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Dear Parents & Carers,

Well done to Year 2 for their very topical assembly on Saint Patrick. I have been humming their music all week! Science week gave us interesting investigations involving ice and lemonade, among other things, and of course the chicks. We said goodbye to them yesterday but the children gained so much from the experience of watching them.

### Reports and consultations

Teachers met with Nursery and Year Two parents this week and reports went home for Reception and Year One. An explanation of the school system for reporting will accompany this newsletter for your information.

### Parent workshop

We had an excellent turnout for Thursday's Anxiety workshop. Materials from the evening are being uploaded onto the school website for parents to access. We have a selection of picture books in school, available for short term loan, to help you address topics like bereavement or childhood anxiety with your child. Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like to access these. If you have experience of any other workshops or information evenings on topics of interest, I'd love to hear from you. I've had two recommendations from different providers which look very promising for future events so please let me know.

### A plea

We try to limit the number of letters and texts, etc. that we send out as too much communication is expensive for us and generates complaints from you. Increasingly, we are having to use texts to address misunderstandings arising from WhatsApp threads. Many of the calls to the school office each day are from parents checking information available in letters from club providers, on the website or in the newsletter (assembly, non-uniform, etc.). One school text to a club group of parents this week generated several calls from other parents who had been misled by a WhatsApp message.

To clarify, we use texts for urgent information or short notice cancellations/changes, only contacting relevant parents. I would be enormously grateful if you could check school sources like the website or letters we have sent **before** calling the office. Absence messages can be left on the answerphone and if you have a concern about your child, please speak to their class teacher. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### Mary's Meals update

Emily and Isabella have updated the running total for our Lenten charity after Year Two counted the coins in class mugs. We have now collected £232.08, enough to feed and educate 16 children for one year. Please keep the coins coming in – our small change will make a huge difference so thank you for your continued generosity.

Lá Fheile Pádraig and have a lovely weekend

Kind regards,



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