

November 2019 Newsletter

Welcome back after the Halloween holidays. We are so proud of all the children. Everyone is settling into Nursery life now and enjoying playing with their friends indoors and outdoors.

AUTUMN TIME

Thank you to all those parents who have sent in items for our 'Autumn Interest Table'. The children are great at talking about the leaves, pine cones, acorns, conkers as well as everything they see during our Autumn walks in the school grounds.

OUTDOORS

We have worked hard to develop our Outdoor Play Area. The children are enjoying the wheeled vehicles, the sand house, Music Area, drawing, gardening, climbing, playing on the slide, in the tunnel and in 'Rainbow Cottage'.

GARDENING

Tony Mullan runs a local gardening and landscaping service called URBAN EARTH and is going to help us plant our daffodil bulbs soon. The children will be involved in looking after these when we have them in our greenhouse.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Friday 8th November - Jo Jingles classes begin 12:30pm-1pm**
- **Monday 11th November - Fine Motor Skills Lending Library begins**
- **Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th November—Health Visitors in nursery to meet parents - please make sure you sign up for an appointment**
- **Thursday 14th November—Class trip to Limavady Library “Rhythm and Rhyme” class**
- **Tuesday 3rd December - Open Night to visit Primary 1 Classrooms 6:30pm-8pm**
- **Friday 6th December - Nursery Christmas Play 11am in the Assembly Hall. Everyone is welcome!**

TIPS FOR PARENTS

We will be looking at the colour brown. Autumn leaves turn brown and crispy. We will be making brown play dough with all of the children helping. Red, yellow and blue all blend together to make brown! The children have already made red, yellow and orange play dough in Nursery! Don't forget play dough recipes are available in the Nursery foyer.

Triangles have featured strongly in our October work. We will continue to look for triangle shapes in and around our Nursery and talk about their properties e.g. how many sides/points does a triangle have? We will also continue to look for circles.

We will be introducing the children to a square and talking about the number of sides/corners a square has. We will be using squares at our art/craft area and explore what we can make with a square!

ART WORK

We have been learning how to cut and stick lots of different things at the art table. We use sellotape and PVA glue to stick. We have used triangles and circles during art and lots of colours as well as making our models using junk. If you have any tubs, SMALL boxes and cartons please send them in for junk art!

LANGUAGE

There are lots of new words we can use at home e.g. 'in front of' and 'behind' and we use these when we are lining up in our 'story line' especially when we are going for walks.

We will be learning all about Harvest and the work of the farmer. We will be talking a lot about fruit and vegetables and shopping. We will be learning the names of fruits and vegetables. We will taste them, smell them and chop them up.

It would be really great if you could send some fruits or vegetables into school for our Interest Table. We will also think about farmers who grow these and how they are transported to the shops.

In our fruit and vegetable shop we will talk about different sizes using the words small, medium and large. We will also use fun words like enormous, middle sized and tiny. You could begin to get me to count e.g. how many bananas?

Outdoors in our digging area we will be digging up potatoes, turnips and carrots, we will transport them in our tractor and trailer to sell in our pretend shop.

MUSIC

We have been playing lots of musical instruments both indoors and during outdoor play. We use our instruments to sing along to our songs.

We will be making our own musical instruments during junk art work.

HOME TIME

Your child will be involved in Table Top Activities each day when you arrive to collect them. Please come in to the Nursery Room and collect your child from their table.

No child should be encouraged to run out to the Nursery foyer.

Also please ensure that you arrive on time to collect your child—between 1pm and 1:15pm.

FINALLY

Any letters/information will be in your child's pouch in the foyer. Don't forget to check your child's pouch each day.



Please post all reply slips, permission slips, letters and snack money into the Postbox in the Nursery foyer.

We have organised for Jo Jingles to come to our Nursery starting on Friday 8th November. The cost of each class will be funded out of Nursery snack money and Nursery staff will accompany the children during the classes. Stephanie is the Jo Jingles class leader. Stephanie and Jo have been working with us for years and we always have so much fun during our Jo Jingles class. The children will be involved in music, singing, movement and dance. Each session will take place from 12:30pm-1:00pm in the school Assembly Hall.

Please collect your child from the Assembly Hall at Home Time on the following dates and NOT from the Nursery Unit.

Friday 8th Nov

Friday 15th Nov

Friday 22nd Nov

Friday 29th Nov

Friday 13th Dec

Friday 10th Jan

Friday 17th Jan

Friday 24th Jan

Friday 31st Jan

Friday 7th Feb

Friday 14th Feb



****PLEASE COME IN THROUGH THE BACK DOOR OF THE ASSEMBLY HALL TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD FROM JO JINGLES CLASS****

Soon we will begin to practise for our Christmas Play. When you receive the words of our Christmas songs please help your child to practise at home. The music will be added to our Seesaw app as well.

Our performance will be on Friday 6th December 2019 at 11am in the Assembly Hall.

Everyone is welcome!

Nursery Christmas Production

School Dinners



Our School dinners routine is well underway and it is great to see so many children enjoying the delicious dinners from our school canteen. We all sit together at lunch time in the Nursery Room and eat our dinners. The children enjoy sitting beside their friends and it is lovely to see so many children showing great table manners. The children take turns to be a 'dinner helper' and they all enjoy this role. We encourage the children to try all the different foods on offer each day.

SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS

An important aspect of nursery life is developing children's independence and good social skills. You can support your child in this by encouraging him/her to:

- Wear Velcro shoes
- Hang up coat each morning and collect coat at home time.
- Dress/get ready for Nursery.
- Attempt to put on their coat.
- Be independent at meal times and display good manners—say please/thank you and share.
- Be friendly and helpful towards friends and staff.
- Look after own belongings and respect those of others.
- Help with tidying up.

ANTI BULLYING WEEK

MONDAY 11th—FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2019

Children will be encouraged to understand the need for sharing, turn taking, using words to sort out problems and making friends. We will reinforce the need for hands to be used to do 'Kind and Helpful Things'. Please help us to encourage every child towards positive and productive behaviours both at school and at home.



November Songs and Rhymes

The Farmer (Poem)

First the farmer sows his seeds.
Then he stands and takes his ease.
He stamps his foot.
He claps his hands.
And turns around to view his lands.

One Potato (Poem)

One potato, two potato,
Three potato, four,
Five potato, six potato
Seven potato, more.

Fruit Shop (Poem)

**5 red apples in a big fruit shop
Sitting on a shelf there at the top
Along came — — — with a penny to pay
Bought a red apple and took it away.**

Continue with 4,3,2,1 using child's name

Five Fat Peas (Poem)

Five fat peas in a peapod pressed,
One grew, two grew and so did all
the rest.
They grew and grew and did not
stop,
Until one day the pod went POP!

Oranges in the bowl (Poem)

5 big oranges in the bowl (hold up 5 fingers)
1 fell out and started to roll (roll hands)
It bumped the table and hit my toe (clap once and
touch toes)
How many oranges in the bowl? 1-2-3-4 (count
fingers)

