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Dear Parents

**We have had a truly joyful day today filled with celebrations for St Patrick's Day.**

Your children looked very 'Irish' in their green outfits, thank you for your effort. The sea of green really added to the atmosphere.

Our day started with a wonderful assembly which showcased the Irish dancing and traditional music skills of our pupils, staff and local musicians. At this we also sang Hail Glorious St Patrick, which we have been practising for weeks, to thank St Patrick for teaching the Irish people all about God.

This was followed by a ceili and Irish language session for each year group, The children had a great time and learnt a lot.

Finally we were entertained by a group of traditional musicians from St Colman's College, don't be surprised if your children are still tapping their feet in their sleep tonight.

I thank Miss Ferguson, Mr Hillen and Miss Malone for organising such a wonderful day for us all.

**Please note- an important date for P4 parents.**

The parish will be hosting a preparation session for parents of P4 pupils who hope to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion this year. It is hoped that each child will be represented by one parent or family member (over 18 years old). It will be held in the school assembly hall at 2.00pm on Thursday 30th March and your children will look forward to showing you how their preparations are coming along by singing and praying with you. It will be a lovely afternoon and whilst we understand that some parents may not be able to get time off work, please arrange for a grandparent, aunt, uncle etc to attend in your place if this is the case. It will be a special stage in your child's First Holy Communion preparation. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Enjoy the long St Patrick's weekend,

Yours in partnership,

*Mrs Monaghan*

