



LISNAGELVIN NURSERY SCHOOL



MAY NEWSLETTER



Looking Back

Our first week back after Easter was a beautiful dry week. The children enjoyed lots of play, exploring and learning outside.

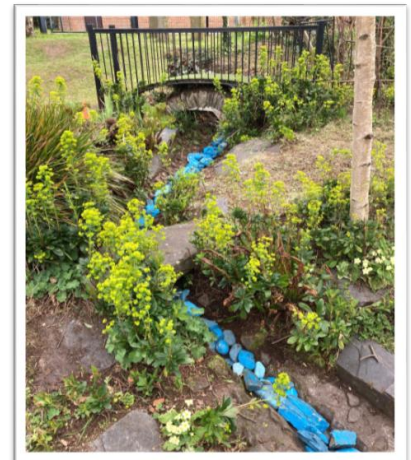


We have involved the children in planting and in the maintenance of our nursery garden. They are now helping us to look after the bedding plants and herb garden by watering them and watching them grow. They are also finding blue bells and primroses in our secret garden. What a beautiful time of year!



Over the next few weeks we will plant sunflowers, some vegetables and paint the stones from our secret garden stream area to restore them to the vibrant colours shown in the picture.

The children will be busy bees!



We will also introduce our fairy garden, fairy doors and spruce up our bug hotel this month which is an exciting addition to our outdoor area at this time of year.



We feel that educating our children to take care of the environment is an essential part of our curriculum.

You can contribute to our efforts by making sure that your children dispose of litter properly and by taking part in recycling schemes e.g. bottle and paper banks and our clothing bank bin at nursery.



The children enjoy litter picking and we say to them;

“Make Lisnagelvin glitter, pick up all the litter”.

Moving Forward

Over the next few weeks we will begin to talk about Summer. Other topics and activities will include:

- ☀ Pirates
- ☀ Lifecycle of the butterfly
- ☀ Growing things and looking after our nursery environment
- ☀ The story of ‘The Rainbow Fish’
- ☀ Take care in the sun





SHARED EDUCATION – SHARING FROM THE START

All three classes had a fun trip to The Playtrail before Easter and we thank our parent volunteers for keeping everyone safe.

The second phase of our Sharing from the Start programme will now begin. Our children will have the opportunity to explore the beautiful outdoor play area of Galliagh Nursery School before inviting their new friends from Galliagh to explore our nursery garden.

There will also be another trip this term for our afternoon class.

More details to follow.



BIG BEDTIME READ



The Big Bedtime Read is running smoothly and we appreciate the parental support at home. The children often talk about how much they enjoy sharing their books with their families.

HAPPY HEALTHY KIDS

We are always trying to promote a healthy lifestyle as part of our nursery curriculum. Over the next few weeks we will begin sending home fun activity packs which will help to develop your child's physical skills at home.



The packs will go home on Thursdays, to be returned on Tuesdays with their library bags. More details to follow.

Maiden City Soccer



Continuing on the theme of keeping healthy, last week the children started a four week block with Maiden City Soccer. The children thoroughly enjoyed their first session with Darren, who is an experienced UEFA qualified coach.

The children are using the primary school's all weather pitch which will support their transition to moving to primary school in September.

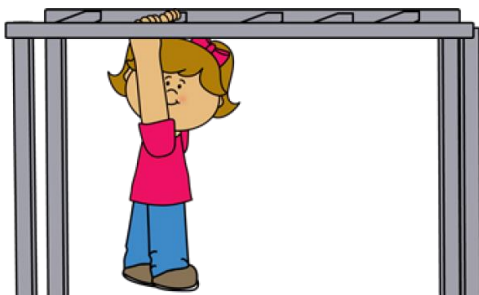


RHYMEATHON

Following on from the amazing £3030 raised during our annual Rhymeathon we have now made generous donations to;

- The British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis appeal
- Foyle Down Syndrome Trust
- Macmillan Cancer Support

A large amount of the money raised for school funds has been used to maintain our beautiful garden, to pay for Maiden City Soccer and to partly pay for a new piece of play equipment for our secret garden.



While playing on the low monkey bars the children will have the opportunity to swing forward with their legs tucked up which will improve body strength, balance and hand-eye co-ordination.

Once again thank you so much for your overwhelming generosity.



Transition to Primary School

Children received their admissions offer letters for Nursery and Primary School last week.

During the month of May the Primary One teachers from our feeder schools get in touch with us so we can start to plan the children's transition to Primary School. This ensures that moving to their next school is a natural progression and is something to be excited about.

Children with special educational needs will find out their child's school place later in the term. The Education Authority will be in touch with those parents in due course.

If your child is going to a Primary School other than Lisnagelvin Primary School, your child's school will contact you about their induction arrangements.

Outdoor Play



Some points to remember about outdoor play;

- Please send coats or fleeces if weather is cool.
- Make sure that shoes are sensible for outdoors i.e. no heels, sling backs or open toes (trainers are ideal).
- During the summer term use a suitable sunscreen if it is hot. Sunscreen will be available for parents to apply to their children before the start of the nursery session. We will top this up if necessary and will discuss the importance of taking care in the sun.
- Sun hats will be provided.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jaxon in our morning class who has a new baby sister, Scarlett and to Layla who has a new baby brother.

