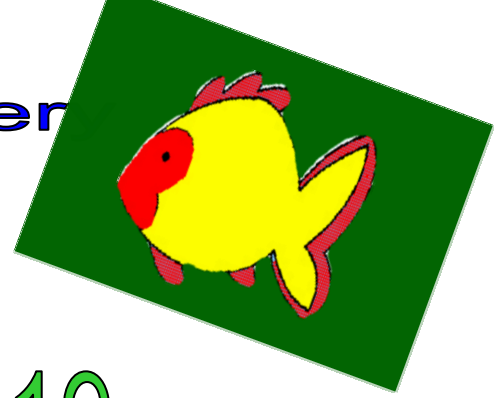




Welcome to Ballykelly Nurseries Unit



September 2019 Newsletter

Hello boys and girls, we hope you are all enjoying your first few days at nursery school. It is lovely getting to know you as we join in with your play.

SETTLING IN

September is an important month for settling in. We will be concentrating on:

- Relaxing and enjoying the toys and play opportunities.
- Getting to know the Nursery staff
- Becoming familiar with the environment.
- Accepting some separation from Mum/Dad.
- Adjusting to the daily routines.
- Getting to know the other boys and girls.

Many thanks to all our mums, dads, grandparents and childminders who are supporting us throughout this settling in period. We know the session time is short but each child benefits in the end.

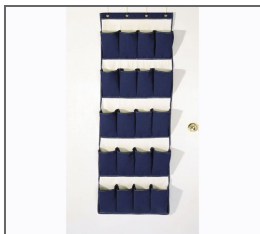
Nursery Staff



Mrs Loughridge



Ruth Riley



Your child's pouch is above their coat peg. Look for his/her name and symbol. We will put your child's art work in here for you to collect.

Your child does **NOT** need to bring a school bag to Nursery as all letters and information will be placed in their pouch in the foyer.

Please check pouches every day.

The school 'weekly newsletter' will be in your child's pouch at Home Time at the beginning of each week.

Snack Money.

Snack envelopes will be given out each month. There is a Postbox in our foyer. Please put your child's snack envelope into the postbox at the beginning of each month.



Any reply slips or letters can also be placed in this postbox.

Morning Time and Home Time

For health and safety reasons Nursery children should be escorted across the road and brought into the Nursery by an adult as the road outside the Nursery Unit can be quite busy at times.



Our Nursery dinners will begin on Monday 23rd September.

****£2.50 per day or £12.50 per week****

DINNER MONEY SHOULD BE PAID AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH WEEK.

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 8241 1496

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NURSERY HOURS: 2nd SEPT-FRIDAY 13th SEPT HOME TIME = 10:45AM

MONDAY 16TH SEPT- FRIDAY 20th SEPT HOME TIME = 12:00PM

FROM MONDAY 23rd SEPT HOME TIME WILL BE 1:15PM

*****Nursery will be closed on Friday 27th September*****

**NURSERY
ADULTS TO
LUNCH DAY!**

THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2019 at 11:30am

We would like to invite you to come in with your child and try out some of the food we serve for our school dinners.

Collect your child from Nursery at 11:30am and come along to the school canteen for some lunch. Nursery children will be able to have a free lunch on this day and try out some of the delicious food we offer for our school dinners.

Ballykelly Nursery Children: Free

Adults:£3.35 (Pay on the day in the Canteen)



SEPTEMBER TIPS FOR PARENTS

Dear Parent

We will all be working together to make your child's settling in to Nursery as easy as possible for everyone. If your child is unsettled at nursery my teachers will work with you and explain what to do.

We have a kitchen play corner set up in Nursery to remind us of home. Our water tray has boats, sea creatures, seaweed, nets and fish to remind me of the sea and my holidays. My sand tray has shells, buckets and spades to remind me of days on the beach, and we could talk about my memories of my holidays.

Your child will be learning to share with their friends and how to take turns when playing indoors and outdoors.

We will be learning how to play with paint, junk art and play dough. Help yourself to a play dough recipe in our foyer. It is easy to make.

We will be learning some rhymes and songs which will help your child to settle at snack time and learn the names of their friends. You could help by practising the songs and rhymes at home.

We will have our snack together and of course we will always say 'please' and 'thank you'. Your child is going to love Nursery!

Self registration

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; this will help to give us an indication of how many children will be taking school dinners/packed lunches in October.

Activities and Topics

All of the children are enjoying a range of play opportunities which are familiar to them. At the moment we are building on the children's interest and confidence with familiar and therapeutic activities, such as home corner play, sand and water play, construction and playdough.

As we are returning after a lovely summer holiday we will be talking a lot about Summer experiences e.g. going to the beach, playing with our friends and going on holidays.

The colour we are concentrating on this month is orange and the shape we will be talking about is a circle; please encourage your child to bring in something orange or circle shape (child's name on each object).

COLLECTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME TIME

Home time is a very busy time at the end of the Nursery day. All of the children will be seated at a table when you arrive. Please come into the Nursery room and walk over to collect your child from their table. For safety reasons we do not encourage children to leave their seat until an adult is beside them.

SEPTEMBER SONGS AND RHYMES

HELLO! 😊

Hello everyone, hello everyone
Hello everyone my name is

(to the tune of "If you're happy and you know it")

Put your hands on your knees, on your knees
Put your hands on your knees, on your knees
Put your hands on your knees and give a little
squeeze



Put your hands on your knees, on
your knees

Open them, shut them, open them shut them

And give a little clap

Open them shut them, open them shut them,
and put them on your lap.

