

September 2021

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 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.

Induction information

You should have received some information in the pack we gave out at your child's Introductory Play session last week. I will also be providing some information about how we can work together to settle your child into Nursery School via Seesaw - larger gatherings of adults in Schools are not being encouraged at present, as an ongoing mitigation during the COVID pandemic. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries, on 028 25644286, by email – pmuir291@c2kni.net or by direct message via Seesaw.

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 a new setting after extended periods at home in the care of their family during lockdowns, which may make separating from their parents and carers particularly hard. Mrs Bishop or I will talk to you if your child needs a more gradual build up to session time than some of their peers. We understand the difficulties this can pose when organising drop offs and pick ups and we would like to thank you for supporting us as we make sure each child's Induction is tailored to their specific needs.

You will find starting timetables on our website, in the Documents section under School to Home Correspondence.

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.

We would like to remind parents that as per our Social Media policy, you should not share any photos of other children that are shared on Seesaw or on our facebook page on any of your social media platforms, to enable us to protect each child's right to privacy and parent's right to consent.



Theme -

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 or online.

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.

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 training for staff, educational visits and visitors to the Nursery.

Nursery Fund can either be paid weekly (£5.00) or termly - £65.00 for Term 1. Contributions will start on 13th September.

Please make the payment each Monday

Name of Account – Dunclug Nursery School

Sort Code 09-07-20

Account number 01083376

Please make sure to add your child's FULL NAME and class – (Morning Class is RED, Afternoon is BLUE and Full Time (9.00-1.30pm) is YELLOW) as a reference for the payment.)

If you have already sent payment into school we will credit this to next week!

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.



School Dinners

Children in the Yellow Class will begin staying for dinner in Nursery at the beginning of October. I will let you know when your child will start staying for dinners. Like all new routines, we like to introduce the dinner routine in small groups to help children familiarise themselves with it – As you can imagine it is a busy time of the day, having 28 three and four year olds all eating at the same time!!! Dinners are £12.50 per week, £2.50 per day, and should be paid for on the first day of the week that your child attends, by bank transfer using the same bank details as I have provided above.

We have been notified by the EA of some families who are entitled to Free School Meals. If you think that you may be entitled to these and haven't done so already, please apply online as soon as possible via the EA website <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals> , as the EA Meals Service ask that parents pay for their child's meals until this entitlement has been processed.

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 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.

Please do not park across our vehicle access gates at any time.

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 –

Ella Grace
Ingrid

Blue Class -

Mara

Red Class –

Alistair
Charlie
James
Sofia

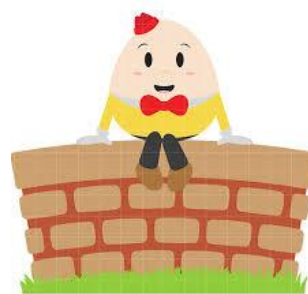
Many Thanks for your support as we aim to get the year off to a great start,

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.





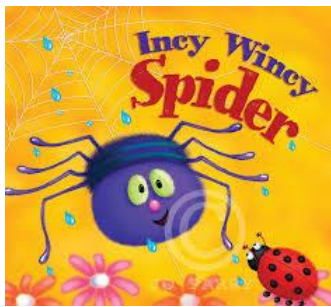
Jack and Jill

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!