

March Nursery Newsletter

It is hard to believe it is March already.
Our Nursery year is flying by!

We have lots to do during March at Nursery and would like parents to get involved in Nursery life.

If you would like to read stories to small groups of children in our Nursery Quiet Room from 9am-9:30am on selected dates during April please choose ONE date on the sheet in the Nursery foyer or speak to a member of Nursery staff. I will post the dates available on Seesaw as well.

WORLD BOOK WEEK: Monday 4th March - Friday 8th March. We will be doing lots of activities based on the story of Keith, The Cat with the Magic Hat.

Thursday 7th March: WORLD BOOK DAY: children may wish to come to nursery dressed as their favourite Book Character. We will have lots of fun reading stories together and some of the Primary 4 children will join us in the afternoon for "buddy reading".

There will be lots more information in the weekly newsletter from Mrs Willis.

RELAX KIDS CLASSES WILL BE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Friday 1ST March

Friday 8TH March

Friday 15TH March

Friday 22ND March

SUNDAY 10th MARCH —Mother's Day

We will be encouraging the children to express their feelings about their mums through stories and discussion. This follows on nicely from our activities and discussions about love which took place during the lead up to Valentine's Day in February.



VISIT TO HUNTER'S BAKERY

During March we will begin to explore our village and visit the Bakery and find out about all their lovely breads and cakes. We will buy a cupcake as well and pay for it at the till.

Monday 18th March—Holiday for St Patrick's Day

The Nursery Unit will be closed on Monday 18th March.

Community Police Visit - STUART FROM THE COMMUNITY POLICE WILL VISIT THE NURSERY AND TALK TO THE CHILDREN ABOUT BEING SAFE WHEN THEY ARE OUT AND ABOUT

Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st and Monday 25th March - Nursery Parent Interviews.

Monday 25th March - Wednesday 27th March: Maths Week - we will be doing lots of Numeracy activities this week. The P7 children will help us with these activities. Children may wish to come to nursery wearing something Mathematical. There will be lots more information in the weekly newsletter from Mrs Willis.



This month we will be celebrating
Grace's birthday
and
Edith's birthday





Morning Time and Home Time

For health and safety reasons Nursery children should be escorted across the road and brought into the Nursery by an adult as the road outside the Nursery Unit can be quite busy at times.



Illness

There is still quite a lot of sickness around so we would ask that you do not send your child to nursery if they are unwell. A Nursery session is a long time for a child who is not feeling 100%.

It is also important to make sure the child has fully recovered before returning to Nursery.



Exercise at Nursery

During the month of February we did quite a lot of exercise. Even on wet days we were outside and did workouts to the Jo Jingles CD 'Jo gets fit' in our Nursery. The children loved the songs and movements and we placed a lot of emphasis on keeping our heart healthy and exercising until we felt out of breath. We also do lots of action songs as well throughout the day. During March the children will be busy outside running, climbing, jumping, throwing and catching, pedalling, hopping and balancing; we will be very busy! There are lots of opportunities for exercise in our Outdoor Play area each day.

The children love their new Water Wall and use this every day under the supervision of nursery staff.



Preparation for Primary One!!

We have started preparing for Primary One already. The Nursery children visited the Primary One classrooms and we sang songs and rhymes for the teachers and children. We also visited the Primary One Playroom.

We visit the school canteen and Assembly Hall each Friday and have our dinners and packed lunches. We are really enjoying our visits to the 'big school'. Very soon we will begin to use the dinner trays in the Canteen.

Topic Work

Our topics for March and April are 'Our Village' and 'People Who Help Us'

I will be learning about all the different shops and services in our village.

I will be making buns and cakes in the bakery, I will be writing down orders and selling fish and chips in the Chip Shop and I will get my hair done at the hairdressers. I will also be role playing in the hospital as well as in the Florists; this links in quite nicely with our observations about Spring and growth. We will also have a Post Office in our Nursery and there will be lots of opportunities for writing in our Post Office.

You could take me to the village or town and talk to me about everything we see, I could tell you the shapes of road signs, I could guess what a shop sells by looking at window displays. We could make playdough together and set up our own bakery using old bun tins and kitchen tools, you could talk to me about ingredients and recipes and help me weigh using scales.

Nursery staff will take me to Ballykelly to visit Hunter's Bakery and The Post Office

As part of our topic the children will be learning about time; we will use a play clock to talk about what time the shops open and close at. The children will be using money to buy things in the shops as they role play together and to pay. We will be using the terms "how much?" "cost" "change" as well as encouraging the children to say "please" and "thank you" to the shopkeeper.

The children will also be weighing items in the bakery and talking about different weights using the terms "heavy" and "light"

We have been taught to walk safely with a partner and we will discuss road safety before we go on our walks to the village. We will look at all aspects of road safety and how to be safe as a pedestrian as well. You could remind me about the importance of keeping safe near roads and lanes as well as walking safely on the footpath holding hands. The Community Police and Nurse will be visiting soon to tell us all about how to stay safe and healthy when we are out and about.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

COLOURS

We will be exploring the colour green in our Nursery; making playdough, painting, printing with green paint and egg boxes!

How many green objects can you find at home? We will be looking at lots of green fruits and vegetables and trying some at our snack table.

We will also focus on the colour yellow during March. We will explore yellow flowers and foliage—the daffodils will be in full bloom.

