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Dear parents,

We have had such a wonderful week in school, refreshed after the St Patrick's day break last week and uplifted by the beautiful weather.

Taking the curriculum outdoors:

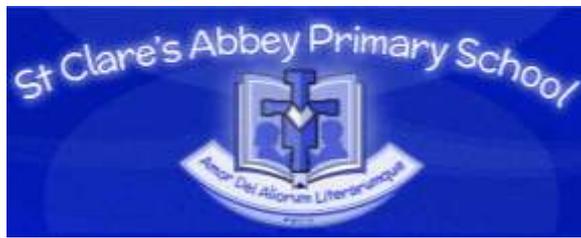
Our youngest pupils enjoyed the visiting Phil's Farm on Tuesday, a magical experience for them, which I am sure that you heard lots about! Our other classes also made the most of the good weather with many making great use of the school woodland for various projects. We are so fortunate to have this beautiful oasis on our school grounds and we see first-hand the benefits to children of spending time in nature. This weekend Mr Meleady, a parent who does a lot of nature related work with us, is placing some viewing devices at key points throughout the woodland to enable us to record some of the animal activity that takes place when we are not there. We are excited about this and are hoping to share the findings with the children in the weeks to come. We thank Mr Meleady.

Finalised sacramental arrangements:

With the relaxation of Covid restrictions within the church we are delighted that all P7 will have one shared ceremony as will all P4s for First Holy Communion, rather than two separate ceremonies as required last year.

Confirmation will be celebrated in The Cathedral @6pm on Friday 6th May

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in The Cathedral @ 11.30 on Saturday 14th May.



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Pupil attendance:

We had a meeting with the Education Welfare Officer on Wednesday. At this meeting she talked through the attendance levels of all pupils who had fallen below 85% across the year to date. She noted that most families who had received a school issued letter in February stating that attendance was causing concern, had improved levels by March. These will be reviewed again in April. She also indicated some families that need to be referred to her service for intervention and will meet with us on a monthly basis to identify other families who may need this.

I wish you all a beautiful Mothering Sunday weekend.

Mrs Monaghan