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Dear parents,

We have had an extremely busy week:

1. Thank you for the effort you invested into making World Book Day such a success; the costumes and the submitted photographs created a great buzz!

Added to these, as part of our 'World Book Day' events:

- We hosted visits from two authors; Pauline Burgess and John Farrelly. The children responded enthusiastically to them and have hopefully been inspired to read their books and possibly engage in some 'book writing' themselves!!
- A group of wonderful Year 9 St Mary's students came to St Clare's Abbey to read to P3 pupils - this was a great experience for all involved and we thank the 'big girls' for their maturity and kindness to our children.
- A group of P7 pupils visited Rockfield Residential Home and read/sang to the residents. I have reliably heard that they provided a truly joyful morning for the residents.

Photographs/ Recordings will be posted on Seesaw and the school website- Enjoy!!

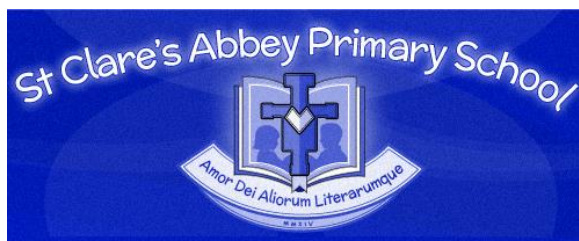
2. P7s had a fantastic afternoon with Dr Patricia Campbell (Mother of Evie) and her team, at which they learnt CPR and how to respond to someone choking. They practised their skills on the 'manikins', donated by Dr Campbell. We value this work so much and feel proud that our children possess such knowledge. We intend to have all senior pupils learn and practise this every year from this point forward and have written it into our curriculum planners.

3. Representatives from Mr Hillen's class travelled to Belfast to participate in a Lego League competition. Our pupils were the youngest competitors and their outstanding efforts were rewarded with a beautiful trophy. Well done Roise, Jane, Cecily, Willow, Caodhla, Aymen, Ignas and Adomas!

4. We congratulate Joseph, Cecily, Sophie and Alex for the work they have invested into their musical instruments. They have reached a standard that enabled them to participate in the EA Music Makers concert, hosted in Abbey Grammar school. We are very proud of them.

5. Primary 6 & 7 pupils have watched a presentation from NSPCC all about the Childline Service. Inspired by this School Council have agreed that all money raised at our Green Day on 16th March should be donated to Childline.





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Before I conclude, I have a REQUEST:

We have been reviewing and updating our policy for 'Promoting Positive Behaviour' and Mrs Donnelly would love to gather a group of parents to gather their thoughts on what we have done so far. She will host a meeting on Tuesday 7th March @ 10.30 am. If any parent would like to be involved, please contact Mrs Downey on 028 30262175.

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

With warmest regards,

Mrs Monaghan

