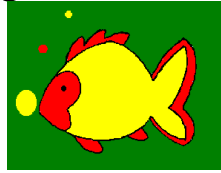


# Ballykelly Nursery Unit



## October 2019 Newsletter



*Seesaw*

Thank you for signing up to our new Seesaw app. Hopefully you are enjoying seeing your child's work and play in Nursery. We will try to upload as often as possible to your child's journal.

Only you can view your child's journal.

The Nursery Unit has recently received funding through the 'Getting Ready To Learn' programme. Books are now available from our Foyer Library for you and your child to borrow.

You can borrow up to 2 books per night. Please look after our books while you have them and return them to the foyer library for others to borrow.

Some important dates for your diary!

- **Thursday 10th October—Ken Reay, Photographer will be in school to take photographs.**
- **Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October**-Parent/Teacher Meetings
- We hope to have a little Halloween party on **Friday 25th October** for the Nursery children. Children may come to Nursery in fancy dress —  
**FOR TOILETING PURPOSES PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S COSTUME IS EASY FOR THEM TO MANAGE INDEPENDENTLY. NO SCARY COSTUMES PLEASE!!**
- School will be closed Monday 28th October -Friday 1st November for our Halloween holidays.
- We will open again on Monday 4th November.



### **Home Time**

It is vital that children are collected from school on time. Nursery ends at 1:15pm. The foyer is quite small and to try to avoid congestion at Home Time please come into the Nursery Room to collect your child between **1:00pm and 1:15pm**. The children will all be seated at tables involved in table top activities so you can collect your child from their table.

### **SCHOOL BAGS**

We don't have a lot of room in our foyer for school bags. Any newsletters or notes will be in your child's pouch in the foyer.

Parents don't need to send a change of clothes for toileting accidents as we have lots of spare clothes for this purpose.

If we have to help your child change their clothes there will always be a note in your child's pouch explaining why it was necessary to change.

### **UNIFORMS**

We have lots of nearly new Nursery school jumpers and yellow polo shirts. If you would like to buy one for your child please speak to a member of staff. It might be useful to have one as a spare!

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

We try to change our photo displays in the foyer as often as possible. Photographs should be arriving soon. If you wish to buy any of the photographs, please put the money into the frog on the foyer table! Photographs cost 10p each.

Our school website is currently being updated. You will be able to view photos of the Nursery on **[www.ballykellyps.co.uk](http://www.ballykellyps.co.uk)**

Click on the link for Nursery Unit then click on News.

### **Dinner Time in Nursery.**

This is a very important part of our Nursery day and we would like as many children as possible to enjoy our school dinners routine.

We encourage the children to sit together around the table at lunch time and enjoy having a meal with their friends. The children will be involved in setting the table and helping to serve the food to their friends. We talk about the different foods which are available each day from our canteen and encourage the children to eat a lovely warm dinner and dessert. The children always enjoy the selection of food available each day.

If you feel that your child is entitled to Free School Meals and you have not yet applied please ring Education Authority (Western Region) on 028 82411496.



### **Symbols!**

Each child has a symbol, it is very important for your child to be able to recognise and find their symbol each day. When you come into Nursery each morning please encourage your child to find their symbol and place it onto the school dinners or packed lunches chart.



We are constantly trying to improve our Outdoor Area especially our garden planters. If you would like to donate some compost/plants/seeds/shrubs please call in and see us! We have lots of daffodil bulbs and we hope to plant these with the children as soon as possible. We welcome all your ideas and help.

### Outdoor Play

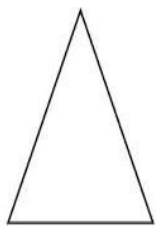
Nursery children enjoy Outdoor Play each day with Nursery staff. We work hard together to keep our Outdoor Play area tidy. Please do NOT allow your child to walk through our flower beds or through the raised area filled with stones. The front door of the Nursery will be open from 8:30am each morning and you are more than welcome to come into the foyer to look at photographs of your child, look at the art work on our walls or read a story to your child while you wait. The blue door will be unlocked at 8:45am each morning by a member of staff.

Our wheeled vehicles are parked at the front of the Nursery building. These tricycles and scooters are for use during our Outdoor Play sessions with supervision by Nursery staff.



