



# St. Ailbe's School

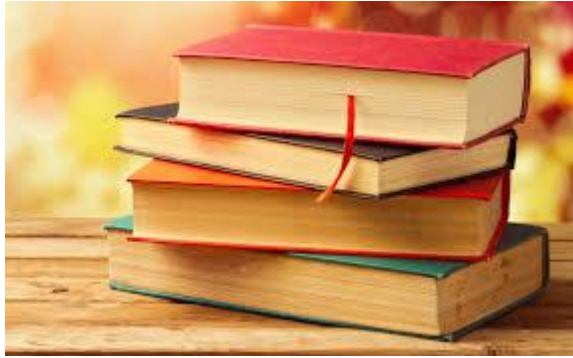
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HAPPINESS  
*but you can buy*  
BOOKS



*and that's kind of*  
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# STUDENTS

The students throughout St. Ailbe's are exposed to a love of reading. Before and while undertaking the Wellread Initiative, students in each year were invited to take part in different activities to encourage a love of reading.

# FIRST YEAR LIBRARY TRIP

All first year students joined the library in Tipperary Town. This membership is invaluable for students.

Students were given a talk by a staff member about the library, taking out books, where to locate books etc. This link with the community is fantastic for students.



The following slides show first year students' day out to the library.













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St Ailbes School October 14, 2018 at 10:07 AM

Some photos from Friday's first year library visit as part of our literacy strategy.



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Library Visit

Students of 1A & 1C Library visit to the Library. All students encouraged to become library members to promote reading for pleasure as part of our literacy initiatives in St Ailbe's. Thanks so much to Nollaig for facilitating the visit.



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# Rolling First Year Reading Class

As part of a Literacy Initiative within the school, first year students have a *Rolling Reading class*. Once a week students have a reading class. Students can bring in their own novel or avail of books in the school library. The *Rolling Reading class* is designed so that each week a different period is a reading class.





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### Drop Everything And Read

As part of our literacy strategy the first-year students have begun their drop everything and read initiative. We hope that this help to promote a life long love of reading.



# One Book One Community

'One Book, One Community' celebration took place in November of the school year. First year students, parents, grand parents, teachers and staff and members of the community enjoyed the celebration of the study and reading of the book 'Skyhawk'. This is an important day in our school calendar.



The following pictures show students, parents and community enjoy the celebration for One Book One Community.



Welcome to the  
1<sup>st</sup> Years'  
Celebration  
One Book,  
One Community



School principal welcoming the different members of the community and parents to the school for the One Book One Community Celebration.







Students reading excerpts from the novel 'Skyhawk'.





# SECOND YEAR – ORAL COMMUNICATION SPEAKER

Second years enjoyed a visit from a speaker to discuss the importance of oral communication. Research, reading and study influence how we communicate with each other.



# Third Year author visit –Jane Mitchel



Third year students enjoyed a visit from an author on their Junior Cycle course. The experience is invaluable for students, the experience of meeting an author in real life has influenced their love of reading. The following pictures show the gathering of students.



# 5<sup>th</sup> Year Students' article for newspaper



Senior students became involved with writing articles for the local paper 'The Nationalist', students wrote articles on the school musical that took place in November; "A Whole New World".



# Senior Book exchange

A number of senior students began a book exchange. Students recommended books to one another and passed on a book that they enjoyed reading.



