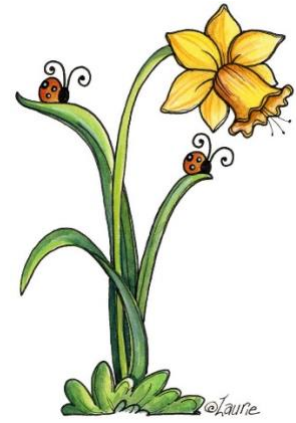


Welcome  
Spring



Castlereagh Nursery School  
'Hand in Hand We Learn Together'

## March 2023 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.

**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 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> (Mrs Morrow's Class) and 30<sup>th</sup> March (Mrs Jones' class) Sheets for you to choose a suitable time slot will be placed outside each room on Monday 6<sup>th</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.

### Easter Egg Hunt

We will have our easter egg hunt in the nursery garden on

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at

11.15 for Mrs Morrow's Class and

11.25am for Mrs Jones' Class

Parents/carers can join in with their child during this event. Our very own Easter bunny might even make an appearance.

**School finishes for Easter Holidays, no school dinners.**





### ECO Schools

The children will be 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.



### Travelling Ted

We will be starting our visits home with the class travelling teddy bear. We are excited to have our new special Castlereagh Nursery bears who were kindly made and given to us by Rowan and Blair's family. 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 would like you to take a few photos of your child with the class teddy and write about his time at your house. Please use the app to do this. On the Evidence me app you can submit an observation using the + button at the bottom. We will then print these out and they will act as a prompt for your child to tell the rest of the class about their adventure together.

### Open Farm Weekend

Please find in your child's cubby the Bank of Ireland Open Farm Weekend Competition

The UFU in partnership with BOIOFW initiative and competition sponsor Asda, are challenging school pupils across NI to put their artistic and creative flare to the test in this year's 'Farming through the seasons' schools' competition.

If you would like to enter, please complete the picture (the more imaginative the better) and bring it back in to nursery. We will be sending all entries off on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March) If you do not want your child's name to be displayed on the sheet please write it on the back.

Competition prizes are below

- £200 for the winning school in each section plus transport for a class to the nearest participating open farm.
- £40 for the winning pupil in each section.
- £100 for the runner-up school in each section plus a Bramley apple tree.
- £20 for the runner-up pupil in each section.

For further information on the competition please see

[www.ufuni.org/news/bank-of-ireland-open-farm-weekend-schools-competition-2023](http://www.ufuni.org/news/bank-of-ireland-open-farm-weekend-schools-competition-2023)



Entries are non-returnable

**Dates for your Diary March - June**

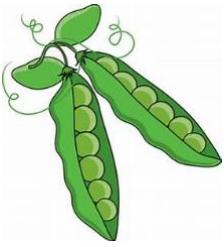
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sonal Sports - Physical Skills
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photos - Cool for School will be in nursery taking whole class group photos.
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> March	All entries for Open Farm Competition must be returned
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day - Wear Something Green <b>Early School closure 11.30am</b> (no dinners)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs Morrow parent teacher interviews
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Mrs Jones' parent teacher interviews
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Egg Hunt 11.15am Mrs Morrow's class (Parents welcome) 11.25am Mrs Jones' class (Parents Welcome) Last day before Easter school closes at 11.30am (no dinners)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	School Re opens (Normal Time)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Sonal Sports - Physical Skills
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day bank Holiday
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday for Coronation
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Amazon Jungle Show
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Children finish at 11.30am
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed for current children - New children who start in Sept 23 induction sessions.
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School Closed
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Streamvale Open Farm Trip
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day - Sing-a-long @ 11am all parents welcome. School closes at 11.30am (Details to follow)

**Please check these dates each month as more activities will be added when confirmed.**

## 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!



### There'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***



### Little Peter Rabbit

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

Powder puffs and curly whiskers,  
Powder puffs and curly whiskers,  
Powder puffs and curly whiskers,  
So he flipped it and he flopped it  
And the fly flew away.



### 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 came back

.....4.3.2.1.....

