



# Welcome Spring



Castlereagh Nursery School  
'Hand in Hand We Learn Together'

## March 2022 Newsletter



### What are we learning in March?

The children will be learning all about the first signs of Spring and beginning our topic of *Growing*. Children will be looking for the first signs of Spring in our nursery garden and planting seeds in our growing area. We will also be looking at mini beasts, identifying them and where they live. The role play area will be changed to the vets and flower shop. The new vegetable planting beds (beside the mud kitchen) - which have been funded by the welly walk money will be started too this month.

**Growing** - To help us illustrate the topic of growing we would like you to send in a photograph of your child as a baby (under 1 year old please). We will be discussing these with the children and displaying them around the nursery.

### Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent teacher consultations will take place just before Easter on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April (Mrs Morrow's class) and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April (Mrs Jones' class)

Time slots will be sent home on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March. These are 10 minute time slots where your child's teacher will discuss their progress and show you photographs and observations of your child.

**There will be no written report issued at this time.**

**Transition reports will be available at the end of May.**

### Building Work

As you will be aware the building work has started. This is very exciting for the staff and children. We are hoping this work will complete on time (24<sup>th</sup> April) but we will keep you informed as the work progresses. Thank you for your understanding at this time. The children have adjusted well to using the back garden gate.



### ECO Schools

The children have been learning all about recycling and looking after the environment. Making sure we keep our school litter free and also ensuring we always throw our litter in the bin. We use specific bins in the nursery especially for food waste, plastic waste and paper waste.

We are so excited to work towards our Green Flag ECO SCHOOLS AWARD!!

### Travelling Ted

We will be starting our visits home with the class travelling teddy bear. Mrs Jones class bear is Eddy and Mrs Morrow's class bear is called Spencer. The teddy will go home for 2 nights, it has an overnight bag with a few essentials for his stay. Everything is clearly labelled and should be returned altogether. We know accidents happen so please do not worry if something happens to him..... (we do have a replacement). We would like you to take a few photos of your child with the class teddy and write about his time at your house. These photos can just be printed out on a home printer, they don't need to be actual photos. Or if you aren't able to print them out, then if you e-mail them to the school's e-mail address ([castlereaghnursery@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:castlereaghnursery@yahoo.co.uk)) we will print them for you.

This will act as a prompt for your child to tell the rest of the class about their adventure together.



### Easter Ballot

We are holding an Easter Ballot to raise funds for the nursery. Each child will be given a book of 5 ballot tickets to sell to family and friends. Each ballot costs £1 and more can be given out if required. These will be given out on 28<sup>th</sup> March and to be returned by 8<sup>th</sup> April.

The prizes include

Car Cleaning Kit

A child's scooter

A fresh fruit basket

A children's Easter Egg and Book Basket.

Please help to support us.

Ballots will be drawn on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April!



P.S. If you are a business owner or have family that could help contribute to the prizes, this would be most appreciated. Please e-mail Mrs Morrow

### Artist Fund

We have secured funding through a Arts Charity for an artist to come into the nursery over the next 4 weeks for a total of 20 hours . She is working with the children to produce a display of artwork. This will be exhibited in the Community Centre on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. All parents can come and view the art work at pick up time. Collect your child at the back gate and walk down with your child. The artist Anne-Marie and the nursery staff will be there to explain and show the children's work.

A reminder will be sent out nearer the time.

**Dates for your diary**  
**March - June**

<b>March</b>	
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Yoga with Helena (6) (Cancelled due to COVID)
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Family Photo Session (pre-bookable, see flyer on e-mail)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Physical Skills with Paul-Sonal Sportz NI
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Yoga with Helena (7)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Physical Skills with Paul-Sonal Sportz NI
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Yoga with Helena (8) Last Session until after Easter
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day - School Closes at 11.30am (No Dinners)
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Art Exhibition in Clonduff Community Centre. Mrs Morrow's class 1-1.20 pm and Mrs Jones Class 1.20 - 1.40pm
<b>April</b>	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Mr Hullabaloo Interactive Theatre Company Spring Show
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent teacher consultations (Mrs Morrow's class)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent teacher consultations (Mrs Jones' class)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Egg Hunt 11am (Parents welcome) Last day before Easter school closes at 11.30am (no dinners)
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> April	School Development Day (School Closed to children)
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> -Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holidays
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> April	School Re opens (Normal Time)
<b>May</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Next 8 week session block of Yoga with Helena
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Yoga with Helena (2)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed for current Children (New children, Sept 2022 introduction day)
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Yoga With Helena (3)
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Yoga With Helena (4)
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Last Day 11.30am Finish (Platinum Jubilee Party)
<b>June</b>	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> -Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Yoga with Helena (5)
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Yoga with Helena (6)
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Farm Trip for Children (Streamvale Open Farm)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Yoga with Helena (7)
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Yoga with Helena (8)
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day - Sing-along Celebration (Parents to arrive at 11am)

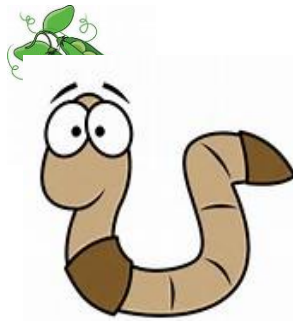
**All the staff at Castlereagh Nursery School thank you for**  
**your continued support.**



## Songs and Rhymes for March

### Five Little Peas

Five little peas  
In a peapod pressed;  
One grew, two grew,  
And so did all the rest.  
They grew and grew  
And did not stop,  
Until one day  
The peapod popped!



### 's a Worm at the Bottom of the garden

There's a worm at the  
Bottom of my garden,  
And his name is Wiggly Woo.  
There's a worm at the  
Bottom of my garden  
And all that he can do  
Is wiggle all day  
And wiggle all night  
The neighbours say  
What a terrible fright!  
There's a worm at the  
Bottom of my garden,  
And his name is Wiggly Woo

### Five Little Speckled Frogs

Five little speckled frogs  
Sat on a speckled log  
Eating some most delicious grubs -  
yum, yum  
One jumped into the pool  
Where it was nice and cool  
Now there are four green speckled  
frogs - glub, glub  
.....**Four, Three, Two, One**



### 5 Little Ducks Went Swimming One Day

Five little ducks went swimming one day,  
Over the pond and far away.  
Mother duck said, "Quack, quack, quack,  
quack,"  
But only four little ducks  
.....**4,3,2,1.....**



### Little Peter Rabbit

Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon his  
nose,  
Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon  
nose.  
Little Peter Rabbit had a fly upon  
nose,  
So he flipped it and he flopped it  
And the fly flew away.

Powder puffs and curly whiskers,  
and curly whiskers,  
and curly whiskers,  
it and he flopped it  
flew away.