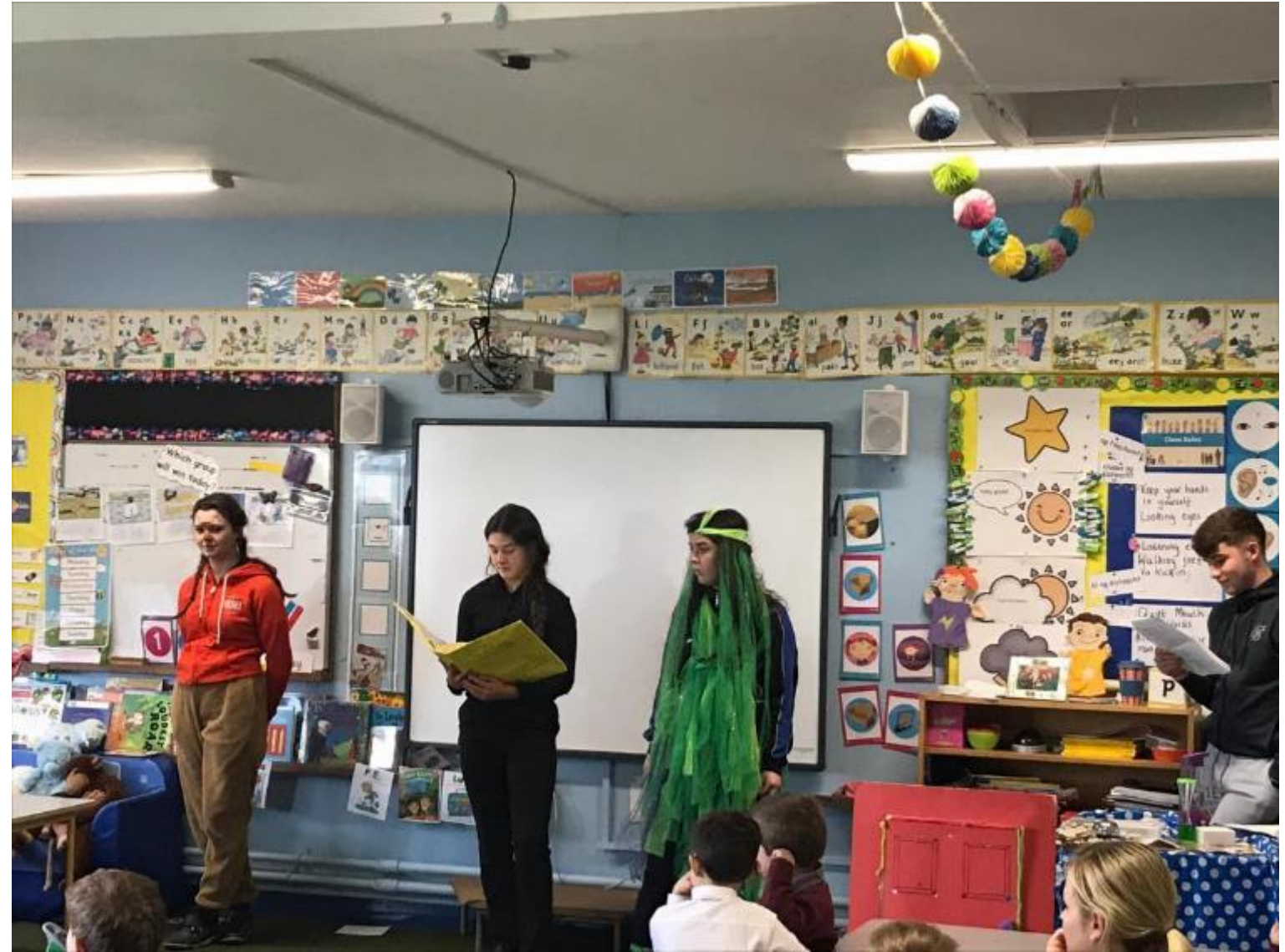
# TY World Book Day Activities in primary school.

- A running tradition in St. Ailbe's involves Transition Year Students visiting the local primary school for World Book Day. Students from TY prepare performances for the students based upon their favourite books.
- The students read excerpts from the book and perform, allowing the story to come alive for the pupils. The following photos show the students acting, as well as the overall celebration of World Book Day. This link with the primary schools, is another strong community link.











# TY students paired reading with First Year students.



Transition Year students also work with first year students. The students read together for a number of classes. First year students have the comfort to ask their peer for help if they have any difficulty. It also exemplifies a love of reading throughout the year groups.



# 5<sup>th</sup> year trip to Shakespeare play







5<sup>th</sup> year students studied Hamlet and enjoyed a live production of the play in Limerick last January.

# 5th & 6<sup>th</sup> Year Students reading newspapers



2. A number of teachers also receive these papers for their personal enjoyment. This certainly promotes a love of reading.

1. Teachers in varying subjects, e.g. Irish and Agricultural Science, organise for the delivery of papers like 'The Farmer's Journal' and the Gaeilge supplement from the Irish Independent. Students enjoy these classes to read more about their subjects in a leisurely way.





# Poetry Day Ireland

Senior students celebrating Poetry Day Ireland at the beginning of May. Students picked and read their favourite poems and all received a Pocket Poem from Poetry Ireland.



# 'Make a Book'

Students and teachers at the *Make a Book* event.





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# Public Speaking competition

Students from different years taking part in the Tipperary ETB Public Speaking Competition.







