

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

* * *

6 December: Jo Jingles Christmas Jumper Day **£1 CHARITY DONATION**

10 December: Christmas Panto for AM Class
NO school for PM class

11 December: Christmas Panto for PM Class
NO school for AM class

19 December: Christmas Performances
Children leave after the performances

This is the last day of term for both Part Time Classes

* * *

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.



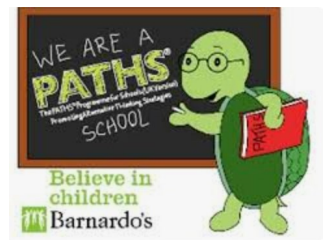
Introducing PATHS to Nursery

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.



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/>



Christmas Arrangements

We are looking forward to holding our traditional Nativity performances this year. This will take place on **19 December**. Due to restricted space, only two adults per child will be able to attend.





Twinkle, twinkle, little star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are,
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are.



Humpty Dumpty went to the moon

Humpty Dumpty went to the moon
On a supersonic spoon
He took some porridge
And a tent
But when he landed
The spoon got bent.



Wee Willy Winkie

Wee Willy Winkie
Runs through the town
Upstairs and downstairs
In his night gown
Rapping on the window
Calling through the lock
Are all the children in their bed
It's past eight o'clock.



Baa baa black sheep

Baa baa black sheep,
Have you any wool?
Yes sir, yes sir,
Three bags full.



The Spaceship Song

'X' (put in a child's name) has a spaceship that will take us to the moon,
'X' has a spaceship that will take us to the moon,

'X' has a spaceship that will take us to the moon,

So we climb in, press the switch, and zoom.

We can walk around in moon boots,
We can walk around in moon boots,
We can walk around in moon boots,
We're walking on the moon.

'X' has a spaceship that will take us to the moon ...

We can ride off in our buggy,
We can ride off in our buggy,
We can ride off in our buggy,
We're riding on the moon.

'X' has a spaceship that will take us to the moon ...

We can jump around in craters,
We can jump around in craters,
We can jump around in craters,
We're jumping on the moon.



Last thing at night

Last thing at night before I go to bed,
Just before I rest my sleepy head,
I'll just say goodnight to my Mum and Dad,
Then I'll hop into bed.

Last thing at night before I go to bed,
Just before I rest my sleepy head,
I'll just have a drink, then I'll clean my teeth,
Then I'll hop into bed.

Last thing at night before I go to bed,
Just before I rest my sleepy head,
I'll just read a book, then turn off the light,
Then I'll hop into bed.



This is the way we brush our teeth

This is the way we brush our teeth,
brush our teeth, brush our teeth,
This is the way we brush our teeth,
Before we go to bed.

Replace "brush our teeth" with other routines suggested by the children.