

Ballymoney Nursery School

May 2021 Newsletter



I hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend and are safely enjoying the relaxing of some of the current restrictions. I would like to welcome Mr Noel Lamont, our new Building Supervisor to the Ballymoney Nursery School Team.

Learning experiences within the Nursery School

Sponsored bike ride



Last month all of the children enjoyed participating in our annual sponsored bike ride. Children had the choice of using bicycles, balance bikes or scooters and all our children took part. Thank you sincerely to everyone who has brought sponsored money in and to your very kind sponsors. We will share the total with you once all the sponsor money has come in.

Mr Hullabaloo

We had very excited children on Thursday 29th April 2021 when Mr Hullabaloo came to perform his Spring show for us. There was much laughter from all classes and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the show.



The Garden Centre

The children in Mrs Trimmings and Ms McCarron's classes have been gardening and planting herbs and vegetables. They enjoyed setting up and working in the garden centre in the classroom. They have been looking at seeds and plants, exploring planting and the conditions needed for growth. Mrs McClelland's classes will be carrying out their gardening and planting this month.



Minibeasts

As we explore the theme of minibeasts, this month we'll be focusing in particular on the caterpillar. Our delivery of caterpillars for each classroom have arrived! The children will be able to watch the caterpillars feeding and growing and, all being well, observe the transformation from caterpillar to butterfly after a few weeks.



Shape and Early Number

We will be continuing to learn about and recognise shape and counting. Please encourage children to identify shapes at home and when out and about e.g. wheel of the car is a circle, road sign is a rectangle.

Outdoor Learning and physical activity

Lots of learning has been taking place in the outdoors and our areas have further developed. The Secret Garden has a new construction area where our 'builders' can get to work constructing and the Mud Kitchen has been revamped. Each outdoor area also now has a designated quiet area for relaxing and reading.

The PrePre outdoor area to the left of the school has been further developed to include areas for construction and small role play.

Courtesy of Micah's dad, the playground has got the new additions of a drive through car wash and a car for the children to drive. The children have had great fun in playing with them!



The children will continue to use the outdoor areas. Please continue to ensure your children come **appropriately dressed for the outdoors; clothes that may get muddy, coat, gloves and if the weather is good please apply sun cream before they come to Nursery School and ensure they have a hat.**

Outdoor Area to the left of the school

A reminder to the parents/carers whose children enter and leave via the main door. Please ensure your children do not touch the equipment that is out on the area to the left of the school as it won't be their bubble that is accessing it.



Parents/Carers entering the school via the playground, please ensure your children don't sit and play with our new car as it is only to be used solely by one bubble each week.

Parental Partnership

Board of Governors Vacancy

Thank you to Mrs Alison Boreland who has been nominated to be a Parent Representative on our Board of Governors. Her nomination has been put forward for ratification next month.

Getting Ready to Learn Top up

We hope that the children have been enjoying the additional resources they got last month to go with their home learning packs. Thank you to everyone who has shared photos of them being used. Please continue to share these with us.

School Fund

We would like to thank those of you who have paid the **School Fund** for the year and remind those who are paying each term that £40 for this term (April-June) is now due.

3+ review

All the pre-schoolers (target age/in their final year at Nursery) have taken/will take home a letter from the Health Visitor and a questionnaire with regards to a 3+ review. This is an opportunity to learn about your child's development and to meet with the Health Visitor. Health Visitors have asked them to be returned to the Nursery by Friday. We apologise for the short turnaround however we only received them on 4th May. Once, I receive any further information about the next step, I will let you know.

Important Information

P1 School Survey

Thank you to all our **pre-school** parents/carers who have already completed the very short *Google Form* to let us know that Primary School their child will be attending. This valuable information will help plan for a smooth transition of information between the schools. If you haven't already completed the form, the following link will take you to it and it can be completed in less than one minute:-
<https://forms.gle/wF6C1tzSqU6GCGhG6>

Covid-19

If your child or anyone in your house is showing any signs of Covid-19, please ensure your child does not attend school for 10 days. The following main symptoms to look for are: -

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- loss of taste or smell

Please let us know if your child is off school due to self-isolating. If symptoms start at the weekend or a test has been confirmed as positive at the weekend please email me to let me know as I will be checking my emails daily.

Please also remember to wear face coverings when dropping off and picking up your child; maintain social distancing from other parents/carers and arrive at your allocated times and no more than five minutes before.

Dates for your diary...



Friday 28th May 2021 - School Development Day - School Closed to children

Monday 31st May 2021 - Bank Holiday - School closed to children

Best Wishes

Principal