

Welcome back ...

We hope that you all had an enjoyable half-term break after a fantastic first half term in Nursery. The children have settled very well into our busy daily routine and have been making friends and creating masterpieces through their play.

We are trying to play outside as much as possible, in spite of the weather! Please make sure that your child has a *named* coat in school with them every day.

Theme -

Our themes for November are '**Transport**' and '**Outer Space.**'

We will be learning about how things move and developing the children's curiosity about Space travel and our Solar System. We will be reading lots of story books and non-fiction books on both themes. Please have a look at the library and at home for some titles on the themes to read with your child too!

Colour –

Our colours this month are **black and white**. Please encourage your child to look out for black and white objects in their environment and encourage them to bring something black or white in from home for our colour table. Please ensure that all items are named – they will stay in Nursery until the end of the month when we will send them home again!

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Parent/Teacher meetings. We hope that you found the meetings useful and would remind you that you may speak to staff at any time throughout the year with queries you may have regarding your child's learning or our Nursery routines.

Big Bedtime Read

Thank you to all the parents who came along with their child last week to the information session on this exciting programme. We were delighted with how many parents attended – your support of this programme is pivotal if we are to make it a success and we look forward to hearing how things are going as we get started with the lending scheme.

If you were unable to attend the Parents' Education Workshop, but would like to take part in the programme, please speak with Mrs. Bishop or Mrs. Muir for details.

School Photographer

The School Photographer will be in school on **Thursday 28th November** to take individual photos of the children in all classes. If you would also like a portrait with siblings taken please wait in Nursery at the beginning of your child's session on this day.

'Stay and Play' Days

In the week beginning **Monday 25th November** we are giving the children an opportunity to bring an adult to school! Parents, carers, grandparents or child-minders can choose a day to stay and play



with their child in Nursery for an hour, to see all the wonderful activities we do during our busy days! There is a sign up sheet on the Parents' Noticeboard in our entrance hall for each class. Please feel free to choose a time that suits you to come. We will limit the places to six or seven adults per day and there should only be one stay and play date chosen for each child in Nursery. Please don't worry if there are no suitable times for you this term, we will give a similar opportunity next term too!

Preventing the spread of illnesses in Nursery

It is the season of colds, flus, bugs and viruses! To help us prevent the spread of these, and for your child's wellbeing when they are ill, we would like to remind you that temperature is the sign of an infection and if your child has needed calpol or ibuprofen to control a fever in the night or morning before Nursery, we would ask that you keep your child at home until their temperature stabilises without the need for medicine to bring it down.

...**On this note**...we are going through lots and lots of tissues in Nursery, as I am sure you can imagine! We are asking parents to donate a box of tissues so that we can keep a stockpile to get us through these winter months! Please give them to a member of staff this week or next. Thank you!

Parent Questionnaires

Later this month we will be asking parents to fill in a short questionnaire to help us to strive for the best possible outcomes for your child and for you in our Nursery setting. Your opinions are important to us, and we would ask that you take some time to fill in the questionnaire and return it to your child's class teacher or to our school office. We will provide feedback on the responses when they are collated.

September 2020 Admission to Nursery

If you or any of your friends would like to add a child's name to our Mailing List for September 2020 Enrolment, please contact Mrs. Magill in the Nursery School office, or speak with any member of staff. We will use this information to contact you with information on our Open Day and how to apply for a place in our Nursery.

Pick Up Times

Please ensure that you arrive promptly at the end of your child's Nursery session. Late pick ups can be distressing for your child and they also restrict the amount of preparation time staff have to set up for the next sessions.

Christmas Charity Appeal

We would like to support a local charity this year by making up three hampers that could be given to three families, full of treats that would provide them with food for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day this holiday time. St Vincent de Paul carry out this kind of work and have assured us that they will make the hampers available for people who are in need of help this Christmas. We will send home information on the types of food we would like to include in the hampers next week, but wanted to give you advance notice in case you are beginning to stock up for your own family and would be able to buy something extra that could help to make up one of our hampers.



Social Media Policy

We have worked alongside our Governors to formulate a new policy on Social Media usage. Today you will be receiving a leaflet which summarises the main points of our policy. Please read the leaflet and return a signed Code of Conduct as soon as possible. Thank you.

Upcoming Events and Important dates –

Monday 11th November – Big Bedtime Read Book Packs available from your child's cloakroom for families who attended the Big Bedtime Read workshop for Parents

Monday 18th November – Trip to Ballymena Primary School to see Mr. Hullaballoo
Red and Yellow Classes – details to follow

Wednesday 20th November – Jo Jingles – normal session times apply

Monday 25th – Friday 29th November – Stay and Play days

Thursday 28th November – School Photographer



Birthday Boys and Girls

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

Yellow Class –

Mary Kate

Mia

Grace Casey

Red Class –

Noah

Eirinn

Blue Class –

Lily

**Many Thanks for your continued support,
Pamela Muir**

November Songsheet



Five little men in a flying saucer
Five little men in a flying saucer
Flew round the world one day
They looked left and right
But they didn't like the sight
So one man flew away

Four little men in a flying saucer...

The wheels on the bus

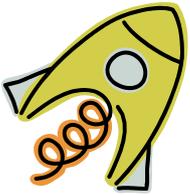
The wheels on the bus go round and round
Round and round, round
The wheels on the bus go round and round
All day long

The wipers on the bus go swish swish swish...



We're flying to the moon

We're flying to the moon
We're flying to the moon
We're flying to the moon
Blast off away we go
We're flying to the moon



We're going in a spacecraft...
We're landing on the moon...
We're walking out in space...
We're flying back to earth...



Climb aboard the spaceship

Climb aboard the spaceship
We're going to the moon.
Hurry and get ready
We're going to blast off soon.
Put on your helmets
And buckle up real tight.
Here comes the countdown,
Let's count with all our might.
10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2,1...Blast Off!

I am a rocket

I am a rocket, crouched on the ground
Waiting quietly, without a sound
Light this fuse on my little toe
Ready for take off, Here I go
Whoosh!

One little, two little, three little motor cars

One little, two little, three little motor cars
One little, two little, three little motor cars
One little, two little, three little motor cars
Driving all in a row
One little, two little, three little tractors...



