

# Monkstown Nursery School

## Monthly Newsletter November 2024



### Diary Dates

#### Open Morning

This year we will be having an Open Morning on **Friday 3 January, from 9.30 am to 12.00 noon.**



This will provide the opportunity for prospective parents to visit us and to see for themselves the benefits of our school. Please help spread the word to any friends or family who are in our local community. We would really appreciate help with spreading the word.

#### Jo Jingles

One parent / carer is invited to join in with our monthly Jo Jingles on **Friday 8th November.** Please drop children off at their normal time

#### 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.



#### Abbots Cross Stay and Play

Parents/carers 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).

We would encourage you and 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.

**8 November:** Jo Jingles  
One Parent / Carer invited to attend

**11-15 November:** Anti-Bullying Week – focus on our Sunshine Rules and using kind words

**11 November:** Visit to nursery from Wee Critters

**12 November :** ODD SOCKS DAY

**15 November:** Nursery Rhyme Dress Up Day

**28 November:** Parent and Child Stay & Play at Abbots Cross Primary School

**THERE IS NO NURSERY ON THIS DATE**  
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**6 December:** Jo Jingles  
Christmas Jumper Day **£1 CHARITY DONATION**

**19 December:** **Full time children do NOT** attend on this day to accommodate the morning and afternoon classes' Christmas concert.

**20 December:** **Full time children** Christmas concert

**This is the last day of term for the Full Time Class**  
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**3 January:** School closed for current children—Open Morning

**6 January:** Children return to nursery

## Nursery Theme for November

Our focus for November is **LIGHT/DARK**. We will be talking about our 'night' and 'day' routines and things that help us to see or feel safe when it is dark, such as the moon, stars and street lights. We will be using the language of 'big' and 'small' to compare the sizes of stars that we make with playdough.



## Curricular Areas

**Language** - we will be talking about our night time routine.

**PSE** - we will be playing games and during play encouraging the children to use and learn our friends' names

**Physical** - as part of anti-bullying week, we will thread beads onto elastic to make one of our friends a special bracelet.

With the colder weather now here, we are encouraging the children to **put on and zip up their coats** before we go out to play. Please encourage your child to practice this at home.



## Easy Fundraising

When you're busy doing your Christmas shopping online, please sign up with **easyfundraising.org.uk** and register your cause as Monkstown Nursery School. This is a simple process with no cost to yourself. It takes a matter of seconds and is a wonderful way to help raise more much needed funds for our school.

You can also register with the link

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/monkstownnurseryschool/>



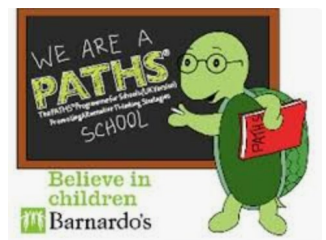
## Introducing PATHS to Nursery

We are excited to announce that we will be starting to implement the PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) PreSchool Curriculum.

This programme helps children develop the social-emotional skills such as identifying and managing their emotions, self regulation and making friends.

Each week, we will focus on a new PATHS lesson, such as recognising different feelings & learning how to calm down when you're upset.

This curriculum will play an important role in helping our children to build the skills they need for positive social interactions and emotional well-being.



## Christmas Arrangements

We are looking forward to holding our traditional Nativity performances this year. This will take place on **20 December**. Due to restricted space, only two adults per child will be able to attend.



### Two little eyes

Two little eyes to look around.

(Point to eyes)

Two little ears to hear each sound.

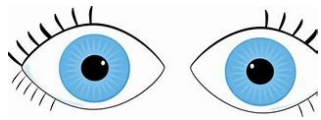
(Point to ears)

One little nose to smell what's sweet.

(Point to nose)

And one little mouth that likes to eat.

(Point to mouth)



### Zoom, Zoom, Zoom, we're going to the moon

Zoom, zoom, zoom, we're going to the moon

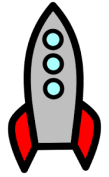
Zoom, zoom, zoom, we'll be there very soon.

If you want to take a trip, Climb aboard my rocket ship

Zoom, zoom, zoom, we're going to the moon

Zoom, zoom, zoom, we'll be there very soon.

5, 4, 3, 2, 1—BLAST OFF!!



(Sing to the tune of 'Twinkle, twinkle, little star.')

Each night when you go to sleep,

Make very sure that you do not peep!

This is how your bones will grow,

Every bone from head to toe!

Each night when you go to sleep,

Make very sure that you do not peep!

### The exercise song

We're jumping up and down,

We're jumping up and down,

We're getting lots of exercise,

We're jumping up and down.

We stretch up to the sky...

We bend and touch our toes...

We turn ourselves around...



### Humpty Dumpty (Alternative Rhyme)

Humpty Dumpty went to the moon

On a supersonic spoon.

He took some porridge and a tent

But when he got there the spoon got bent.

Humpty said he didn't care and for all I know

he's still up there.



### The bear went over the mountain

The bear went over the mountain x3

To see what he could see

But all that he could see, but all that he could see

Was the other side of the mountain,

The other side of the mountain,

The other side of the mountain

Was all that he could see.



### Wee Willie Winkie

Runs through the town.

Upstairs and downstairs in his nightgown.

Tapping at the windows, Crying through the locks...

Are all the children in their beds,

It's past eight o'clock?

### When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears what did her blue eyes see?

A bowl that was big, a bowl that a small,

a bowl that was tiny and that is all.

She counted them one, two, three.

Repeat for a chair that was big...

Repeat for a bed that was big



### This is the Way We Wash our Hands/brush our teeth/eat our veg/exercise/go to sleep

(To the tune of *Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush*)

This is the way we wash our hands

Wash our hands, wash our hands,

This is the way we wash our hands

To keep us very healthy