



Year 1 September Newsletter 2020



Our Class Motto is: "Have a go!"
"Clean Hands are Happy Hands!"
"Bee Wise, Sanitise!"



Welcome!

A very warm welcome to our new Year 1 children! Our 12, Year 1 children are:

Éabha Mullan, Rosa Kerr, Rose Scullion, Martha Mellon, Grace Mullin, Leah Donnelly, Joseph Meegan, Darragh Meegan, Cian McGinley, Jamie Campbell, Leo Fox and Michael O'Hagan.

The butterflies in the tummy have eased and the children are all settling so well into their new school!

Please God, the uncertainties related to Covid-19 will settle down soon, as we are all praying for and looking forward to the year ahead, full of exciting learning and fun!

Year 1 Topic Work

- ◇ All about Me
 - ◇ Our Golden Rules
 - ◇ Getting to know each other
 - ◇ Our monthly value of 'Kindness'
 - ◇ Working with Others
- Our Class Routines

Language & Literacy

- ◇ Cutting Skills
- ◇ Pre - reading / early writing

- ◇ Listening to and responding to a story.
- ◇ Nursery Rhymes.

Number & Data

Handling

- ◇ Counting orally to 10
- ◇ Pattern work
- ◇ Sorting and Matching activities

How you can help at home!

* Talk to your child about the meaning of 'Kindness' - how can we show kindness to our friends and family.

* Ask your child if they can name any of their new class mates. Tell your child why **their name** was given to them - are they named after a grandparent?, an auntie? etc. This will help with class discussions later.

* Talk to your child about the importance of washing their hands & when to do so, eg; before meals, after they use the toilet, after the blow their nose & talk to your child about sanitising their hands, the importance of flushing the toilet and general good habits of **hygiene**.



Using the Computer

The children have access to the computer / Ipad during our play activities. If you have a computer at home, encourage your child to use it to play games, find out information or to enhance their learning. There are some really useful websites that provide age appropriate activities for children in early years. Here are a few for you to try:

- www.cbeebies.co.uk
- www.underfives.co.uk
- www.thekidzpage.com

SNACK TIME!

Milk or water is available for each child to drink during snack time. Please only send in either fruit OR bread based snack, in a plastic sandwich bag only. Please write child's name on banana skin, orange peel.

No snack pots please.

BABY PHOTO

To help with our discussions and our topic and for a class display, please send in a photo of your child when they were a baby, in an envelope with their name on it. I will copy it and return to you.



September Birthdays!



We have no September birthdays in Year 1!



Red Reading Bags

Please place your child's snack inside their red reading bag each morning. This will help develop their organisational skills and will speed up our snack routine. Due to Covid-19 guidelines, we ask that you refrain from sending a school bag/rucksack into school. I understand that, on occasion, your child may need a change of clothes for afterschools. On these occasions, please leave your child's rucksack over in Eskra Playtime in the morning. Thank You.



ONE KIND WORD can change someone's entire day

The Golden Rule