



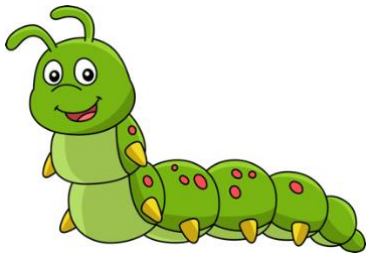
# Castlereagh Nursery School

'Hand in Hand We Learn Together'



## April and May 2025 Newsletter

We can't believe we are about to move into our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final term in nursery. This year has passed by so quickly. We 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 have some tadpoles in the tank outside 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 straight after Easter 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**

There is a flyer in your child's cubby hole today. It is for a pre-paid after-school Gymnastics club. This is a 6 week club that is run by an outside provider. The class will cost £30 and last for 45mins per session.

### **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 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 1.10pm - 1.30pm  
(Mrs Morrow's Class)

Thursday 1st 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 13<sup>th</sup> June. The cost of this trip will be £15 per child. This will cover the entrance to the Farm, their snack 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 back at school will be 12.30pm.

There will be no school dinners on this day.

### **End of Term**

Just to give you warning of the end of year celebration. We are having this on the last day Friday 27<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>April</b>	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Sonal Sports - Coach Paul teaching physical ball skills
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Teacher Meetings Mrs Jones' Class
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent teacher Meetings Mrs Morrow's Class
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Mr Hullabaloo Easter Show
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Egg Hunt <b>Mrs Morrow's class 11am - 11.10am</b> <b>Mrs Jones' Class 11.20- 11.30am</b> Last day before Easter Holidays
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	School Development day School closed for children
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	School Re-opens at normal time for the Summer Term
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Fundamental Movement Begins (Week 1) Mrs Morrow's Class
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Fundamental Movement Begins (Week 1) Mrs Jones' Class
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Stay and Plant (Mrs Morrow's Class)
<b>May</b>	
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Stay and Plant (Mrs Jones' Class)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Sonal Sports - Coach Paul teaching physical ball skills
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>School Closed May Day Holiday</b>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Fun morning in Lisnasharragh Primary School
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Fundamental Movement (Week 2) Mrs Morrow's Class
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Fundamental Movement (Week 2) Mrs Jones' Class
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Sonal Sports - Coach Paul teaching physical ball skills
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Fundamental Movement (Week 3)

	Mrs Morrow's Class
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Fundamental Movement (Week 3) Mrs Jones' Class
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Parents Evening for Children starting in September 2025 6.15pm - 7pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School will close at 11.10am - Mrs Morrow's Class 11.20am - Mrs Jones' Class Preparation for New Children sessions
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School Closed to Children New children (Sept 25) introductory sessions
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May (Inclusive)	School closed to children Staff Development Days
<b>June</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School re-opens at normal time
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Fundamental Movement (Week 4) Mrs Morrow's Class
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Fundamental Movement (Week 4) Mrs Jones' Class
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Sonal Sports - Coach Paul teaching physical ball skills
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Fundamental Movement (Week 5) Mrs Morrow's Class
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Fundamental Movement (Week 5) Mrs Jones' Class
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Trip to Streamvale Farm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Sports Day - Mrs Morrow's Class 12.50pm Mrs Jones' Class 1.15pm More details to follow
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day of nursery Celebration sing-a-long for parents 11.00am in the nursery garden 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