Nursery Closures for Term 3

Thursday 5th May Elections (Nursery Closed)

Wednesday 1st June Staff Development Day (Nursery Closed for children)

Thursday 2nd June Spring Bank Holiday (Nursery Closed)

Friday 3rd June Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday (Nursery Closed)

Take care in the sun

May

Child safety tips



Keep children out of direct sunlight at the hottest period 11.00am to 3.00pm



Cover up children playing outside to protect skin



Apply a high factor sun screen regularly

RHYMES AND SONGS

A pirate Went to Sea, Sea, Sea

A pirate went to sea, sea, sea
To see what he could see, see, see
But all that he could see, see, see
Was the bottom of the deep, blue sea, sea, sea



Row Your Boat

Pirate row, row, row your boat
Gently down the stream
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
Life is but a dream!



Pirate Wants Some Treasure (to the tune of "Peter taps with one Hammer")

The pirate wants some treasure, treasure, treasure
The pirate wants some treasure this fine day
He looks at his treasure map, treasure map, treasure map
He looks at his treasure map, this fine day
He looks through his telescope, telescope, telescope
He looks through his telescope, this fine day
Then he sees the treasure chest, treasure chest, treasure chest
Then he sees the treasure chest, this fine day



This is the Way

(Sung to tune of 'Cold and Frosty morning')

This is the way we scrub the deck, scrub the deck, scrub the deck
This is the way we scrub the deck, on the Jolly Roger



This is the way we hoist the flag, hoist the flag, hoist the flag
This is the way we hoist the flag, on the Jolly Roger



This is the way we search for treasure, search for treasure, search for
treasure

This is the way we search for treasure, on the Jolly Roger



Walk the Plank

(Sung to tune 'Oh when the Saints')

Oh when we march, along the plank
Oh when we march along the plank
One-eyed Jack gave the order
And now we march along the plank



Butterfly Lifecycle Song (to the tune of "She'll Be Coming Round the Mountain")

There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf (wiggle wiggle)
There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf (wiggle, wiggle)
There's a tiny caterpillar, tiny caterpillar
There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf (wiggle, wiggle)

He will eat the leaves around him till he's full (munch, munch)
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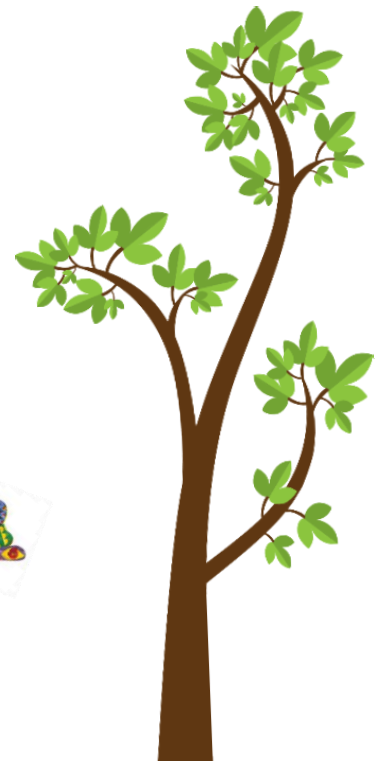
A cocoon is what he's spinning for his home (spin, spin)
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Then he'll be a butterfly and fly away (flap, flap)
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5 Little Butterflies

5 little butterflies by the door
One flew away, then there were 4
4 little butterflies by the tree
One flew away, then there were 3
Three little butterflies looking at the view
One flew away, then there were 2
2 little butterflies out in the sun
One flew away, then there was 1
1 little butterfly, now all alone
She was so lonely, she flew home



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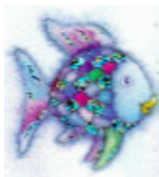
Pirate Play

We will pretend to be pirates, sail on pirate ships, make treasure maps, telescopes and search for treasure!

We will be using words like 'land ahoy', bunting, Jolly Roger, 'walk the plank', treasure map, treasure chest, 'scrub the decks'!

Shape: Diamond

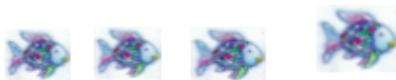
We may find diamonds when searching for treasure!



Rainbow Fish

We will be enjoying the story of the Rainbow Fish who

decided to share his beautiful, sparkling scales with all his fish friends in the sea. Sharing with his friends made him feel happy.



Rhyming words

We are having fun with rhyming words. You could help by practising at home or when out and about:

Car
and
star



Dog and frog



Cat
and
mat



Concepts: Heavy and Light

We will lift bags of treasure to explore which are heavy and which are light.

You could help by using these words when lifting the bags of shopping from Tesco.

Colours



Purple and



blue

Please help me with my pirate and butterfly rhymes!



We are also watching caterpillars changing to cocoons and then butterflies.