### **Our Nursery Celebration Tree.**

In the foyer we have a 'celebration tree' and we have displayed photographs of the children. If you haven't already sent in a picture of your child please do so as soon as possible. The children love to look at their photographs as they are putting on their coats. This display also helps the children to get to know each other's names.



### **Activities and Topics**



We will continue our exploration of the colour orange by mixing red and yellow together to create various tones of orange. The colour orange features strongly in Autumn as the leaves begin to change colour and fall. The children will be printing autumn leaves and creating collage from autumn leaves. We will also introduce the colour black just in time for Halloween! It gets very messy when the black playdough, paint and water come out during play time. We will continue our exploration of all things round. We will look for round things during outdoor play e.g wheels on the trikes and other toys. We will introduce triangles as well and will make witches/wizards hats using the triangle shape. Look out for our Halloween displays in our Nursery Room!

#### **Autumn**

When Autumn arrives we see nice plump round rosy apples, blackberries bursting with juice, potatoes, wheat and barley. The farmers are busy gathering in their crops. We will be investigating all kinds of fruits and vegetables by looking, touching, tasting and smelling. Watch out for our outdoor compost tray with combine harvesters and tractors.

#### **Cookery**

From the wheat comes the flour. We will make dough and bake scones to find out what happens to the flour when it is mixed with other ingredients and how it changes as it is cooked. The children will be able to sample their own baking at snack time.

The children will learn all about safety in the kitchen; taking care around hot cookers, use cooking utensils properly, wash hands before we start to cook, wash dishes and mop up any spills.

We will continue to encourage the children to help with our daily snack routine and preparation. Children will be allowed to wash, peel and chop fruit and vegetables for their friends. We will also encourage the children to butter their own toast and scones by using a little butter and spreading it across the toast/scone.

Nursery Christmas Production!

Please note our Nursery Christmas Performance will take place on **Friday 6th December at 11am in the Assembly Hall. Everyone is welcome!**



## OCTOBER SONGS AND RHYMES

*We sing our songs and rhymes each day at Nursery. Please practise these at home with your child.*

### **POEM: Autumn Winds**

**Autumn Winds come out to play,  
Dancing, chasing leaves all day  
Twirling up  
Twisting down  
Rusty red and golden brown**

### **POEM: The Squirrel**

**I jump from branch to branch  
I jump from tree to tree  
I like to pick up acorns  
And eat them for my tea.**

### **This is the way**

(Sung to 'Here we go round the Mulberry Bush'))

This is the way we rake the leaves, rake the leaves, rake the leaves.

This is the way we rake the leaves when its Autumn time.

This is the way we jump on the leaves, jump on the leaves, jump on the leaves.

This is the way we jump on the leaves when its Autumn time.

This is the way we throw the leaves, throw the leaves, throw the leaves.

This is the way we throw the leaves when its Autumn time.

### **5 little leaves**

5 little leaves so colourful and bright  
Dancing around in the warm sunlight  
The wind came blowing through the town  
And one little leaf came tumbling down!

4 little leaves so colourful and bright  
Dancing around in the warm sunlight  
The wind came blowing through the town  
And one little leaf came tumbling down!

3 little leaves so colourful and bright  
Dancing around in the warm sunlight  
The wind came blowing through the town  
And one little leaf came tumbling down!

2 little leaves so colourful and bright  
Dancing around in the warm sunlight  
The wind came blowing through the town  
And one little leaf came tumbling down!

1 little leaf so colourful and bright  
Dancing around in the warm sunlight  
The wind came blowing through the town  
And one little leaf came tumbling down

### **All the leaves are falling down**

All the leaves are falling down  
Orange, yellow, red and brown.

Falling softly as they do,  
Over me and over you.

All the leaves are falling down,  
Orange, yellow, red and brown.

### **SONG: Holly the Hedgehog**

**Holly the Hedgehog  
Holly the Hedgehog  
Nobody wants to dance with her  
She's got prickles  
How they tickle  
All the other animals have fur.**

### **The Big Black Spider**

The big black spider made a web on the tree  
It was big and round for all to see  
She might catch a bug.  
She might catch a bee.  
But the big black spider  
Won't catch me!!