

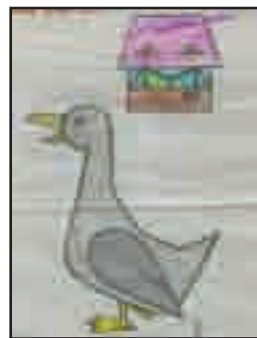
# little people



Abi Connolly  
Cloonkeen East  
Castlereagh  
Age: 4



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Medhbh Hickey  
Ard Aoibhinn  
Roscommon  
Age: 6



Chloe Beirne  
Cloonshanagh  
Elphin  
Age: 7



Lauren McTiernan  
Derrane  
Fourmilehouse  
Age: 5



Shane Coleman  
Palmfield Lower, Carracastle,  
Ballaghaderreen  
Age: 7



ABOVE: Two young readers pictured at the celebrations to mark World Book Day in Abbeycartron NS, Elphin recently.

LEFT: One young reader with 'Cat in the Hat' by Dr. Seuss pictured at the celebrations to mark World Book Day in Abbeycartron NS, Elphin recently.

**Colour me ....**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Young detectives celebrate World Book Day in Elphin

Children arriving at Abbeycartron NS in Elphin last week to celebrate World Book Day found themselves confronted with a crime scene complete with Garda CSI tape and a chalk outline of a body.

They then had to set about investigating the murder in the school yard. All the clues were relating to books and to correctly solve the crime the children had to identify the murder weapon, the actual scene of the murder, who saw it? Oh and of course the big question. Who was the murderer?

Great activity followed as children proceeded to investigate in the best traditions of any Hercule Poirot or Famous Five book.

Next saw the arrival of the mobile library from Roscommon County Council library service. All children got a tour of the facility from Meliosa Moran and Kevin McGrath of the library service. They explained all about the classification system of books and the



Alan Gallagher storyteller, Helen Butler, Abbeycartron NS, Mick Rock, Principal, Abbeycartron NS, Meliosa Moran and Kevin McGrath, Roscommon County Library.

Dewey decimal system. They also answered the important questions such as, "How do you stop the books from falling off the shelves when the library is driving over potholes?"

To prove that fairytales are also important, Alan Gallagher, a renowned storyteller from Co. Donegal, was on hand to enthrall the children with tales of wee folk, witches and legends of Irish folklore. Alan's stories were wonderful

and all children from junior infants to sixth class really enjoyed it.

School Principal Mick Rock was high in his praise for the library service saying that "Co. Limerick Richie Farrell is a great supporter of literacy and reading in the County and Roscommon has one of the best library services in the country. We are especially lucky here in Elphin to have a great branch library in the town

and also to have the continued support of the library service even though due to cuts in funding the school library service is now sadly a thing of the past."

The children also partook in other classroom based book activities including a session where older children read to the younger children. World Book Day will long be remembered as a fun day in Elphin.

**Q. Why did the mechanic sleep under the car?**  
**A.** He wanted to get up oily in the morning!

**Q. What's an insect's favourite sport?**  
**A.** Cricket!

**Q. What kind of car does Mickey Mouse's wife drive?**  
**A.** A minnie van!

**Q. Is this a second hand shop?**  
**A.** Yes sir.

**Q. Good, can you fit one to my watch then please?**

**Knock Knock**  
Who's there?  
**Egg!**  
Egg who?  
**Egg-citing to meet you!**

**Jokes of the week ...**