

ST COLMCILLE'S NURSERY SCHOOL
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MAY NEWSLETTER 2025

CURRICULUM: - OUR THEMES FOR THIS MONTH ARE:-

May Altar
Keeping Healthy
Minibeasts



School Closures:

Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday
Friday 23rd May to Sunday 1st June.
School reopens on Monday 2nd June.

May Altar



May is the month of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and we will have a May Altar in the Hall and if possible we would like the children to bring flowers for this.

Important Dates to remember



- **Tuesday 6th May** visit from the Exploris Roadshow. The children will have the opportunity to see and touch lots of underwater creatures.
- **Friday 16th May** is the date for our Annual Sponsored Teddy Toddle. Each child brings in his/her own teddy and we will walk 10 laps with teddy around the grounds at the back of the school. The ice cream man will play his music and everyone will get a "99" as a reward for finishing. All parents are welcome to come and watch and the children will be going home immediately after this. There are no school dinners on this day.
- **Tuesday 20th May**
Visit from Mr Hullabaloo Theatre Group.
- **Friday 23rd May** Familiarisation Day for new pupil intake - current pupils are off this day
- **Annual Sports Day 13th June** - For all those of you who are interested in having time off for "Our Annual Sports Day"- This will be held on Friday 13th June from 9.30am - 11.00am for all classes. The children all go home after this. There are no school dinners on this day

Gaelic in School



Each Friday morning in the summer term, we will be participating in Gaelic Training. This is paid for by the RGU Downpatrick. Please make sure your child

wears trainers to school.

The RGU are also starting Nursery Gaelic Football sessions on a Saturday morning at 9.30am, beginning 3rd May. These sessions are open to everyone, no booking required. This is an initiative to encourage young children in the Downpatrick area to join in playing sport.



Eco News

We have also planted lots of bedding plants outside and are growing vegetable seeds outside and in our classrooms. Let's hope for some sunny weather!

We have a "Minibeast Hotel" for our Outside area, so we will be using magnifying glasses, and looking at lots of books to try and identify lots of minibeasts in our outside environment!

We continue to run the Daily Mile most days, weather permitting. Having a healthy lifestyle is one of our specific Action plan targets for gaining our next Eco Schools Flag. The children are really benefitting from this.

Sun Care



Children should have sun cream applied before they come to school. Staff are not able to put sun cream on your child.



Outdoor Play

During the summer term we are outside much more often. Please do not worry or be upset with your child if they come home from school messy or dirty. This is just a sign to show how much fun they have had during the day in our Mud Kitchen, playing in the garden, watering plants and in the sand pit or pebble pit.

Parent Involvement

A big thank you to Reina's mum (Kirsty) who brought her lovely baby to visit Mrs Gormley's class. She told the children all about how to look after a baby. Photos will be displayed on the school website. Another mum is due to visit the children in Mrs Mc Laughlin's class soon.



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our May birthdays:

Tyler 4th Conor 15th Freya Mc 19th Joseph 20th Maddison 30th

Reminders:

- **Please remember that children should be wearing trainers to school with Velcro fastenings. Open toe sandals are not appropriate footwear for school.**
- Please make sure all sweatshirts are clearly labelled with your child's name on it
- **If your child is wearing a summer dress or skirt please get them to wear shorts underneath. Thank you.**
- Please check your child's head weekly for head lice
- Once again we are running short of tissues. Please send some in if you can. Thank you

