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An old head on young shoulders

Dear Mam,

Greetings from Connemara!

I'm getting on great here in Granny and Grandpa's house and I'm really enjoying the holidays. Every morning, myself and Grandpa go walking and we go into the little shop in the town centre to buy the daily newspaper. Every Tom, Dick and Harry knows Grandpa! People are always saying hello to him, men and women, young and old. I'm getting to know everyone a bit myself. The other day, I met Patrick O'Shea, who you had as a teacher in secondary school. Himself and Grandpa are great friends. They endlessly talk about football and hurling; sometimes I have to leave and make my own way home or I'd ~~be~~ be there all day!

The lady who works in the shop

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Remembers you well and she was asking for you. She's a really knowledgeable person. I love chatting to her and hearing about the traditions and history of the place. Next weekend, we plan to go out walking and she's promised me that she'll show me a few interesting things like the big fort on the top of the hill and the standing stone that's in the field by the river.

Last night, Granny and I undertook our first computer lesson. She promised me that she'd do a few cooking sessions with me if I would give her a few lessons in computers. She's heard about Facebook and she said that she'd like to create her own account, which is something that surprised me, but she tells me that a fair few of her friends are already using it to keep in contact with their ~~family~~ children or grandchildren that are now scattered around the world. And there

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was me thinking that only young people would have an interest in computers. She also said that she'd like to be able to use search engines like Google to book flights etc. so that she wouldn't have to be depending on people all the time. You know yourself how independent she is!

I was worried coming here because I ~~was~~ knew that there weren't many young people left in the town. To tell the truth, I thought it would be boring. However, the opposite is true. I'm really happy that I have the opportunity to spend a while along with Granny and Grandpa and to get to know them better, and now I'm a little bit more grown up. I can see that I have a lot to learn from them and I like that I have information to share with them too.

I hope that you are enjoying your holidays. I'll see you in a week,  
Mary.