flag accreditation scheme. He spent one and a half hours with us and the pupils presented a detailed overview of all the Eco work that they have undertaken in the past three years before taking him on a guided tour of the grounds. They were enthusiastic, articulate and impressed him deeply. We await with fingers crossed the result of the visit and will hear in the early days of May, thank you Eco council!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Sincerest thanks to Mrs Mc Keown (who returned to school to lead the visit on the second day of her maternity leave- such dedication!!!!!!) and Mr Byrne who has long played a key role in all things Eco in St Clare's Abbey.

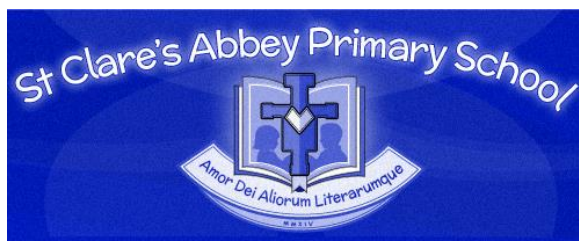
### **Big events for next week:**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> we will host a special meeting for parents of P4 pupils who will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion this year. It will be held from 2-3 in the school assembly hall and I know that your sons and daughters are looking forward to showing you how their preparation is progressing.

[On Thursday morning Mr Clarke's senior choir will be performing in Newry Feis.](#)

On Friday Mrs Noonan's Fireside singers and the P2 classes will perform in Newry Feis.





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I thank our teachers for affording the pupils these lovely opportunities and I know that the children will have a wonderful time.

I wish you a happy weekend,

Yours in partnership

*Mrs Monaghan*