*Well done to our students who took part in today's ETB public speaking competition. Sophie Bartlett spoke about 'The best advice I ever got' Mary Ryan spoke on the topic 'Social Media, friend or foe?' & Dylan Casey spoke about 'School'. Well done to all three for taking part and congratulations to Dylan who came second in the first year competition.*

# *Drop Everything and Read*



DEAR took place for a week with twenty minutes reading before lunch each day. Reading material is left in each classroom should students forget to bring their novels.





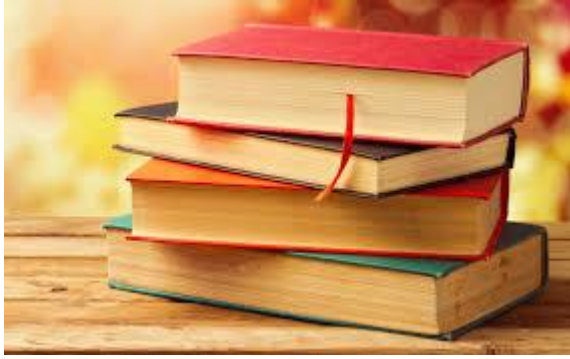
# School Library



PLEASE DONATE  
ANY UNWANTED  
BOOKS AT HOME  
TO THE SCHOOL  
LIBRARY  
THANK YOU

# Posters created to promote reading in the school.





# STAFF & TEACHERS

# Teacher Book Swap

- At the beginning of the year, it became apparent that there was a love of reading among the staff in St. Ailbe's School. Organically, a book swap began between different members of staff. All staff were invited to join. At the end of the year, staff who took part in the Book Swap gathered to discuss the different books that they enjoyed and recommend books to others...
- A shelf was used for staff to share, take or leave a book as they pleased.





Teachers who took part in the book swap having a meeting to discuss and pass on their ideas & books.



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# Competition – World Book Day



