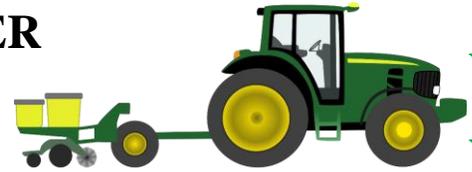




## LISNAGELVIN NURSERY SCHOOL

## APRIL NEWSLETTER



### Looking Back

During March we have had beautiful warm sunny days. We were very busy in our nursery garden planting spring flowers, sowing our herb garden and cleaning the painted stones in the stream area of the secret garden. We will continue with this work before and after Easter.

The children are beginning to enjoy our fairytale theme. We are reading and role-playing their favourite stories. Karen from Banyan theatre performed the story of “The Gingerbread Man”. The children loved it and we followed up by making gingerbread men out of dough and decorating gingerbread biscuits to enjoy at snack time.



### Moving Forward

We will continue with our themes of Spring and keeping healthy in April.

Other topics and activities will include:

- Fairy tales
- Easter

We will have an Easter party and Egg Hunt next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April before finishing for the Easter break.

## **NURSERY RHYMEATHON**

A huge thank you to our entire school community who raised an amazing £3000 for our annual rhymeathon. This is an **incredible** amount of money for a school of 80 pupils and to say we are overwhelmed with your generosity is an understatement!!



This year as well as raising money for school funds we decided to donate to two local charities, Foyle Down Syndrome Trust and Macmillan Cancer Support.

The unprecedented events in Ukraine have touched all our hearts over the past few weeks. We therefore also decided to contribute to a third charity to help those affected by the war in Ukraine. A large portion of the money raised will go directly to the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis appeal.



In our May Newsletter we will share with you how we divided the money raised as we are still continuing to receive donations following on from the Rhymeathon Celebration Day on the 24<sup>th</sup> March. We had a great time celebrating that day as you will have seen from the photographs on Seesaw. The children were so excited to receive their “Rhymeathon 2022” teddy bears.



## **SHARED EDUCATION – SHARING FROM THE START**

Our Sharing from the Start initiative is well underway. The Full time and Morning classes have had trips to the Playtrail to meet the children, parents and staff from Galliagh Nursery School. The Afternoon class will have their turn to visit the Playtrail next Monday.

Thanks to all the parents who were in a position to volunteer to help out. We enjoyed all your support and positive feedback about the shared sessions.

Audrey Rainey, Director of Services with Early Years Organisation for Young Children (EYO) and Paul Brush from the Department of Education NI attended a shared session on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. They were very complimentary about the planned sessions and recognise the impact which the Sharing from the Start Initiative can have for children, parents, staff and the wider community.



## **PARENTAL INTERVIEWS**

We enjoyed meeting with you face-to-face at our parent/teacher meetings during the last week of March. It was a pleasure to discuss your child's progress with you and we look forward to another term of exciting learning experiences in May and June to finish off the year in nursery.

May we take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Happy Easter.



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Trip to Playtrail for afternoon class

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Easter party and Egg Hunt for all classes  
-Term 2 finished for Afternoon class

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Nursery finishes for Easter @ 11.15am for Morning and Full time classes

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays  
– Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Term 3 Resumes on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - May Day Holiday

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Elections (Nursery Closed)

# MARCH/APRIL RHYMES

## I Can Count

One two, buckle my shoe.  
Three, four knock at the door.  
Five, six pick up sticks.  
Seven, eight lay them straight.  
Nine, ten a big fat hen.



## 5 Little Speckled Frogs

5 Little speckled frogs  
Sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious bugs  
One jumped into the pool  
Where it was nice and cool  
Then there were 4 green speckled frogs  
(repeat song with 4, 3, 2, and 1)



## Baby Animals Rhyme

### Verse 1

The hen has a chicken  
What does it say?  
Cheep, cheep, cheep, cheep!  
All through the day.



**Verse 2** Duck - duckling - quack

**Verse 3** Sheep - lamb - baa

**Verse 4** Pig - piglet - squeal

**Verse 5** Cow - calf - moo

**Verse 6** The snail had a baby  
What does it say?  
It doesn't say anything  
All through the day.



## A Little Seed

A little seed for me to sow,  
A little earth to make it grow.  
A little sun  
A little shower.  
A little wish  
And then a flower!



## Our Healthy Song:

(Sung to "Mulberry Bush")

This is the healthy way we live  
Way we live, way we live  
This is the healthy way we live  
To keep our bodies healthy.



This is the way we wash ourselves  
This is the way we comb our hair  
This is the way we brush our teeth  
This is the way we eat good foods  
This is the way we exercise  
This is the way we sleep all night

## Five Shiny Eggs

Five shiny eggs golden and brown  
Listen and you will hear a sound  
Tapping away, tapping away  
One little chick is born today

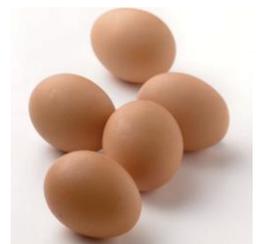


Four shiny eggs . . . . .

Three shiny eggs. . . .

Two shiny eggs. . .

One shiny egg. . .

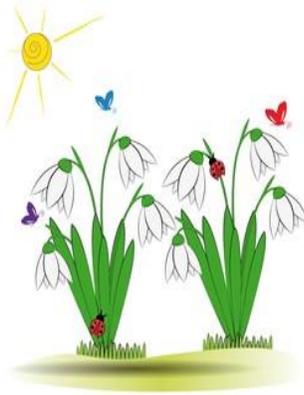


# Curriculum News: April

## Spring

Continue to talk to me about new life in Spring. We will take care of the flowers and herb garden.

Plants need light, water and heat to grow.



## Colours:

**Green** and **Yellow**

Look out for these bright Spring colours



## Keeping Healthy

We will continue to talk about all the ways we can look after ourselves ;

- Washing our hands and bodies
- Brushing our teeth
- Eating healthy foods
- Lots of exercise and getting outside
- Going to bed early to get a good night's sleep



## Easter

We are talking about Easter and are having fun with Easter Arts and Crafts this week.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be an exciting event next week as there are lots of places to find eggs in our Nursery Garden.



## Fairytales

We will read lots of Fairytales this month. Fairytales are also great for bedtime stories.

If you haven't got any at home you can find animated versions on YouTube.

Here are a few suggestions of some popular fairytales;

*The Three Little Pigs*

*Jack and the Beanstalk*

*Little Red Riding Hood*

*The Three Billy Goats Gruff*

*Cinderella*

*Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*

*The Gingerbread Man*

*Hansel and Gretel*

