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Dear Parents & Carers

It has been a truly 'literary week' in St. Clare's Abbey. **Mrs Cribbin's P4s visited Newry library** and each pupil is now a fully-fledged member! We look forward to hearing about the array of books which they will borrow in the coming weeks. **Thursday saw the school filled with lots of book characters- the costume parade was a joy!** The children paired up to read together, completed quizzes, attended live lessons with authors and illustrators and took part in book-based art activities.

Our P5 & P6 girls attended St. Mary's High School 'World Book Day' quiz- they returned with prizes galore! **Our P6 boys were invited to Waterstones bookstore** for a 'book' scavenger Hunt and World Book Day activities. A busy week developing a love of reading!

At today's assembly Dave Wiggins (Active Travel Officer) spoke to pupils to challenge them to help the environment (and their health) by **walking or 'wheeling'** to school as part of the Big Walk & Wheel challenge which takes place from **16th-27th March**. Miss Jones is supporting this as our eco ambassador by preparing to begin our P7 Cycling Proficiency course in the coming weeks.

On another 'eco' note- a very big 'congratulations' to Treasa McCoy, P6 Mr Clarke/Mrs Noonan, who was selected as a finalist in the NI Environmental Youth Speak! We are SO proud and can't wait to see Treasa represent our school later this month in Downpatrick.

P4s visited Bagenal's Castle today for a workshop on their World Around Us topic- World War II. They learned about toys during the war, food rations, clothing and school life! They had great fun and learned lots! We are so lucky to have such a wonderful resource on our doorstep!

We continue to prepare during this Lenten season for Easter and ask God to keep us focused on helping others in humble service. We thank Fr Alphonsus for reminding us during our monthly Mass, which took place on Tuesday, of the importance of humility.

Yours in continued partnership,

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