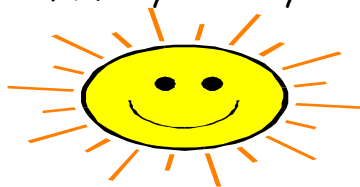


Convent of Mercy Nursery School



June Parents Page

Suggestions for summer activities

Local Summer Scheme

The Patrician Youth Club will be running a Summer Scheme for Nursery aged children during the month of July.

Call into the club for a registration form

Staying Local

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

www.summeractivitiesforkids.co.uk

(2-4 year old activities)

www.activityvillage.co.uk

Days Out

www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk

www.yourdaysout.com

Possible Discounts

www.livingsocial.com

www.groupon.co.uk

www.discovernorthernireland.com/family

www.discoverireland.ie/

Fun Free Activities

If you think back to your own childhood what did you enjoy the most? For me it was making mud pies, rose petal perfume and exploring in the garden! If you have a few pots in the garden agree with the children what area they are allowed to work in. Allow them to create mud pie, use grass or herbs to create their own soups or pies. If you have a paint brush and a bucket of water the children can enjoy exploring how the sun will dry out their water drawings on the ground or spend hour's water painting the fence. Bubble mix can be easily made with water and washing up liquid and the children can enjoy watching the bubbles move around the garden.

If you have an old bed sheet throw it over a climbing frame or a few chairs (if it's raining) it will create new play area and hours of fun.

This year the children have really enjoyed cooking activities and they can be so simple. Making their own sandwiches, helping you make a pizza for the family dinner, biscuits and fairy cakes. Lots of recipes are available online and these activities support awareness of measurements, hand eye coordination when using cooking equipment and following instructions.

ALWAYS REMEMBER SAFETY WHEN PLAYING WITH WATER

Possible Days Out

Ulster Museum

The Ulster Museum is situated in Belfast's Botanic Gardens (free) -

www.nmni.com

Bangor Pickie Fun Park / Belfast Zoo

Exploris Aquarium - www.explorisni.com

Seaforde Tropical Butterfly House

W5 - bring a packed lunch & you can store it in one of the lockers

Aunt Sandra's Candy Factory

Streamvale Farm www.streamvale.com

Preparing for Summer Holidays

If you are heading off on holiday, why don't you find your destination on a map. How will you be travelling? By bus, boat or by plane?

Keep bag tickets and pick up a few holiday catalogues from the travel agents and use a few chairs to make a plane or a bus on your return.



We have been discussing the weather and talking to the children about the clothes we wear throughout the year - what clothes will you need to bring - shorts and t-shirts, sun glasses, swim suits, why you don't need your winter coat!! What items do you need for the beach or for a picnic?

When on holiday listen out for the different languages and sounds you hear. How many different languages can you hear - French, Spanish, Portuguese. What were your favourite activities and foods on holidays - on your return discuss your favourite memories.

Look out for common signs to support awareness of words and symbols - Ulsterbus, airport, trains, tickets, exit.