We have an 'Interest Table' in our Nursery room. There are lots of interesting things on this table each week. The children are enjoying using their senses to look, smell and touch as they explore each item.

ART WORK

The rectangle, triangle, square and circle constantly feature strongly at our art table as the children create their own drawings, paintings and decorations. During March children will be busy working on their special gifts for Mother's Day. Watch out for some surprises coming your way. The children will be cutting and sticking, moulding, printing and modelling.

LITERACY

We will be reading lots of stories and information books about village life and people who help us. The children will be involved in writing at our writing table and also trying to write their names on Mother's Day cards.

NUMERACY

We will be talking about time using a clock and the different times during the Nursery day e.g. Tidy Up Time, Story Time, Outdoor Play, Table Top Time. We will also be using money in our shop play. We plan to use balance scales to weigh objects and talk about which is heavy or light? We will be measuring as well using tape measures and measuring worms. We will try to make our playdough rolls longer and shorter than the measuring worms.

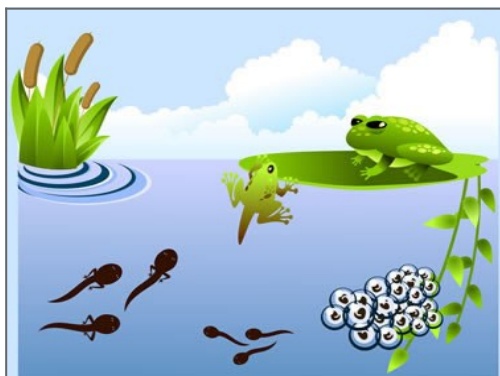
MUSIC

We hope to explore a little traditional Irish music and dance in celebration of St Patrick's Day. We will watch some recordings of Irish dancers and try to copy their dancing skills.

SPRING

Spring is in the air and the buds are beginning to peep through the soil. We have been for many walks around our school grounds and the children have been very observant and have spotted snowdrops and buds on the trees. Tall daffodils are growing in our all around the school grounds. The children will be busy over the next few weeks planting seeds in our greenhouses and looking after all the flowers and plants which are beginning to grow around our outdoor area.

The children will be looking for lots more signs of Spring and we will visit our school pond to see if we can spot any frogspawn! The children will be learning about the life cycle of a frog through stories and pictures on our Interactive Whiteboard.



Village Song

Who shall we visit in our village?
Who shall we visit in our village?
Who shall we visit in our village?
Down in Ballykelly

We shall visit the Baker's Shop
We shall visit the Baker's Shop
We shall visit the Baker's Shop
Down in Ballykelly.

Repeat for Chip Shop and
Post Office

Poem: A little seed

A little seed for me to sow
A little earth to make it grow
A little sun, a little shower
A little wish and then a flower!

Firefighter poem

Firefighters are fit and strong

They put out fires all day long

Climbing ladders and checking the hose

They're always ready when the fire alarm goes.

Song:

Peter works with one hammer, one
hammer, one hammer,
Peter works with one hammer, this fine
day.

Peter works with two hammers, two
hammers, two hammers,
Peter works with two hammers, this fine
day.

Peter works with three hammers, three
hammers, three hammers,
Peter works with three hammers, this fine
day.

Peter works with four hammers, four
hammers, four hammers,
Peter works with four hammers, this fine
day.

Peter works with five hammers, five
hammers, five hammers,
Peter works with five hammers, this fine
day.

POEM: THE POSTMAN

**See the postman
Dressed in blue**

He's walking, walking, walking

**What do you think he'll bring to you
Some postcards and a letter too.**

See the postman
Dressed in blue
He's marching, marching, marching

What do you think he'll bring to you
Some postcards and a letter too.

**See the postman
Dressed in blue
He's jumping, jumping, jumping**

**What do you think he'll bring to you
Some postcards and a letter too.**

Springtime

(to the tune of "The Muffin Man")

Springtime is planting time,
Planting time, planting time,
Get your seeds and come outside,
Springtime is here!

5 little chicks

5 little chicks tucked in their nest
Mother Hen said Its time to rest
One little chick said peep peep peep
But 4 little chicks stayed fast asleep

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4 little chicks tucked in their nest
Mother Hen said Its time to rest
One little chick said peep peep peep
But 3 little chicks stayed fast asleep

3 little chicks and so on....
2 little chicks.....

1 little chick tucked in their nest
Mother Hen said Its time to rest
That little chick said peep peep peep
And all of the chicks came back to
sleep

5 little chicks tucked in their nest
Mother Hen said Its time to rest
None of the little chicks made a peep
And all of the chicks stayed fast
asleep.

Hickory Dickory Dock

Hickory Dickory Dock
The mouse ran up the clock
The clock struck one
The mouse ran down
Hickory Dickory Dock

Song

(1)

I am the Baker man
I come from far away
And I can bake
What can you bake?
I can bake biscuits
Crunchy crunchy crunchy crunch
Crunchy crunch
crunchy crunch
Crunchy crunchy crunchy crunch
Crunchy crunchy crunch

(2)

I am the Baker man
I come from far away
And I can bake
What can you bake?
I can bake cakes
Yummy yummy yummy yum
Yummy yum
Yummy yum
Yummy yummy yummy yum
Yummy yummy yum

(3) I am the Baker man
I come from far away
And I can bake
What can you bake?
I can bake cookies
Chewy chewy chewy chew
Chewy chew
Chewy chew
Chewy chewy chewy chew
Chewy chew chew