

## Learning to be a wonderful me

September 2017

### Welcome...

We are delighted to welcome you and your family to Dunclug Nursery School, as your child begins an exciting journey that will help prepare them for their future learning opportunities. This is the first of our Monthly Newsletters that will keep you up to date on all the busy days of learning, play and fun activities that your child will be involved in at Nursery School. You can also find information and photographs on facebook by searching 'Dunclug Nursery School' and liking our page, or on our school website [www.dunclugnursery.co.uk](http://www.dunclugnursery.co.uk).

Please take time to have a look and use the information to talk to your child about what they have been doing at Nursery School.

### Themes -

Our theme for September is 'Wonderful Me.' The Learning goals for this topic can be found in the 'Planning' section of our Parents' and Carers' Board in our entrance hall.

We will be taking time to get to know all of the children this month and will be giving them lots of opportunities to talk about something they are expert in – their family, friends and favourite things. To help us explore this theme, we are asking parents to send in their child's 'Wonderful Me' box, which we will keep in Nursery School and allow them to tell us about. We suggest wrapping or decorating a shoe box (or a small box of a similar size) and choosing some of the following items to put inside –

- A photograph of family and/or special people in their lives that they can introduce to us
- The cover of a DVD they like to watch or a CD they like to listen to
- A small toy, e.g. a favourite character from a cartoon they watch (NOT their favourite bed time toy though!!!)
- A memento from a recent holiday/visit that they made
- Anything else that they might want to show us and talk about.

When you have made up the box, talk to your child about the objects they have chosen to put inside, put their name on the items inside (where possible!) and on the outside of the box and send it into Nursery. We will keep their box in school for a couple of weeks before sending it home again. Many thanks for your help with this activity – it also serves the purpose of helping the children to settle as it allows them to bring some of their special things from home into Nursery.

**Nursery Rhymes and Fairytales** – We will be singing lots of Nursery Rhymes in Nursery and will be reading traditional tales such as 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'Little Red Riding Hood' with the children this month. You may have some of these stories in your childhood collection that you can share with them at home! If not you might find these stories and other similar tales in the local library.

As Einstein said...

*"If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairytales.  
If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairytales!"*



We have sent home a copy of some of the rhymes that we will be saying this month along with this Newsletter. Please sing along with your child to help support their learning.

### **Parents' Information –**

Today you will receive some Parents' Information in your child's box. Please take the time to read this information and if you have any questions about it, or anything else throughout the year, please do not hesitate to speak with Nursery staff. We have a carefully planned induction programme to ensure that your child has the opportunity to settle well into the routine of attending Nursery each day.

If you still have to complete and return forms to Nursery please do that as soon as possible. To enable us to ensure that all of your child's needs are met, please speak to your child's teacher if your child has any special educational needs / medical condition, or if he or she is attending any outside agencies, such as speech therapy.

Please check your child's box in their cloakroom each day, as we may send home some of your child's art creations or additional correspondence from Nursery.

There is also a bag in your child's cloakroom that has their name and symbol on it. We would ask that you provide a change of clothes to be kept in Nursery. If your child needs to have their clothes changed we will let you know and ask you to replace the used items the following day.

### **Welcome Miss Quinn!**

We are also delighted to welcome a new teacher in our Nursery. Miss Laura Quinn will be teaching the Red and Blue Classes to cover Mrs. Bishop as she takes on the role of Principal and Yellow Class teacher during Mrs. Muir's Maternity leave. Miss Quinn studied at Stranmillis University with a specialism in Early Years' Education and is a great addition to our highly qualified and vibrant staff team.

**Parent / Nursery partnership** – Parents' support of Nursery is an integral part of the children's progress. Please speak to us if you can help us out in any way, whether it be as a parent volunteer for educational visits or if you have an interesting job or hobby that you talk to the children about, maybe you have an interest or talent that could be used to enhance the excellent provision that we already have in place? We would love to hear from you at this early stage of the year so we can harness all your talents and expertise!

Please help to support your child during this settling in time by –

- Talking to your child about their day in Nursery
- Reading stories and saying rhymes with your child
- Talking about our themes each month
- Looking for items at home that your child can bring in for our colour or interest displays.

### **Induction information –**

Hopefully you will all have received a timetable of session times for September. We build the children's time in Nursery up gradually, to enable them to settle well into their new surroundings, giving them appropriate time to get to know staff and other children in their class. You will find this starting timetable on the Parents and Carers board in the entrance hall. Please note that all children will attend Nursery for one hour per day during their first week.

**Nursery Fund** – We collect a contribution of £5.00 per week for our Nursery Fund. We use this money to buy healthy snacks for the children, resources for Nursery and to fund educational visits and visitors to the Nursery. We provide envelopes for collecting Nursery fund. These are available from the cloakroom areas and we ask that it is sent into Nursery on a Monday if possible. It really

helps if you can put your child's name, amount of money and what the money is for on the outside of the envelope. Contributions will begin on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September. This can then be posted in the little post box in the cloakroom of your child's class. If you wish to pay on a termly basis, this term's contribution totals £65.00. Please make cheques payable to Dunclug Nursery School.

