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Dear Michael,

Just a little note of thanks at the end of our school year to acknowledge our sincere appreciation at our being involved in the Connecting Peoples, Places and Heritage programme throughout the year.

At the outset of the project, we hoped that our pupils would successfully and productively liaise with Fairgreen National School, Belturbet, and in so doing would develop an enhanced and greater understanding of our area from both a cultural and heritage perspective. This they most certainly have achieved. The various heritage trails, including the Gaelic and Plantation Trail, the Early Christianity Trail and visit to Devenish Island, the Industrial Revolution/Transport trail at Dromod Railway Station and the visit to Cavan County Museum at Ballyjamesduff, provided the children with a wealth of experiences and opportunities to increase their personal knowledge and awareness.

We are grateful also for the help and expertise provided by Bronagh in relation to us setting up our own webpage and the virtual trail in partnership with Fairgreen. The children have very much enjoyed been involved with this.

Another aspect which the pupils found very rewarding was the completing of the ceramic tiled mosaic, again in partnership with our friends from Fairgreen NS. We are very proud of this beautiful piece of work and I must stress how delighted I was to see it on display in Fermanagh County Museum on your recent launch night. Again, sincere thanks to yourself and the artists in residence on that day for facilitating the event. (I enclose, Michael, copies of the children's writings in relation to the history/significance of the various objects on our tiles).

If I could finish by saying once again a huge thank-you to yourself, Michael, for your great work, kindness and help to ourselves throughout the year, particularly in March! I trust that the programme will be available to other schools next year and I know that they will gain immeasurably from partaking in it. Well done to yourself and all your colleagues.

Yours sincerely

Ursula Smith

Class Teacher