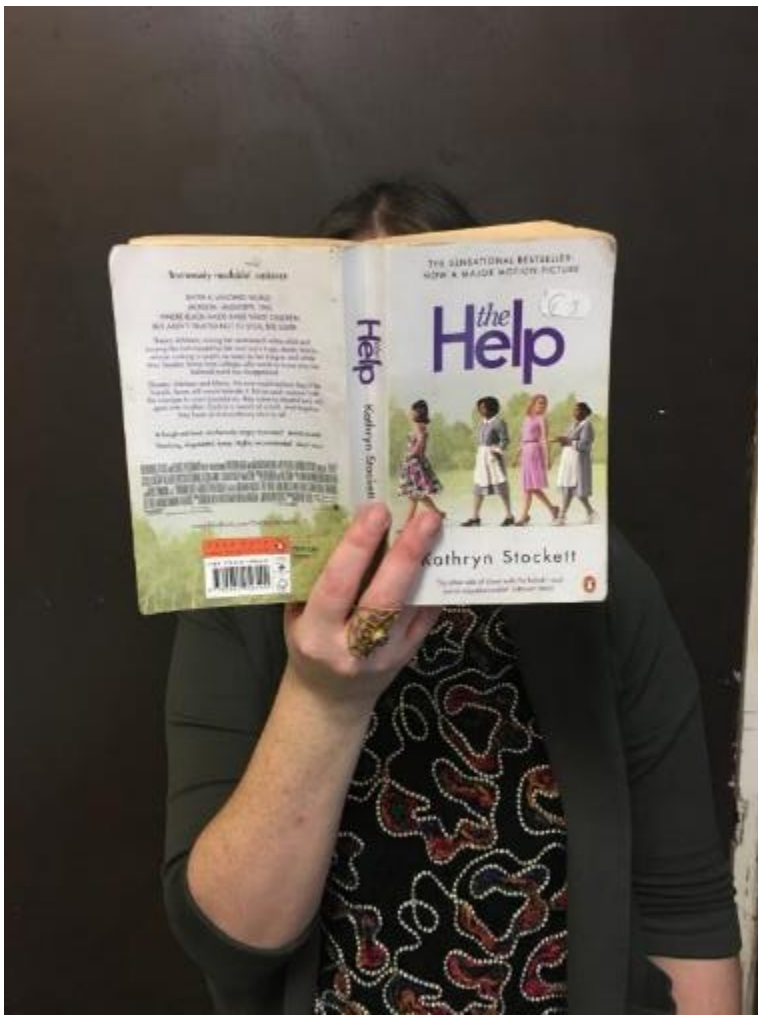
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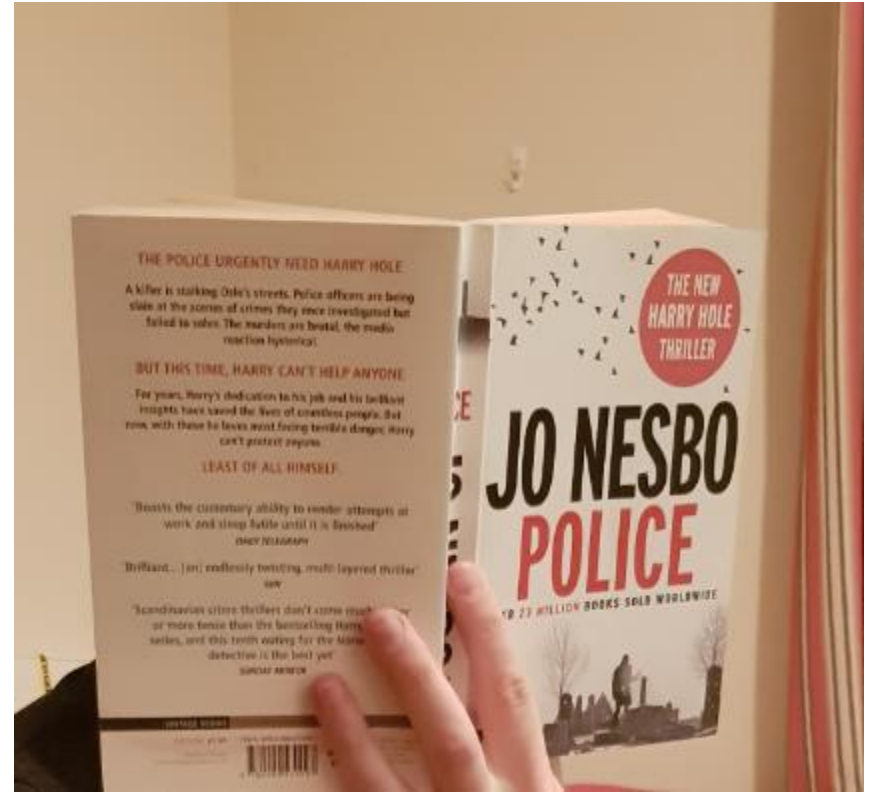
