

November 2021

Welcome back ...

We hope that you all had an enjoyable half-term break. We are delighted to be back in Nursery and the children seemed really glad to be back with us too. The children have settled very well back into our busy daily routine. The first half term of the year was spent 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 and that they are wearing appropriate footwear. Please send in a pair of wellies that your child could keep in school for the very wet days!

Theme –

This week we will continue with our 'In the Woods' theme, before beginning to learn about **Outer Space**.

We will be learning about Space travel and our Solar System. We will be reading lots of story books and non-fiction books on our new theme. 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.

School Gates –

We have sent out several pleas over the last few weeks asking drivers not to park in front of our school gates. Unfortunately this is still happening and it is a health and safety issue for us as a school, as it is preventing access for people with disabilities and our staff, and it could also block the only entrance we have for emergency vehicles, in the event of an emergency in Nursery School.

As a small staff with a teaching principal, we need to devote all of our resources to ensuring we greet the children and get them settled in their play, or be available to safely hand them back to their parents or carers at drop off and pick up times and as such I cannot be patrolling the gates every day.

Please help us out by keeping the school gates clear and please pass this important information on to all others picking up, including partners, childminders, carers and grannies and grandads!

Nursery Fund / School Dinner Payments

We would be grateful if **all payments** being made to Nursery could be done via bank transfer. Our bank details are in your Seesaw inbox from a previous message sent. Nursery fund is £5.00 per week and School Dinners is £12.50 per week. Thank you

Getting Ready to Learn

We had a fantastic evening at our Bedtime Reading event to launch our Big Bedtime Read programme, just before the half term break.

We hope to start our book lending scheme next week. We will be sending information on the scheme to you via seesaw towards the end of this week.

Preventing the spread of illnesses in Nursery

On top of the COVID-19 pandemic, 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 your child should not attend Nursery if they

- have a temperature,
- new continuous cough or
- loss or change to their sense of taste or smell, as per PHA guidance.

Please contact us if your child has been identified as a close contact, or if they or someone in their household has tested positive for COVID-19 so that we can discuss next steps. Thank you.

Any child who has been vomiting or having diarrhoea should remain at home for **48 hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea**. There are also some other highly infectious childhood ailments that require a period of absence from school. Please contact us to let us know if your child is unwell, to enable us to discuss next steps .

Contact with Nursery

We are really conscious that there is less opportunity for informal conversations with staff this year, due to measures in place to try to prevent the spread of COVID 19 in our Nursery School Community. Please feel free to contact us, by phonecall on 028 256 44286, email on pmuir291@c2kni.net or via Seesaw, by clicking on the Inbox tab and clicking your child's teacher's name. If we cannot chat at that time we will arrange another time to give you a call to discuss any queries or concerns you may have.

School Photographer

The School Photographer will be in school on **Friday 19th November** to take individual photos of the children in each class. The photographs will be taken in an area away from the main classroom and the photographer has put measures in place to ensure that social distancing can be maintained during the short time she will be in each child's company on the day.

NATIVITY

It is our aim to give your child the fullest possible Nursery experience this year, in spite of the measures that remain to try to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our Nursery School. We are going ahead with our Nativity practices and hope to put on a performance for you to watch in December – this may have to be pre – recorded and sent to you, but it is such a lovely part of our Nursery School year that we didn't want the children – or you – to miss out on, if there is a way that we can still let you see it. Apologies in advance for the Christmas songs that you may be hearing on repeat as your child gets to know them over the next few weeks!



September 2022 Admission to Nursery

If you or any of your friends would like to add a child's name to our Mailing List for September 2022 Enrolment, please contact us. We will use this information to contact you with information on how to apply for a place in our Nursery when the application process opens in January.

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 cleaning and preparation time staff have to set up for the next sessions.

Jo Jingles



We have begun our Jo Jingles Music and Movement sessions, once a month until the end of the year.

Jo Jingles' music and movement programmes are designed with the Early Learning Goals in mind and help to develop:

- 🎵 Communication & Language
- 🎵 Listening Skills
- 🎵 Numeracy Skills
- 🎵 Physical Development
- 🎵 Creativity & Imagination
- 🎵 Memory
- 🎵 Personal Social & Emotional Development

Look out for photos and videos of our sessions on seesaw and our facebook page.



Birthday Boys and Girls

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

Yellow Class –

Myla-Leigh

Noah

Red Class –

Finn

Alice

Joe

Aoibhinn

Grace

Lucas

Blue Class –

Jordy

Many Thanks for your continued support,

Pamela Muir



