

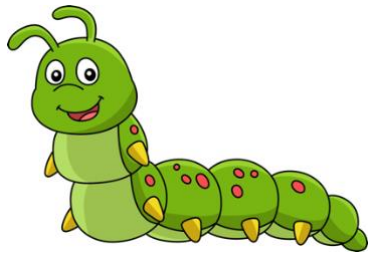


Castlereagh Nursery School

'Hand in Hand We Learn Together'



April and May 2024 Newsletter



We can't believe we are moving into our 3rd and final term in nursery. This year has passed by so quickly. We have combined the April and May Newsletter as we were off almost 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 have some tadpoles in the classroom tank and the children have been very interested in watching them change from frogspawn to tiny tadpoles. The children have already shown a keen interest in this topic. Our caterpillars should be arriving any day now and 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 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 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.

Fundamentals Afterschool Club

For those parents who have signed their children up to the after schools gymnastic sessions these start next week.

Mrs Morrow's class first session on Tuesday 16th April 1.15pm - 2pm
Mrs Jones' class first session on Thursday 18th April 1.30pm - 2.15pm

Parents who can help us

To support our area of learning next month 'People in our Community'. If any of our parents have a job that our children would be interested in, eg. Doctor, nurse, vet, dance/yoga teacher etc or can play an instrument and would like to come in and talk to the children about it, we would love to have you. Please don't be shy.... We would love to have you!!

Please speak to Mrs Morrow if you are able to help.



Stay and Plant

We are holding our last stay and play session for children and parents on Tuesday 7th May 1.10pm - 1.30pm (Mrs Morrow's Class)

Wednesday 8th May 1.20pm - 1.40pm (Mrs Jones' Class).

Please bring an old pair of child's welly boots with you, we will provide the plants to plant them and we will display them on the fence on the entrance walkway to nursery. One boot can be taken home and the other boot will be placed on our fence.

Farm Visit

We will be visiting Streamvale Farm on Friday 21th June. The cost of this trip will be £15 per child. This will cover the entrance to the Farm and part of the cost of the bus. School fund will be used for the remainder. Payment for this trip will be available mid May. Pick up time will be 1.00pm for all children.

End of Term

Just to give you warning of the end of year celebration. We are having this on the last day Friday 28th June at 11am. All parents are welcome and weather permitting we have this outside in the nursery garden. If it rains we will hold it in the community centre. For the celebration we decorate a white t-shirt with the children. Please send a white t-shirt into school in May for your child to decorate.

All the staff thank you for your continued support

Diary Dates for April - June

<u>April</u>	
Thursday 11 th April	School Re opens (Normal Time)
Friday 12 th April	Sonal Sports-Physical Skills
Monday 15 th April	Mrs Jones' class Parent teacher interviews
Tuesday 16 th April	Mrs Morrow's Parent teacher interviews
Tuesday 16 th April	First session of Fundamental Movement Mrs Morrow's Class 1.15pm-2pm
Thurs 17 th April	First session of Fundamental Movement Mrs Jones' Class 1.30pm-2.15pm
Tuesday 23 rd April	Fundamental Gymnastics Week 2 (Mrs Morrow)
Thurs 25 th April	Fundamental Gymnastics Week 2 (Mrs Jones)
Thurs 25 th April	Parents notified about Nursery and Primary school placements for Sept 2024
Thurs 25 th April	Family Photo evening (Pre-booked)
Tuesday 30 th April	Fundamental Gymnastics Week 3 (Mrs Morrow)
Thurs 2nd May	Fundamental Gymnastics Week 3 (Mrs Jones)
Monday 6th May	May Day bank Holiday - School Closed
Mon 7 th May	Stay and Plant (Mrs Morrow's Class) 1.10pm - 1.30pm Bring an old pair of children's welly boots with you.
Tues 8 th May	Stay and Plant (Mrs Jones's Class) 1.20pm - 1.40pm Bring an old pair of children's welly boots with you.
Friday 10 th May	Sonal Sports - Physical Skills
Tuesday 14 th May	Fundamental Gymnastics Week 4 (Mrs Morrow)
Thurs 15 th May	Fundamental Gymnastics Week 4 (Mrs Jones)
Fri 17 th May	Sonal Sports - Physical Skills
Tuesday 21 st May	Fundamental Gymnastics Week 5 (Mrs Morrow)

Tues 21 th May	Parent's Evening for New children starting in September 2024 (6 - 6.45pm)
Thurs 23 rd May	Fundamental Gymnastics Week 5 (Mrs Jones)
Fri 24 th May	School closed for current children - New children who start in Sept 24 induction sessions.
Fri 24 th - Fri 31 st May	School Closed
School Re-opens Monday 3 rd June	
Tuesday 4 th June	Fundamental Gymnastics Week 6 (Mrs Morrow) Last Week
Thurs 6 th June	Fundamental Gymnastics Week 6 (Mrs Jones) Last Week
Fri 7 th June	Sonal Sports - Physical Skills
Tues 11 th June	Teddybear's picnic
Friday 14 th June	Sports Day - Parents can come and watch Mrs Morrow's Class - 1.00 - 1.15pm Mrs Jones' Class - 1.20 - 1.35pm
Fri 21 st June	Streamvale Open Farm Trip - Pick up 1.00pm for all children
Monday 24 th June	Mr Hullabaloo - Interactive theatre
Fri 30 th June	Last day - Sing-a-long @ 11am all parents welcome. School closes at 11.30am (Details to follow)

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

