



St. Patrick's Nursery Unit Newsletter

October 2017

Bright Beginnings

We now have all our children started in our Nursery. We are blessed with a wonderful group of children!

Most of the children have now settled extremely well and are becoming more confident in following the Nursery routines. Please continue to encourage your child to take off and hang up their own coat, move their apple across to the tree and say good morning to the nursery staff.

We would like to thank all our parents for their co-operation with staff during the settling in period.

Topic

This month we are continuing with our theme of settling into school alongside exploring the wonders of autumn and Halloween.

To help support our autumn theme we will be observing the seasonal changes in our immediate environment. We will also be visiting the sensory garden to harvest a pumpkin and carrots. The children will have the opportunity to carve and explore the inside of a pumpkin, make an apple tart and some Halloween shortbread biscuits.

The children will also be introduced to our first shape 'circle' and explore the colours orange, red and brown.

How to help at home

When out in the local environment with your child, please aid their language development by chatting about the season and the many changes that occur. If you come across any interesting items in the outdoor area we would be delighted if your child brought them into school so that we could all explore them.

Look out for circles in the environment (signs, wheels, tyres, tins, clocks etc.) and look for items that are orange, red and brown.

Dates for your Diary this month:

Wed 17th— West Midlands Theatre production.
(£1.00 fee per child).

Tues 24th — Boogie Beat Workshop.

Fri 27th - Halloween Fancy Dress Party in
Nursery.

Halloween Disco— Date to be confirmed.

Mid-Term Break - Nursery closed Mon 30th
Oct to Wed 1st Nov



Parent's Consultative Group

Mrs Ryan is always looking for ways to improve the parents' voice within our school. An excellent way of doing this is to ensure that parents have their say regarding school policies.

Mrs Ryan has set up a Parent's Consultative Group and is looking for a parent representative from each year group within the school to read over any new/amended policies, to see if you agree/disagree with what has been stated in each policy. If you would like to be part of this group please speak to me and I will forward your name to Mrs Ryan.

Volunteers

I would like to thank Noah and Thomas McCarron's mum Claire for getting the boys uncle 'Big Tom' to fix our play-house windows. He has been in to measure up (with a little help from the boys) and we look forward to welcoming 'big Tom' back to complete the job.

I would also like to thank Afa's mum Shauna and Sean's dad John for offering their time to help maintain the outdoor area. The area has been Power hosed and we are now ready for the painting and weeding to commence.

If you would like to offer John, Shauna and myself a hand please see me and we can arrange a suitable time.

If you or a relative enjoy baking and would like to bake an apple tart or shortbread with the children we would love to welcome you into our nursery.

Reminders

- As the weather is becoming colder and wetter, we ask that you send a warm, waterproof coat with your child **every day** and encourage him/her to take it off and hang it up independently. As it gets colder, please send a hat, scarf and gloves clearly labelled with your child's name. We try to have some play time outside every day so it is important that the children all have appropriate clothing for the weather.
- Please leave a spare change of clothes in the brown bag on your child's peg. This is to ensure that we have dry items to change your child in the event of an accident e.g. a toileting accident or messy play accident. We ask that you include pants, socks, trousers, t-shirt and a vest (every child likes to wear their own clothes when such accidents happen). A uniform is not necessary as your child may

Birthdays

We would like to wish the following children a happy birthday:



Isobel McCoy 5th October

Michael Murney 7th October

October Rhymes and poems

I have attached a list of the rhymes and songs that we will be learning in Nursery throughout October.

Hopefully you will enjoy listening to your child singing these songs as the month progresses.

Your unwanted items are nursery treasure!!

- Cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, clean yogurt pots, yogurt drink bottles, clean bottle tops and lids
- Wool, string, fabric, buttons
- Jewellery boxes, broken or unwanted jewellery (we can cut them for beads and 'treasure')
- Fish tank accessories, pebbles, shells,
- Crates and pallets, rubber tyres, large cable reels
- Guttering and pipes, old keys and padlocks, nuts and bolts
- Planters and plant pots
- Gardening tools,
- Magazines, greetings cards, wrapping paper, gift bags
- Unwanted crockery, pots, pans, wooden spoons, colanders, whisks, baking tins

The list is endless! If you have unwanted items at home please check with the Nursery before you throw them out and we may be able to use them

