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Greetings parents,

It has been a busy week with the following key pieces of news:

Accolades for St Clare's Abbey-

National Play Conference:

Next Friday, 13th May, Miss Rocks, Mrs Kearney and myself are speaking at the UK national conference 'Inspiring Early Years across the UK'. We are thrilled to be the only NI contributors to this prestigious event and I am very appreciative to all the Early Years staff for the huge effort they invest in developing quality play experiences for our youngest pupils. I know that you see many clips of these on Seesaw and can appreciate how much learning occurs in these contexts when managed skilfully by our excellent staff.

Feis:

We have had a wonderful time at Newry feis with lots of our pupils participating in the individual poetry sections, I believe that they were a credit to our school. We also congratulate **The Fireside Singers (P4)**, **The Creative Music Makers (P2)** and **The P6 cast of 'The Children of Lir'** drama production, for being such great ambassadors and for adding lots more prizes to our Trophy Cabinet. We thank Miss Duffy, Arts co-ordinator for her work on this.

Honouring Blessed Edmund Rice:

Yesterday marked the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice. He is a very special presence within our school and we have spoken about the wonderful gift that he gave to the poor of Ireland many years ago-education! We spoke about this at assembly this week and it is so important that the children appreciate that their education truly is a gift and one to be cherished, as not every child in the world has access to it. I love talking to our children about things like this as they listen so sincerely and really seem to 'get it.'



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May altar:

We have been singing the May hymns in honour of Mary and we have May altars throughout the school. Honouring Mary in her special month is a rich element of our tradition as a school and we would greatly appreciate any flowers that your child could bring in. We also love to see photographs of May Altars that you may have at home, please feel free to send a photograph to www.stclaresabbeyps.com

Confirmation-

P7 pupils will receive the Sacrament this evening at 6.00pm. The pupils have been wonderful to work with, exhibiting reverence and respect throughout their preparation. As a school we pray that they will truly experience the spirituality of the sacrament and will be enriched by the Gifts of the Holy Spirit from this day on. It is our privilege to be part of their faith journey.

Best wishes to you all and especially our P7 confirmed.

Yours in partnership,

Mrs Monaghan