

# Sandbrook Nursery School

## Newsletter

November 2021

Colour of the month: Black/White

Welcome back everyone and we hope you all enjoyed your extended Mid-Term break. The theme this month is 'Night time, Fantasy and Fairy tales'. We will have a great deal of fun reading and learning traditional stories and rhymes. We have beautiful make believe clothes to dress up in and fairy tales to read.

### Northern Ireland Hospice

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November we hope to celebrate World Kindness day in Sandbrook Nursery School by helping to raise money for this worthy cause. On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November the children are all invited to a pyjama party. The children wear their pyjamas to school and all we ask is that the parents donate money to the 'NI Hospice' fund (boxes will be provided). We hope you will join in and support us for this worthy charity. Please remember that during the day the children will still be playing so please wear suitable shoes and ensure pyjamas are easy for toileting (no onesies!!)

### Nursery Routines and Independence

We have been really busy already in Nursery this year. Already many children can:

- Put on aprons
- Find their names/symbols and stick them on to paintings or registration board
- Put up their own painting on the painting easel
- Put their painting on the drying rack
- Help themselves to snack and pour their own milk or water.
- Put on their own coat

We are working really hard on:

- Using our knife and fork
- Trying new foods at dinner
- Putting on our own coat
- Managing independently at toilet and hand washing time.

Please can you encourage your child and practise these at home.

**\*\*\*PLEASE CHECK SEESAW DAILY FOR UPDATES \*\***

Each morning the classroom doors open at 8.45a.m. (Nursery 2) and 9.00a.m. (Nursery 1). Please remember that only one adult should leave each child off and we ask that you leave promptly. If you wish to speak to the teacher for a longer time, it is possible to make an appointment with the teacher by telephoning or emailing the school. All children must be supervised in the playground in the mornings as you wait in the queue.

At home time the door will open at 1.00p.m (Nursery 2) and 1.15p.m (Nursery 1)

Please do not bring Nursery children's prams into the playground, Nursery children should be encouraged to walk into school and when collected. Prams cannot be left in Nursery at any time.

Parking Matters

Our carpark is for staff parking only (Education Authority Guideline), please ensure you park outside the school grounds. Please ensure when parking outside that you are considerate to local residents and that areas are clear and safe for children coming to and leaving nursery.

Outdoor play

We love to play outside and enjoy our lovely garden. Now that the weather has turned colder we would like every child to have a woolly hat so that we can go out even when the weather is cold. Please send a woolly hat into school **CLEARLY LABELLED** with your child's name. This hat will stay in school in a hat box that we will have in each classroom. The children do not take these hats home. No scarves and gloves to be left as these can be dangerous when the children are playing on the equipment.



There are 52 coats in school for outdoor play so the children will not be wearing their own coats for playing outside.

Nursery is a very busy place. Dates and times can change regularly. Please read all notes, newsletters and seesaw messages and consult the Facebook page and website regularly.

## Important Dates

5th Nov	Jump, jiggle and jive
9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th	Plant and play
12th Nov	World of owls
12th Nov	NI Hospice-Pyjama Party
25th Nov	Yogabellies



### Christmas holidays

Nursery will close early on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>

December ( NO DINNERS )

N1 11.30 a.m.      N2 11.15 a.m.

Nursery will re-open on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

January

N1 9.00 a.m.      N2 8.45 a.m.

(other important December dates will follow soon)

We would like to thank the CO-OP Connsbrook Ave and TESCO Castlereagh road for supporting our Nursery. It is very much appreciated.

## Reminder

- Morning: Doors open at 8.45am (N2) and 9.00a.m.(N1).
- Please continue to follow the rules in place to limit the spread of Covid-19. If you are waiting at the gate/in playground we would ask that you continue to allow a distance between you and others in the queue and that you wear a face covering.
- If you do arrive early/late either in the morning or the afternoon please remember that you will have to wait outside the gate until the other class " bubble " has gone into school and all the parents have left. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.
- If you wish to speak to one of the teachers please do not hold up the queue of parents waiting for drop-off or pick-up. If you have an issue which requires a longer chat we would ask that you phone or email the school and make an appointment to speak to the teacher.
- Only staff members are to open side gate. If you are late please buzz at main door and a staff member will then open side gate.
- Please ensure school fund/dinner envelopes are completed before dropping children at the door as this can cause congestion at the classroom and unsettle the children.