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Dear Kevin & Staff

Many thanks to you and every member of staff for your warm welcome and cooperation today when I visited your lovely school and for affording me so much time with each of your classes. It was my privilege to be with you all again and to spend time with you and the children. It was just great that I came on a morning when there was a class taking the Assembly. What a lovely assembly with such a striking message for the whole school. Well Done Aisling and all concerned with the preparation.

There is such a lovely atmosphere in your school I am aware that does not happen automatically, it is created with love, care and genuine concern for each other. It is obvious the children have caught it from you. They are a delight to be with, so friendly, open and very well behaved. They are a credit to you all and to their parents. I loved every moment with them.

It was obvious to me from the responses of the children that both Religious Education programmes are being well taught and that regular prayer is a daily practice in classrooms and at assemblies. The children are experiencing lived faith daily from you and you are to be commended for the way you have provided such lovely Prayer Spaces in your classrooms which I have no doubt are an inspiration to the children in your class. You will be blessed in your own lives for helping them to know God. Scripture is very clear on this: "Those who have instructed others in virtue will shine like stars for all eternity"  $\mathcal{D}_{anief12:3}$ 

Congratulations and thanks to every member of staff for your total dedication and commitment. May God bless each of you abundantly for the great work you are doing. Be assured of my daily prayer for you and your families.

Yours sincerely

Mercedes

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