

Welcome back ...

We hope that you all had a lovely half-term break. The children are settling 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 month we will be learning about travel and **Outer Space**.

We will be learning about Space travel and our Solar System and 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.

Getting Ready to Learn

We had a fantastic evening with the children at our Bedtime Story event to launch our Big Bedtime Read programme, just before the half term break. Thank you to parents for supporting this event and to the many parents who also attended the Parents' Workshop in Dunclug Primary School. We will start our book lending scheme next week. We will be sending information on the scheme to you via your child's home box and Seesaw towards the end of this week.

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 your child should not attend Nursery if they have a temperature and we will ask you to come and pick your child up if they develop a raised temperature during their session.

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 can be dangerous for children and adults in certain circumstances and 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

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 18th November** to take individual photos of the children in each class. We will send details about how to register your child for a photo via Seesaw.

NATIVITY

We are delighted to be able to have parents in attendance for our Nativity Performances this year. They will be on the following dates –

RED Part Time AM Class – **Monday 19th December** in Dunclug **Primary** School at 10.00am

BLUE Part Time PM Class – **Tuesday 13th December** in Dunclug **Nursery** School at 1.00pm

YELLOW Full Time Class - **Monday 19th December** in Dunclug **Primary** School at 11.30am

September 2023 Admission to Nursery

We will be having an Open Day in Nursery on **Thursday 8th December from 2.00-6.00pm**, for children who will be starting Nursery in September 2023. Please pass this date on to any relatives or neighbours who want to come and have a look around!

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 .



Birthday Boys and Girls

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

Yellow Class –

Logan

Red Class –

Connie

Lorcan

Blue Class –

Bethany

Elisha

Many Thanks for your continued support, *Pamela Muir*