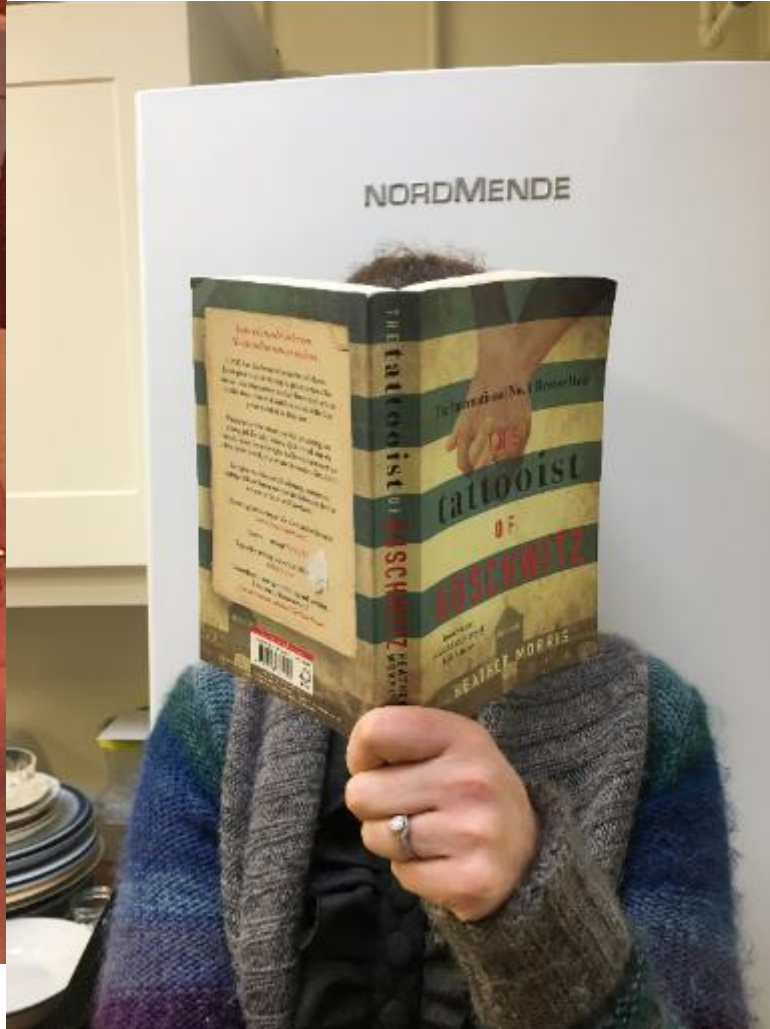
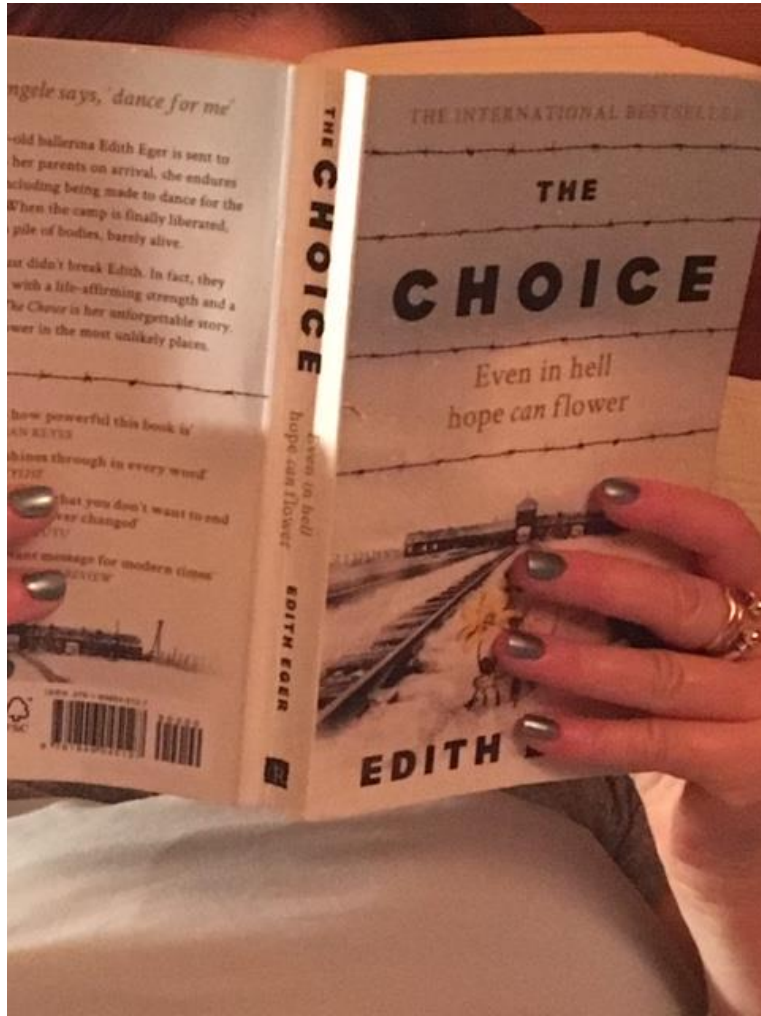
Make sure you enter the competition to celebrate world book day this week.

