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A Chairde,

I would like to send my best wishes to all of the teachers and pupils of St. Coleman's Primary School.

I greatly welcome initiatives like World Book Day as it encourages and supports the role of literature and reading in our lives, reminding us of the importance of creative expression and of how an appreciation and love of good writing can enrich our daily lives at any age.

As you all know, reading enhances our language skills and helps us to develop fluency, which allows us to express our thoughts and ideas better. Books respond to our thirst for knowledge - through them, we learn how things work, learn about different cultures and seek to comprehend the histories of the world. Books and reading can also help us to escape our daily lives and feed our imaginations.

I congratulate you all on taking the opportunity to participate and become avid readers and I wish you all every success for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Michael D. Higgins
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President of Ireland