



Castlereagh Nursery School
'Hand in Hand We Learn Together'

April 2022 Newsletter

We can't believe we are moving into our 3rd and final term in nursery. This year has passed by so quickly. I have combined the April and May Newsletter as we are off for 2 weeks in April.

What are we learning in April and May?

The children will be learning all about the life cycles of many animals, including observing first hand that of a frog and butterfly. We hope to have some tadpoles in the outside tank very soon. The children have already shown a keen interest in this topic. Straight after Easter our caterpillars will arrive and again the children will observe these arriving as eggs, hatching to caterpillars, growing and forming their chrysalis and eventually changing into beautiful butterflies.

We will be planting out our new raised bed allotment in the garden with peas, carrots, beetroot and potatoes. The children will be encouraged to look after this area themselves. We might even get to taste the peas before we end in June. We will be planting individual broad beans and sunflowers in school for your child to care for at home. Please help your child to re-pot these and they can look after them independently.



This is such an exciting topic for all the children and staff.

Welly Walk Funding

We are so excited about our new raised beds. It is through the money you raised from the WELLY WALK that we were able to have these constructed. They will be well used for many years to come. Thank you so very much! .





Easter Egg Hunt

Our Easter Egg hunt will be held at pick up time on Tuesday, please come along
11.15am Mrs Morrow's class
11.30am Mrs Jones' class.



The children can be collected and you may join them in the garden to search for some eggs. There might even be a special visitor from the Easter Bunny herself!

New Afterschool Club

Please see letter regarding the afterschool club 'Fundamental Movement'. Alanna has run this club in the nursery for many years. It helps to develop gross motor skills and coordination. She uses a range of equipment and in the past the children have really enjoyed it. Places are limited to 15 per session and on a first come first served basis. Children who have booked onto the sessions remain in school and can be picked up at the back gate when it's finished.

Platinum Jubilee Party

In celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we are having a "Garden Tea Party" for the children. They may dress up in either Red, White or Blue..... or all three, on Tuesday 31st May. There will be no dinners on this day and school will finish for all children at 11.30am.

Building Works Update

As you can see we are progressing well with our building work, however the initial date for completion of end of April is certainly not going to happen. We are aiming for mid June, hopefully we will all be able to use the new entrance before the end of the Summer term.

All the staff thank you for your continued support and we wish you a hoppy and safe Easter holiday.

Diary Dates for April - June

<u>April</u>	
Tuesday 5 th April	Mr Hullaballoo Interactive Theatre
Wednesday 6 th April	Parent Teacher Consultations Mrs Morrow
Thursday 7 th April	Parent Teacher Consultations Mrs Jones
Tuesday 12 th April	Last day of term - Easter Egg hunt - 11.15am Mrs Morrow, 11.30 Mrs Jones
Wednesday 13 th April	School Development Day (school Closed for Children)
Wed 13 th April - Tues 26 th April	Easter Holidays
Wed 27 th April	School Re-opens for Summer Term
Thurs 28 th April	Parents will receive notification of their child's Pre-School place or their P1 placement.
<u>May</u>	
Monday 2 nd May	May Day Bank Holiday
Tues 3 rd May	Fundamental Movement Starts (Mrs Morrow's Class) (Every Tuesday unless notice given of change) Pick up 2.00pm
Wed 4 th May	Next 8 week block of Yoga starts
Thurs 5 th May	Fundamental Movement Starts (Mrs Jones' Class) (Every Thursday unless notice given of change) Pick up 2.15pm
Wed 11 th May	Yoga with Helena (2)
Fri 13 th May	School Closed for Current Children (New children, Sept 22 introduction day)
Monday 16 th May	Amazon Jungle Animals Road show visit
Wed 18 th May	Yoga with Helena (3)
Lisnasharragh Fun Day	Children will walk over to Lisnasharragh PS to have a fun Morning with a range of activities.
Wed 25 th May	Yoga with Helena (4)
Tues 31 st May	Last day 11.30am finish (Platinum Jubilee Party)
<u>June</u>	
Wednesday 1 st June - Tuesday 7 th June	School Closed - Extended Jubilee Holiday
Wednesday 8 th June	School Re-opens
Wednesday 8 th June	Yoga with Helena (5)
Wednesday 15 th June	Yoga With Helena (6)
Thursday 16 th June	Farm Trip for Children to Streamvale open farm
Wednesday 22 nd June	Yoga with Helena (7)

Wednesday 29 th June	Yoga with Helena (8)
Thursday 30 th June	Mr Hulabaloo Interactive Theatre Co.
Thursday 30 th June	End of year concert starts at 11am All parents welcome. School will close at 11.30am

Songs and Rhymes

The Farmer Plants the Seeds

(to the tune of the Farmer in the Dell)

The farmer plants the seeds
The farmer plants the seeds
Hi, Ho and Cherry O
The farmer plants the seeds

(Further verses)

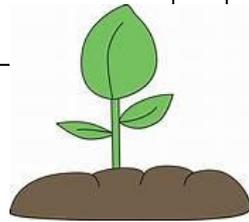
The rain begins to fall

The sun begins to shine

The plants begin to grow

The buds all open up

The flowers smile at me



Green Frog Song

(blink) (stick out tongue)

Went the little green frog one day

(blink) (tongue)

Went the little green frog

(blink) (tongue)

Went the little green frog one day

And they all went (blink) (blink) (tongue)

BUT

We all know frogs go LAH (clap) dee dah dee dah

(wave hands to side like hula),

lah (clap) dee dah dee dah (wave),

lah (clap) dee dah dee dah (wave)

We all know frogs go LAH (clap)

DEE DAH DEE DAH (wave)

They don't go (blink) (blink) (tongue)



Little Green Frog

Little green frog, little green frog
where's your tail so small?
I swim in the river, I swim in the river
I have no tail at all

[chorus]

Koo a qwack qwack, koo a qwack qwack

Koo a qwack qwack qwack

Koo a qwack qwack,

Koo a qwack qwack

Koo a qwack qwack qwack

Little green frog, little green frog

Where's your wings so small?

I swim in the river, I swim in the river

I have no wings at all

[chorus]

Little green frog, little green frog

where's your house so small?

I swim in the river, I swim in the river

I have no house at all

[chorus]

You are My Sunshine

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray
You'll never know dear, how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away