**School Uniform** – The children are looking lovely in their new uniforms. ☺ **Please help us out by naming all items of clothing, including coats, sweatshirts and shoes.**

### **Food Allergies**

We have some children in Nursery with severe allergies to certain foods. We work alongside the parents of these children to take every reasonable step to safeguard the children from the foods that may induce a serious and sometimes life-threatening reaction whilst in Nursery. We provide snack daily for all children, and will provide snacks on special occasions such as birthdays, 'party' days or on School trips. To help us to protect the children's health and wellbeing we are asking parents not to send **any** other food into school, and also to refrain from allowing their child to bring any food into Nursery with them. If you or your child should have food containing *nuts* or *eggs* prior to coming into Nursery we would ask you to wash your/their hands thoroughly and give their faces a wee wipe too, to minimise the risk of the children with severe allergies coming into contact with these allergens.

We really appreciate your understanding and support with this.

### **Administration of Piriton**

Recent advice from the School Nurse is that children may not have an allergic reaction to an allergen on their first exposure to it, but the same allergen may induce an allergic reaction during future exposure. In cases where we suspect a child in Nursery is having an allergic reaction we will administer the recommended dosage of Piriton Anti-Histamine Medication to your child, unless you contact us to object to this. If your child has required this medication during the session we will contact you or speak to you at pick up time to let you know.



### **Birthday Boys and Girls**

Happy Birthday all of these special boys and girls who will be celebrating their birthday this month ...

#### **Yellow Class** –

Delia

#### **Joe**

#### **Red Class** –

Tiernan

#### **Blue Class** –

Ellie

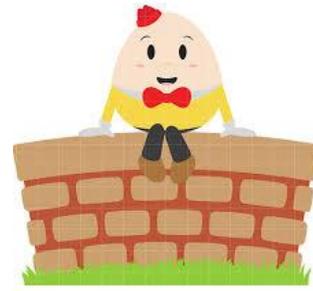
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Many Thanks for your support and cooperation, *Dionne Bishop.*

## NURSERY RHYMES

### Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall,  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall,  
All the King's horses and all the King's men,  
Couldn't put Humpty together again!



### Baa Baa Black Sheep

Baa Baa black sheep, have you any wool?  
Yes Sir, Yes Sir, three bags full,  
One for the master and one for the dame,  
And one for the little boy who lived down the lane.

### Hey Diddle Diddle

Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle,  
The cow jumped over the moon,  
The little dog laughed to see such fun,  
And the dish ran away with the spoon.



### Twinkle Twinkle

Twinkle Twinkle little star,  
How I wonder what you are,  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky,  
Twinkle Twinkle little star,  
How I wonder what you are.

### Mary had a Little Lamb

Mary had a little lamb, little lamb, little lamb,  
Mary had a little lamb its fleece was white as snow,  
And everywhere that Mary went, Mary went, Mary went,  
Everywhere that Mary went the lamb was sure to go.

It followed her to school one day, school one day, school one day,  
It followed her to school one day which was against the rule.

It made the children laugh and play, laugh and play, laugh and play,  
It made the children laugh and play to see a lamb at school.





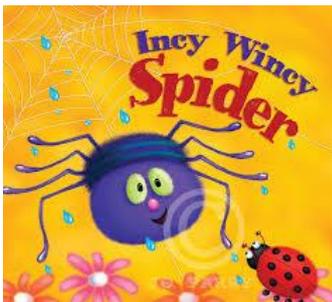
### Jack and Jill

Jack and Jill went up the hill, to fetch a pail of water,  
Jack fell down, and broke his crown,  
And Jill came tumbling after!

### Grand Old Duke of York

Oh the grand old duke of York,  
He had ten thousand men,  
He marched them up to the top of the hill,  
And he marched them down again.

And when they were up they were up,  
And when they were down they were down,  
And when they were only half way up,  
They were neither up nor down!



### Incy Wincy Spider

Incy Wincy spider climbed up the water spout,  
Down came the rain and washed the spider out,  
Up came the sunshine and dried up all the rain,  
And Incy Wincy Spider climbed up the spout again.

### Little Boy Blue

Little Boy Blue come blow your horn,  
The sheep's in the meadow, the cow's in the corn,  
But where is the boy who looks after the sheep?  
He's under a haystack, fast asleep.



### Old Mother Hubbard

Old Mother Hubbard went to her cupboard,  
To get her poor doggy a bone,  
But when she got there, the cupboard was bare,  
And so poor doggy got none!

### Jack be nimble

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick,  
Jack jump over the candlestick!

