

## Learning to be a wonderful me

September 2020

### Welcome...

We are delighted to welcome new and returning families 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, on our school website [www.dunclugnursery.co.uk](http://www.dunclugnursery.co.uk) and on the Seesaw app. 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.

### Restart Plan

We have been working hard in preparation for the Restart, on assessing potential areas of risk and planning how we can mitigate these. You will find our Restart Plan on our website, in the Documents section and under the Policies heading. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries, on 028 25644286, by email – [pmuir291@c2kni.net](mailto:pmuir291@c2kni.net) or via Seesaw.

### Seesaw

If you haven't already, please download the Seesaw app using the instructions you received in your child's pack last week. Seesaw provides an excellent means of communication between home and school that is particularly important at the moment, in the midst of the COVID Pandemic, when face to face contact is less frequent.

It is also a fantastic way for us to send you snap shots of what your child will be up to during their session in Nursery.

### Themes -

Our theme for September is 'Wonderful Me.' We will share Learning goals for this topic through Seesaw and you will hopefully receive some pictures of your child busy at play over the next few weeks.

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.

**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 included 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.

### **Information about your child**

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. There is 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 you haven't already. 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.

### **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. We feel this is particularly important this year, as we settle the children into their new setting after a long period at home in the care of their family. You will find this starting timetable on our website, in the Documents section under School to Home Correspondence. Please note that all children will attend Nursery for one hour per day during the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September.

We will review the session times towards the end of the month, however to enable us to complete the enhanced cleaning that is required at present, we would anticipate that the Part Time Sessions may remain at 2 hours in the short term, with the Full Time Session increasing to 3.5 hours as the children begin staying for Dinners. We will liaise with parents to let them know when their child will start staying for a longer session, to include dinners in the Full Time Class, towards the end of September.

**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 currently provide envelopes for collecting Nursery fund. These are available from staff 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 21<sup>st</sup> September.

We are in the process of setting up Parent Pay for our Nursery, that will enable you to make cashless payments to us. We will notify you of how to set this up when we have some more information.

**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, including their changes of clothes.**

### **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.

#### **Parking in the Nursery School grounds**

We have a number of staff who work different patterns and therefore have different starting and ending times during the Nursery School day. To allow them parking access and to ensure that we keep traffic on our grounds to an absolute minimum, we ask that parents do not use our car park for drop offs and pick ups. There is limited parking available in the lay by outside of our gates, as well as parking beside Connolly's Spar in Dunvale.

If you or your child requires closer access to the entrance or exit doors, please speak to Mrs. Muir.



#### **Birthday Boys and Girls**

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

#### **Yellow Class –**

Kaliesa

Jonny

#### **Red Class –**

Isla

#### **Blue Class –**

Caolan

Many Thanks for your support as we aim to get the year off to a great start,

*Pamela Muir*

## 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.





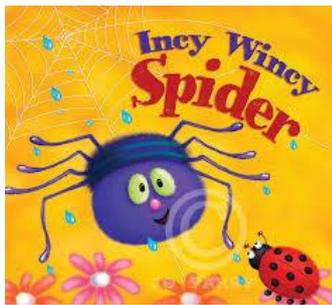
### Jack and Jill

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!