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Principal's Update 19/5/23

Dear parents,

I start this message by referencing our beautiful Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated In the Cathedral last Friday. It truly was a beautiful experience for us all due to your children's spirituality and the involvement of each family. Thank you for joining in so wholeheartedly. We would love to receive some more confirmation photographs for our website so please forward some to [stclaresabbey@gmail.com](mailto:stclaresabbey@gmail.com)

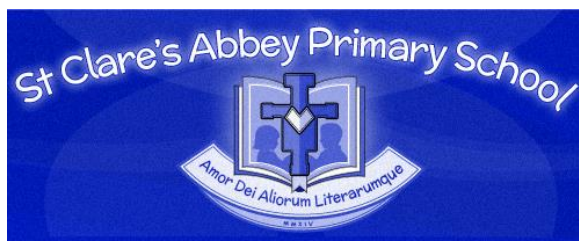
Staying on the theme of P7s, you may have seen an industrious crew at work in school this week. Our oldest pupils under the banner of the '**Giving a little bit back**' project helped us with gardening, weeding, replenishing flower beds, patching up holes in the Sports field, painting, preparing the route for the May procession and sprucing up the nursery in preparation for graduation. I had a remarkably energetic work force at my disposal and the school is beautifully presented now in readiness for the many celebrations that will unfold in the weeks to come. This is an important part of the P7 programme as they reflect upon all that they have received as pupils in our school. They are introduced to the concept promoted at all times by Saint Francis '**that it is in giving that we receive**' and they showed this week that they are very willing to give back now, having received so much. To say that I am proud of them is an understatement.

Thank you to all who voted for St Francis' Garden- the 'People's Choice' section of the UNESCO Young Environmentalists' competition. We make our way to Dublin next Friday to set up our exhibition and hopefully impress the judges in the grand final. Wish us luck!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I remind P4 & P7 parents that our May Procession will be held on Monday (weather permitting) at 1.15. All parents are welcome to attend and pupils can wear their sacramental clothes if they wish. Each class will be setting up a little prayer space to Mary on the route of the procession and I urge you to enjoy these as you make your way up through the forest.

The final words of this message go to the most important pupils in our school this weekend- the P4s. Having worked so hard to prepare for First Holy Communion, the special day will take place tomorrow. The children's reverence while practising today was extremely touching and a credit to the staff and families who have worked so diligently to prepare them.





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I ask you to join me in praying that they and their families will have a very meaningful sacrament and a weekend of joyous celebration.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Yours in partnership,

Mrs Monaghan

