



Welcome
Spring



Castlereagh Nursery School

'Hand in Hand We Learn Together'

March 2024 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 after Easter

Monday 15th April (Mrs Jones' Class) and

Tuesday 16th April (Mrs Morrow's class)

Sheets for you to choose a suitable time slot will be placed outside each room on Monday 25th 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

Wednesday 27th March at

11.00-11.10am for Mrs Morrow's Class and

11.20 - 11.30am 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. 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 Evidence Me 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 20th 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

Entries are non-returnable



Dates for your Diary March - June

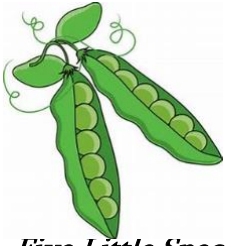
March	
Fri 1 st March	Sonal Sports - Coach Paul teaching physical ball skills
Mon 4 th March	Stay and Play Mrs Morrow's Class 1.10pm - 1.40pm
Tue 5 th March	Stay and Play Mrs Jones' Class 1.20 - 1.50pm
Fri 15 th March	Sonal Sports - Coach Paul teaching physical ball skills
Mon 18 th March	St Patrick's Day - School will close early Mrs Morrow's class 11.10am - 11.20am Mrs Jones' Class 11.20am- 11.30am No school dinners
Wed 27 th March	Easter Egg Hunt Mrs Morrow's class 11am - 11.10am Mrs Jones' Class 11.20- 11.30am Last day before Easter Holidays No School Dinners
April	
Tue 9 th and Wed 10 th April	School Development days (6 and 7) School closed for children
Mon 15 th April	Parent Teacher Consultations Mrs Jones
Tue 16 th April	Parent Teacher Consultations Mrs Morrow
Fri 19 th April	Sonal Sports - Coach Paul teaching physical ball skills
Thursday 25 th April	Notification of P1 placements and Nursery Placements
May	
Monday 6 th May	School Closed - May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 10 th May	Sonal Sports - Coach Paul teaching physical ball skills
Friday 17 th May	Sonal Sports - Coach Paul teaching physical ball skills
Friday 17 th May	World Recycling Day
Friday 24 th May	Induction day for new children starting in September 2024 - Nursery closed for current children
Mon 27 - Fri 31 st May	Bank Holiday and School Development Days School Closed
June	
Monday 3 rd June	School Re-opens
Wednesday 5 th June	World Environment Day
Friday 7 th June	Sonal Sports - Coach Paul teaching physical ball skills
Friday 14 th June	Sports Day Mrs Morrow's class 12.50pm - 1.05pm Mrs Jones class 1.15pm-1.30pm All parents are welcome to come and watch in the (Lisnasharragh Leisure Centre) 4G pitch beside the nursery.
Monday 24 th June	Mr Hullabaloo Interactive Theatre Visit to Nursery
Friday 28 th June	Last day of Nursery - Sing-a-long in the garden 11am - All parents welcome

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!



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 came back

.....4.3.2.1.....

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



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.