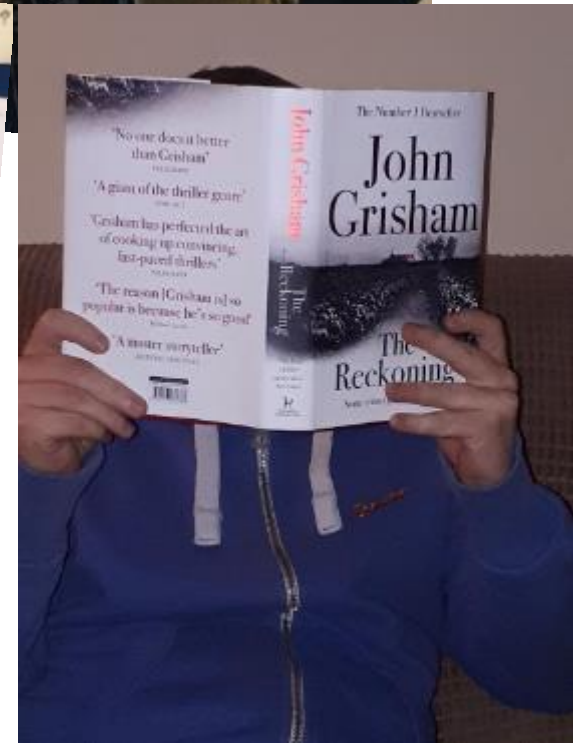
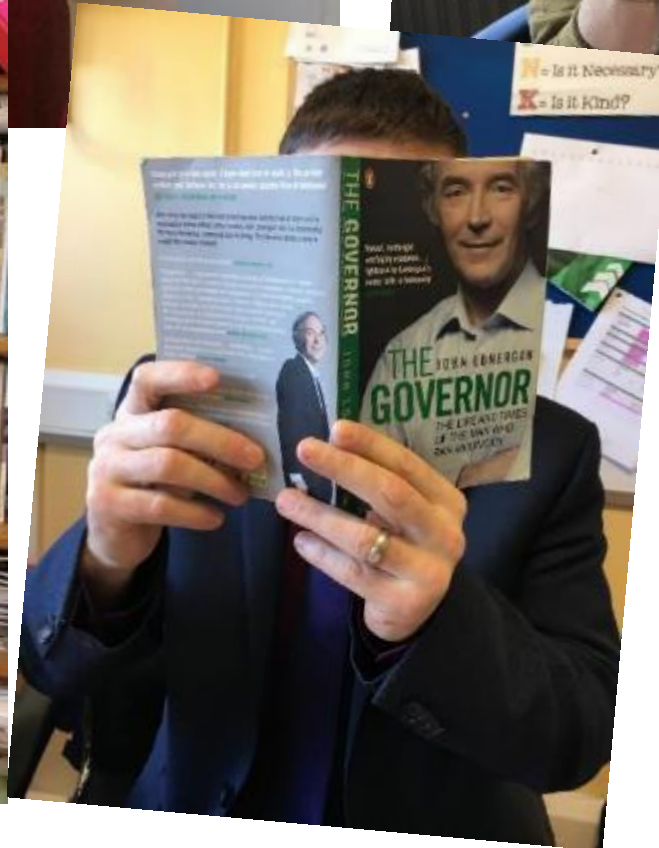
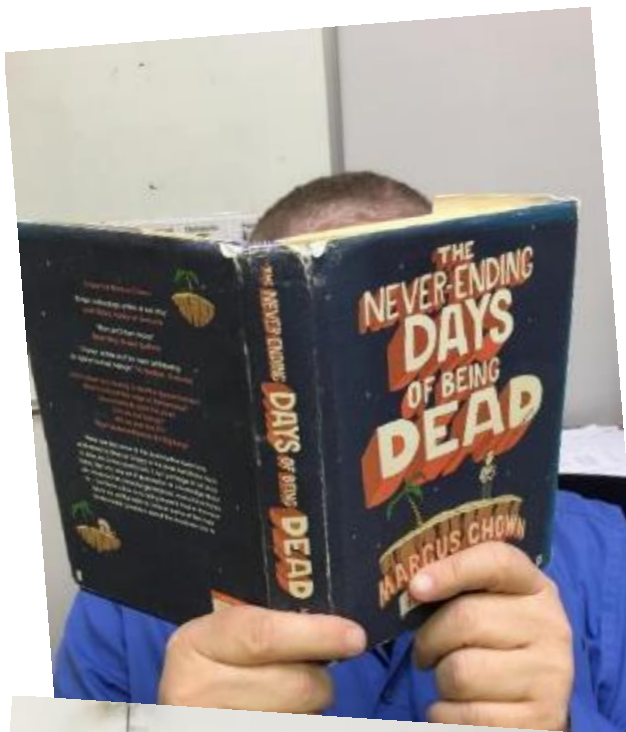


