

# Monkstown Nursery School

## Monthly Newsletter October 2024



### Diary Dates

#### Pupil Progress Meetings—Settling-In

We are very proud of the excellent relationship which exists between our staff and our parents/carers. We are confident that effective partnerships significantly benefits the learning and development of the children, therefore we aim to keep you informed about your child's progress as often as we can. During October, we will be providing you with the opportunity to come to school to discuss how your child has settled into nursery. School will operate as normal on these days.

#### October Theme

The children have brought home a bag and we want to encourage you to get outdoors and collect autumn treasures. Getting out into nature is good for our mental health and well being and with autumn definitely in the air what a great way to celebrate the change in seasons by gathering these autumn finds together with friends and family. While you are out, encourage your child to describe what they see, hear and feel. We will use these natural treasures for sensory play, counting activities and art projects. We will be learning about local woodland animals and how they prepare for the colder months ahead and also talk about the changing weather.



#### National Trust

The National Trust is giving away free family tickets this autumn. The family tickets are valid for up to two adults and four children and include a large majority of their sites. Visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/escape-into-autumn](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/escape-into-autumn) to find out more.

**4 October:** Jo Jingles

**25 October:** Finish for half term holidays - **NORMAL TIMES**

**28 October - 1 November** Mid Term holidays

**4 November:** Children return to school after holidays

**8 November:** Jo Jingles  
Thrive Play and Learn Event  
Parents / Carers are invited to attend

**11 - 15 November** Anti-Bullying Week

**11 November :** Odd Socks Day

**11 November :** Visit from Wee Critters

**15 November:** Nursery Rhyme Day

**28 November:** Abbots Cross P.S. Stay and Play

#### Child Protection & Safeguarding

Please remember that if you have any concerns about your own child or another child you should share these concerns with:

**Mrs S. Coburn**

(Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding)

or

**Ms L. Acheson**

(Deputy Designated Teacher)

### Self Help Skills

We are currently working on our self help skills and we would appreciate parental support at home. We will be focusing on the children **putting on their coat independently and changing shoes** to put these into their box. If your child finds it hard to put on their own coat you could try the coat flip method.



### THRIVE - Parent & Child Play and Learning Event

THRIVE is a collaboration of local parents, schools, community groups and statutory and voluntary organisations working together to help children and young people in Rathcoole and Monkstown do well.



Our partnership with THRIVE aims to promote aspiration, achievement, wellbeing and collaboration. We have collaborated to create a Nursery Rhyme Book and to celebrate the beginning of Nursery Rhyme Week we would like to invite parents / carers to join with the staff and children at Jo Jingles on **8 November** when the Nursery Rhyme book will be distributed.



Children should be dropped off at their normal time and parents can remain with them. Jo Jingles will be from 12.30pm to 1.00pm - Children will remain in school following Jo Jingles.

### Nursery Rhyme Dress Up Day

As you know, Nursery Rhymes are very important to the children's language development and we continue to recite and learn nursery rhymes throughout the year. The children may come to school dressed as their favourite nursery rhyme character on **Friday 15**



**November**. We can't wait to welcome Miss Polly, Incy Wincy, Jack and Jill or Humpty Dumpty into the classroom.

### Looking Ahead

Parents/care givers are invited to take part in a play session with their child on **Thursday 28 November** in Abbots Cross Primary School from 9.30am-11.00am.

Monkstown Nursery staff will be there for children who have parents unable to attend.

(Grandparents/childminders etc are welcome to attend instead).

**This is a great opportunity to see a primary one environment and we would encourage you / your child to attend even if this is not going to be the school of choice for your child. Abbots Cross staff provide a really enjoyable morning for all the children and their adults.**



If children do not have an adult attending, they should be dropped off at 9.30am at Abbots Cross Primary School, where Monkstown Nursery staff will be waiting for them and picked up at Abbots Cross Primary School between 10.45am-11.00am.

