



Saint Patrick's Nursery & Primary School

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MONTHLY THEME – AUTUMN & HALLOWEEN

This month we are continuing our theme of settling into school alongside exploring the wonders of autumn and Halloween.

To help support our autumn theme we will be observing the seasonal changes in our immediate environment. Our autumn interest area contains a range of natural materials and other items all associated with this colourful season. When out in the local environment with your child, please aid their language development by chatting about the season and the many changes that it brings. If you come across any interesting items during this season we'd be delighted if you brought them in to add to our class area.

To celebrate Halloween we plan to carve pumpkins, make muffins, create Halloween pictures and learn lots of wonderful songs that relate to Halloween. ☺



We loved meeting Alex and Connie who told us all about staying safe at home! It was super fun! ☺

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

We now have all our children started here at St. Patrick's and we are blessed with a wonderful group of boys and girls!

We'd like to thank all our parents for their co-operation with staff during the settling in process. It is so important that your child has a positive start to school and we hope that together we can achieve that.

It is fantastic that we have a good working partnership with our parents and we hope that this continues throughout the year.

Thanks again from all the nursery team!



Three cheers to the wonderful boys & girls who turn 4 during October!



Isabelle LeBlanc
Dylan McMahon
Adam O'Hanlon
Macy Fitzpatrick
Quin Lavery
Skyla McCartan



Hip, Hip, Hooray!

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

On Friday 28th October the nursery will close to facilitate Parent Teacher meetings.

These meetings will give you the opportunity to discuss your child's settling-in with their teacher and are an invaluable opportunity to meet on an individual basis. Miss Rooney and Mrs McKernan will send home a note containing your time. If your child has siblings in P1 to P7 we will meet with their teacher(s) to arrange coinciding times for your convenience. If no time is suitable then please speak to your child's teacher. Meetings last for approximately 10 minutes and we ask parents to be patient if they are delayed slightly.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.



HALLOWEEN

Our Halloween party is on Thursday 27th October.

We hope to see all the children in costume and taking part in some spooky fun. We plan to have a costume parade in our classrooms, Halloween treats, singing, dancing and lots of fun.

If you feel that your child may be anxious about people in costumes etc. then please inform your child's teacher and we'll try to prepare your child in advance and keep apprehension to a minimum.

Halloween break is from Monday 31st October to Friday 4th November!



Little Beamers

Afterschool

The nursery children will be able to avail of our after school service after Halloween. Please ensure that you have completed the afterschool contract.

If you have questions regarding this service please do not hesitate to ask a member of the nursery team.



The Nursery Garden

We plan to plant lots and lots of bulbs over the next few weeks and are looking for your help. If you have any old welly boots at home we would love to have them as we hope to use them as planters. They will help to further enhance our outdoor environment and teach the children all about the importance of looking after plants.



Coats, Labels & Spare Clothes

Please ensure that your child's belongings are all labelled, that's everything from jumpers to hats and even shoes!

Please leave a bag of spare clothes on your child's coat hanger.

This is to ensure that we have dry items to change your child in the event of an accident e.g. a toileting accident or a messy play accident.

We ask that you include pants, socks, trousers, t-shirt and a vest. A uniform is not necessary as the child may never need the spare items and good clothing will go to waste!

Now that we are experiencing more autumnal weather can I ask you to bring a coat, preferably with a hood, every morning for your child.

Lunch/Dinner Time Reminder

Now that children are staying for dinners/lunches we would like to mention a few things. If your child is taking lunches please remember not to send a drink in their lunch bag as water and milk are provided for all children. Also remember to pack a healthy lunch; this can be a sandwich/wrap/pasta etc. with a piece of fruit, yoghurt and one treat – this is in line with our 'Healthy Eating Policy'.

We are aware that children have different eating patterns and that some are picky eaters at this age. In order to encourage good eating habits stickers are provided for those who try hard to eat most of their meal. Please speak to a member of the nursery team if you have concerns around meal time.

Playdough Recipe

Here is our very quick recipe for dough that you can make at home:

Ingredients

- 1 cup of flour
- 1/2 cup of salt
- 2 tbs of cream of tartar
- 1 tbs of oil
- Food colouring
- 1 cup of boiling water

Directions

Mix flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil into a large mixing bowl.
Add the boiling water (with food colouring added) and mix well
Stir well and knead until the mixture reaches the desired texture!
Roll it out on a flat surface and you are ready for some playdough FUN!