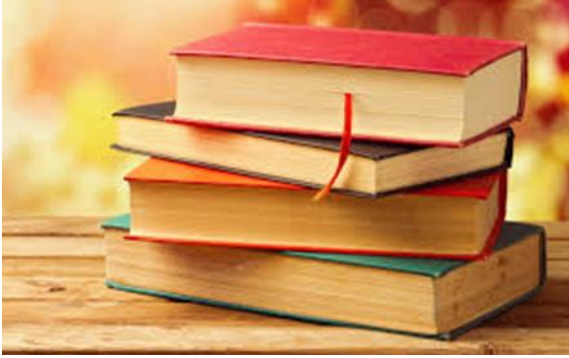
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To celebrate World Book Day and to show the staff in St. Ailbe's love of reading, we ran a competition to "Guess who's reading??" Staff, parents, students were all invited to take part in the competition.









# Parents

Parents play a strong part in encouraging reading and promoting a love of reading with their children. A number of initiatives took place to include parent's role in fostering a love of reading, including: Book Swap, One Book One Community, Reading Groups.

# Parents Book Celebration





# Parents: Book Swap



A display was left in reception and parents could drop in, take a book and leave a book as it suited them. We gathered a huge amount of books for the Book Swap.



Pictured here are senior students; organising books, brought in by parents, for the book swap! The Book Swap was a wonderful success.

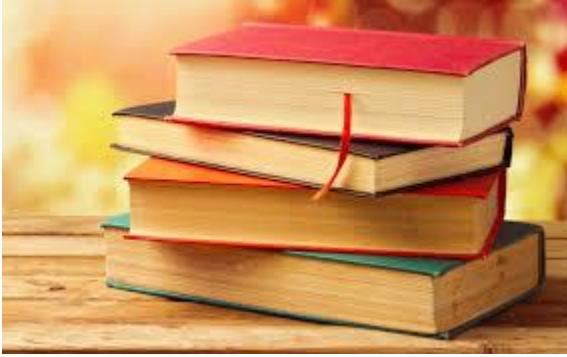


# Adults – parents book club -



As part of our school we have a number of Adult Education classes. Both parents and members of the community take these classes. Some of the parents past and present and members of the community began to swap books. Here we have a group picking out their favourite from the year.





# Community

St. Ailbe's have made a number of links with the community to promote a love of reading.

# Links with the community:

- Links were made throughout the community to promote reading.
- Students joined the local library, students read poems at the Nursing Home before Christmas.
- Students supplied offices with reading material for people who may need to wait.
- *One Book One Community* allowed for members of the community to be involved in the celebration of reading.
- People from the Adult Education classes nearby joined in swapping books, all of which organically encouraged reading within the community.
- Strong links continue with TY students celebrating World Book Day with the Primary School Students.

# Students joined the local library



Students read poems at the nursing home near by before Christmas.



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St Ailbes School  
December 19, 2018 at 3:02 PM

Some more photos from the Cluain Arann visit yesterday. its obvious everyone had a great time.



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St Ailbes School  
December 18, 2018 at 9:09 PM

Cluain Arann visit  
Very proud of all our students who visited Cluain arann today, the students entertained the residents with musical performances and poetry readings. Everybody really enjoyed the day and our students greatly benefited from their conversations today.



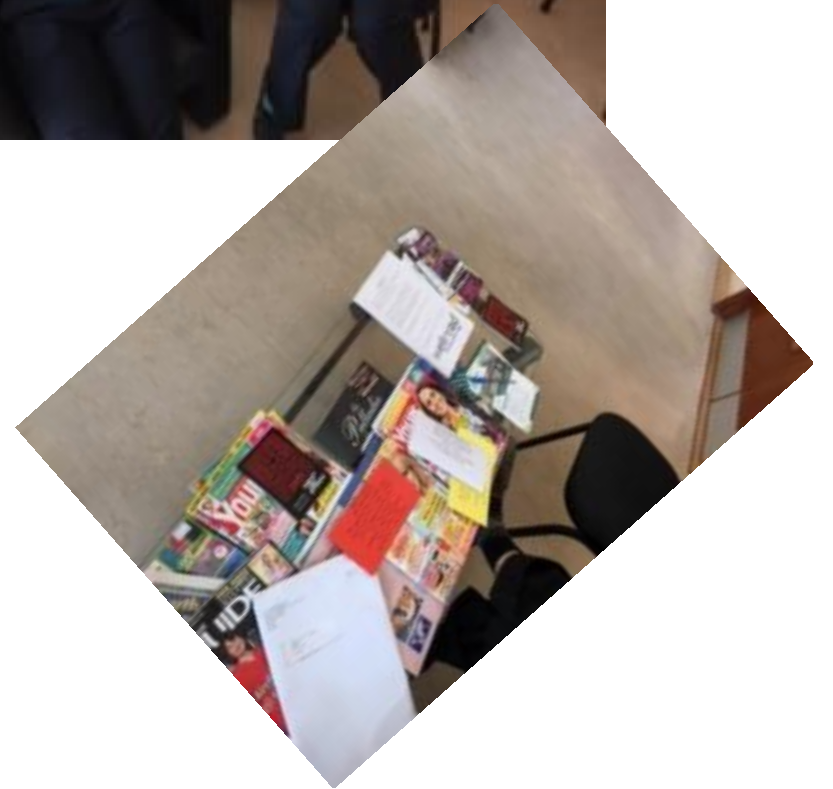
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Students supplied an office building near the school with reading material for their waiting area.





