



February 2021

As we enter our fourth week of home schooling we would like to say a big thank you to you for supporting your child's learning at home while Nursery is closed for face to face teaching. We know that everyone has different circumstances and many of you are still working and may have other children, either older or younger to provide for too, which poses its challenges!

Parents' Feedback

Thank you for your feedback, both positive and constructive. At your child's stage of learning, in Pre School, it is definitely a challenge to provide play based learning at home, which is what we provide here in Nursery, as we would never expect parents to have the resources that we have here, nor the time to re-create a Nursery environment! We are trying our best to provide a balance of activities, and to be creative about activities that will engage our wee ones, but the most important thing is that we keep connected with you and your child during this time. Please just do what you can and leave the rest – send us some photos of what you are doing, even if it hasn't been set by us, as it will give us an opportunity to respond to your child to let them know we are still here and still interested in what they are up to at home.

Executive Announcement regarding a return to face to face teaching

Peter Weir, Education Minister, announced last week that the earliest date that schools would return to face to face teaching would be March 8th. This extends the period of remote learning for a couple of weeks after our half term holiday, which is Monday 15th – Friday 19th February.

Theme -

Our theme for February is **'Helping hands'**

We will be learning about all of the people who love and help us at home, in Nursery and in our community, as well as exploring ways that they can help others. Please continue to support your child's learning by talking to them about special people in their lives who love and help them.

Stories – This month we will be reading some information books on people who help us. Look out for stories on our theme online this month, or in your own collection too.

Saying 'Thank you' to our Health Workers

We think this theme presents the perfect opportunity for us to say thank you to the medical staff in Antrim Area Hospital and Ballymena Health and Care Centre, for all they are doing to look after the sick in our community at the moment. We would like to send them some treats, and some little notes or cards from our Nursery School to say thank you, so we are asking parents to drop in something the staff could have with a cup of tea or coffee on a break – chocolate bars, biscuits or other sweet treats – we will be in Nursery Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning this week and next. Please talk to your child about it – maybe they could make a card and you could write a message of thanks inside in their words and leave it with us, along with a treat, for us to take over to the Health Centre and to Antrim Area Hospital. We hope to distribute them on 12th February so please leave it with us before then if you would like to contribute. Thank you ☺

Payment of Nursery Fund

There is no need to pay Nursery Fund during the period of closure. Any money that has been paid for this period will be credited when we return to face to face teaching.

Supervised Learning

We are still in Nursery, at the moment on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9-12, to provide supervised learning for vulnerable children and children of key workers. Please get in touch if you think your child falls under one of these categories and would like us to provide supervision for them too. You can contact us on Seesaw or by email, pmuir291@c2kni.net.

Upcoming Events and Important dates –

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February – Half Term Holiday.



Birthday Boys and Girls

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

Yellow Class – Kealan

Red Class – Aaron

Blue Class – Grace

Zach

Zeth

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

February Songs and Rhymes

Miss Polly had a dolly

Miss Polly had a dolly who was sick, sick, sick
So she phoned for the doctor to come quick, quick, quick
The doctor came with his bag and his hat
And he knocked at the door with a rat-a-tat tat.

He looked at the dolly and he shook his head
And he said Miss Polly put her straight to bed
He wrote on a paper for a pill, pill, pill
I'll be back in the morning yes I will, will, will.



I am a Policeman

(sung to I'm a Little Teapot)

I am a Policeman, with my star,
I help people, near and far,
If you have a problem, call on me,
And I will be there, one, two, three!

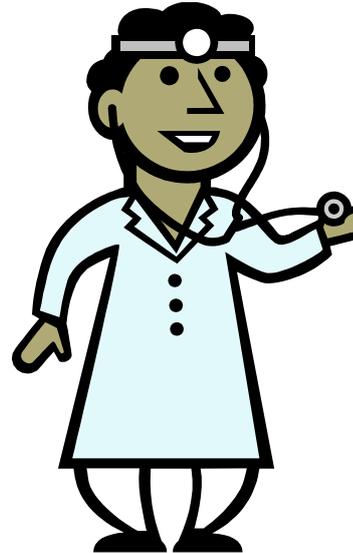
Doctor Foster

Doctor Foster went to Gloucester in a shower of rain,
He stepped in a puddle, right up to his middle,
And never went there again!

The Doctor's Song

(Sung to Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

I use a stethoscope
To listen to your heart.
To help you be a healthy child
And heal you when you aren't.



The Dentist's Song

(Sung to Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Brush, brush, brush your teeth,
Keep them clean each day.
Then you'll have a pretty smile,
And healthy teeth all day.