**This will be *instead* of the normal nursery session at Monkstown Nursery School for all children.**

## October Songs and Rhymes



### Miss Polly Had A Dolly

Miss Polly had a Dolly  
Who was sick, sick, sick,  
So she phoned for the doctor  
To be quick, quick, quick.  
The doctor came  
With his bag and his hat,  
And he knocked on the door,  
With a RAT-A-TAT-TAT.  
He looked at the Dolly  
And he shook his head,  
Then he said, "Miss Polly, put her straight to bed!"  
He wrote on a paper for a pill, pill, pill. "I'll  
be back in the morning with my bill, bill, bill.



**If you're happy and you know it**

Clap your hands,  
Stamp your feet,  
....and other suggestions from the children ...



### Mr Scarecrow

Don't go pecking in the cornfield, (x3)  
'Cause Mister Scarecrow's there.

Mister Scarecrow, Mister Scarecrow  
Mister Scarecrow is waiting for you,  
Mister Scarecrow, Mister Scarecrow  
Mister Scarecrow is waiting for you.

Mister Birdie, are you listening? (X3)  
'Cause Mister Scarecrow's there.

Mister Scarecrow, Mister Scarecrow  
Mister Scarecrow is waiting for you,  
Mister Scarecrow, Mister Scarecrow  
Mister Scarecrow is waiting for you.

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### Autumn Leaves

Orange leaves are falling down,  
Spinning, spinning all around,  
Floating by without a sound,  
So catch them if you can.  
[Repeat verse using yellow, golden, red or  
autumn instead of orange.]



### Colours song

Teacher: What is orange?  
All: What is orange?  
Teacher: Can you tell?  
All: Can you tell?  
Teacher: Oranges and carrots,  
All: Oranges and carrots,  
Teacher: Tigers as well,  
All: Tigers as well.

Also sing using the colour brown and brown things (e.g. hair, eyes, chocolate, etc.)



**A hedgehog is very prickly**  
A hedgehog is very prickly,  
A hedgehog is very prickly,  
A hedgehog is very prickly,  
It couldn't be anything else.



**Big red combine harvester**  
Big red combine harvester (x3)  
Chug, chug, chug, chug, chugging away.

Clattering on, combine harvester, (x3)  
Chug, chug, chug, chug, chugging away.

Cutting the corn, combine harvester, (x3)  
Chug, chug, chug, chug, chugging away.

Threshing the corn, combine harvester, (x3)  
Chug, chug, chug, chug, chugging away.

Big red combine harvester, (x3)  
Chug, chug, chug, chug, chugging away. (x2)

## October Songs and Rhymes



### There's a wise old owl (Rhyme)

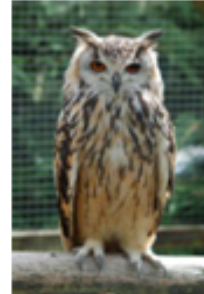
There's a wise old owl  
With a pointed nose,  
Two tufty ears and claws for toes.  
He sits in a tree and looks at you,  
Then flaps his wings and says,  
"WHOOOO-OO!"



### Pumpkin Head

Sitting in the window, pumpkin head,  
Circles for your eyes,  
And a funny *triangle* nose,  
And a flickering light inside.  
You're a funny old orange pumpkin head.

Sitting in the window, pumpkin head,  
Circles for your eyes,  
And a funny *rectangle* nose,  
And a flickering light inside.  
You're a funny old orange pumpkin head.



### The Owl

Something is sitting up in a tree  
With two big eyes staring at me.  
Something is sitting up in a tree,  
It's the owl!

#### Chorus:

*Tu-whit, tu-whoo,  
I'm watching you,  
Tu-whit, tu-whoo,  
I'm watching you,  
Tu-whit, tu-whoo.*

Wise old owl in the tree,  
Looking around for his tea.  
Wise old owl in the tree,  
It's the owl.

#### Chorus

Something is sitting up in a tree  
With two big eyes staring at me.  
Something is sitting up in a tree,  
It's the owl!

*Sing chorus twice.*