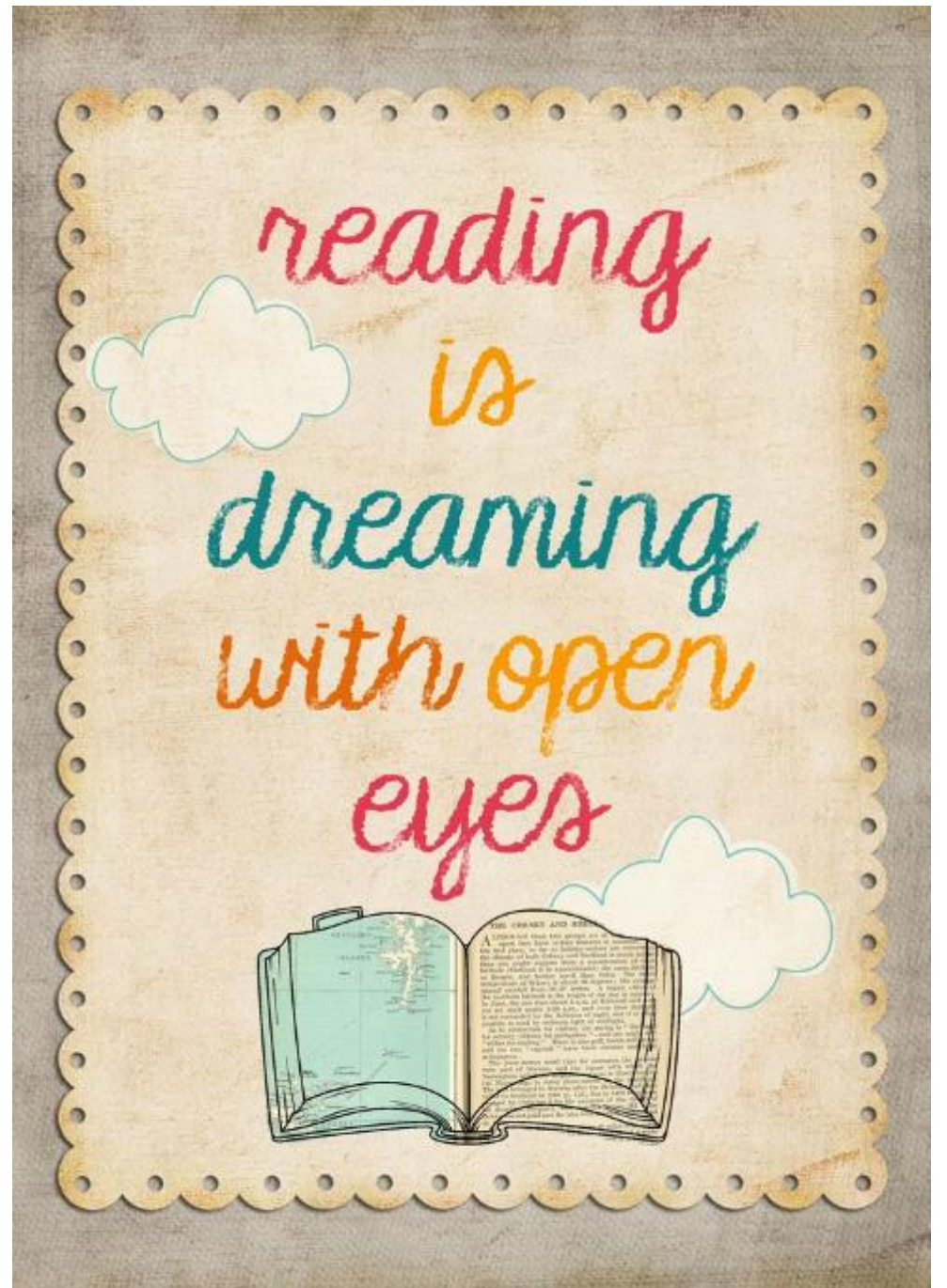
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Adults (a mix of both parents and community members) from the Adult Education classes nearby joined in swapping books, all of which organically encouraged reading within the community.



- St. Ailbe's have fostered a love and a culture of reading within the school, with staff, students, parents and the wider community.



# THANK YOU!

"If you don't like to read,  
you haven't found the right book."

- J.K. Rowling

 Dictionary.com

