

Ballykeel Primary School

# Sept/Oct News Sheet 2024

## P2T & P2M



### **Topics this half term:**

“If you go down to the woods today...”

Dear Parents,

The idea of this news sheet is to inform you of the work your child is doing in school. It is also a place where if we need any things for topic work etc that we can keep you easily informed. We hope that this will bridge the gap between the classroom and home.

Please enjoy the poems and songs within this news sheet with your child. We hope you find this useful.

J Thompson and A McWhirter

## READING

Please remember to listen to your child read on a regular basis and sign their reading cards when they begin reading in a few weeks time.

Enjoy reading at home with your child - books, comics, signs, posters etc that you may see all around you or have at home.

**This is one of the most important ways you can help your child.**



Help your child practise their alphabet, what the letter is called and the sound it makes. Reinforce the 'Jolly Phonics' actions they learnt in Primary 1. Remember 'eye spy' is always a favourite!

Thank you to all the parents who have already sent in all of the items requested with your child....we really appreciate it.

Thank you

The Jolly Phonics Alphabet

A to Z

Cc	Dd	Ee	Ff	Gg	Hh
Ii	Jj	Kk	Ll	Mm	Nn
Oo	Pp	Ququ	Rr	Ss	Tt
Uu	Vv	Ww	Xx	Yy	Zz

## Dates for the Diary

- 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – Meet the Teacher at 1:15pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> September** – Walk with St. Brigid's PS
- 26<sup>th</sup> September** – European Day of Languages
- 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Coffee morning and book fair (details to follow)
- 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Oct** – School photographer
- 21<sup>st</sup> Oct** – Whole school flu vaccine
- 28<sup>th</sup> Oct – 1<sup>st</sup> Nov** – Half Term holiday. Reopens Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov.





Please make sure all items of uniform especially **jumpers, coats and P.E. slippers** are labelled or have names written on them as we realise they are expensive to buy and they can easily get mixed up throughout a busy day!

## Maths ideas for you at home

This term we will focus on the numbers 1-10. At home count together, write numbers, put numbers in order (smallest to biggest), and think about the number before, after and between.

We have been reinforcing 2D shapes – ensure your child can recognise:

- Triangle
- Square
- Rectangle
- circle

### USEFUL WEBSITES

- [www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com)
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/underwater-counting>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/ladybird-spots>



We will still be encouraging lots of hand washing during the day at school to try to keep everybody safe.

It would be great if you could practise the 9 steps with your child at home.

Hopefully the little pictures will help!

## HEALTHY BREAKS

Please remember that it is school policy for your child to have a healthy break every day.

Chocolate yoghurts and chocolate cereal bars are not permitted.

We are a nut free school.



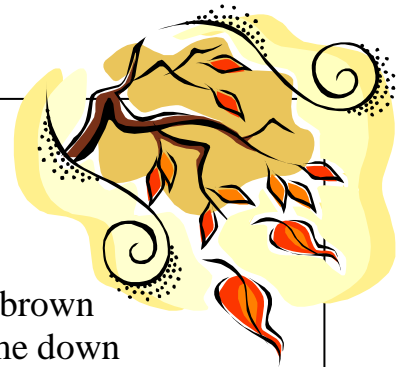


**If you go down to the woods  
today  
You're sure of a big surprise  
If you go down to the woods  
today  
You'd better go in disguise.**

For every bear that ever there was  
Will gather there for certain,  
because  
Today's the day the Teddy Bears  
have their picnic.

**Every Teddy Bear who's been  
good  
Is sure of a treat today.  
There's lots of marvellous  
things to eat. And wonderful  
games to play.**

Reading Folders are available on ParentPay for £1. We would really like the children to have one of these for their reading books. It helps keep books clean, tidy and all in one place.



### Autumn Leaves

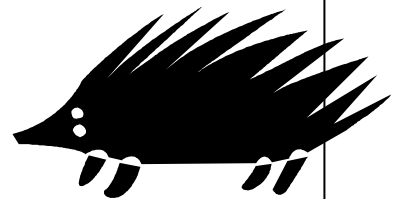
Yellow, red, green and brown  
See the little leaves come down  
Dancing, dancing in the breeze  
Falling, falling from the trees  
We'll be the wind and blow today  
We'll be the leaves and dance

### Leaves

Little leaves, little leaves  
High up in the trees  
Little leaves, little leaves  
Swinging in the breeze

Autumn comes along  
And they change from red to brown  
Winter comes along  
And they flutter to the ground.

(Why not see if your child can come up with some actions!!)



### REMEMBER...

If you are out for an Autumn walk in October with your family and see anything interesting, chat to your child about it!

Maybe you could look it up on the internet and find out more about it.

