



Goodbye

Knockbreda Nursery School June 2016 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that this is our final month together at Knockbreda Nursery School! We hope your child has enjoyed their year and will have many happy memories of their time with us at Nursery. We will look forward to welcoming you to our end of year celebrations this month.

Thank you most sincerely for all your kind 'Smarties' donations for our outdoor play resources. Your very generous contributions raised over £360, thank you! School has been able to furnish and resource the outdoor learning pods (the Building Site, Mud Kitchen, Woodland and Small World Area) and purchase football nets. These new facilities will help to enhance outdoor play this term and add to the enjoyment of all the children. Many thanks indeed!

Thank you for taking the time to complete our school review questionnaire online. Your views and opinions are welcomed by the school and will be used to guide future school improvement planning.

This month we will be finishing our child initiated topic Ship Ahoy! After this, we will be moving on to our travel topic and then finishing the year with a mini-topic based on starting school for P1. We will also be learning more about other cultures and traditions when we celebrate Diversity Day on 1 June 2016. We are delighted to welcome our parents Mr Gharaibeh and Reverend Mbayo to school on Diversity Day! They will be talking to us about their home traditions, customs and festivals. We will even have the chance to sample some new foods and try on some traditional clothing. Thank you so much!

On 2 June, we will be welcoming Rebecca Oates from The Cancer Fund for Children to talk to the children about staying safe in the sun, in advance of our Hats and Shades Fundraising day which will take place on Friday 3 June 2016.

Nursery is most excited that Mr McNeill (Chairperson of the Board of Governors and retired PE Teacher) has kindly offered to lead a number of PE sessions for the children this month. We are very grateful to Mrs McKenna for lending us the PE Hall at Knockbreda Primary School to facilitate these sessions. The children will be attending PE in the hall on 3 and 10 June 2016 and should wear trainers on these dates please.

Themes and topics

This half-term, we will be concluding our child-led topic 'Ship Ahoy!' moving on to 'At the beach' and to conclude the month, we will begin to think about moving to primary school. We will be adapting the role-play area to include a school classroom and we will be learning about school uniforms, school staffing and the organisation of a day in the P1 classroom. Each child will receive a transition booklet with information and photos from their new school; this will be a useful visual aid during the summer holidays to help prepare your child for this new phase of their learning journey.

Important information

- **ETI Visit**

School had a most positive visit from Mrs Lyttle, ETI School Inspector on Thursday 26th May 2016. She endorsed the hard work of the staff, excellent quality of provision for the children and high standards of achievement throughout the setting. Well done to all the staff and thank you for your continued support.

- **Care in the Sun**

To support our learning about how to stay safe in the sun, Nursery will be taking part in the Cancer Fund for Children's Hats & Shades Day on Friday 3 June 2016. **Children should wear a sunhat and sunglasses (with their Nursery uniform) and bring a £1 donation for the Cancer Fund for Children.**

Please remember to send a named sun hat to school and put sunscreen on your child before you bring them to nursery on potentially warm days. For the cooler days, please ensure that a cardigan/sweatshirt/coat is brought in. Please note that due to child protection, staff are not permitted to put sun cream on the children. Please also send a named water bottle (filled with water each day) so that your child can have a drink during outdoor playtime. This should be collected at the end of the Nursery session and returned to school the next day, washed and refilled. Thank you.

- Our final Term 3 parent/ carer consultation meetings will take place from 13-16 June 2016 and the Class Teachers will look forward to meeting with you then. Sign-up sheets will be available from 6 June 2016 onwards. Please note that these final meetings are an opportunity to discuss your child's Pre-School Transition Report and attendance is optional.

Dates for your diary:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
1-3 June 2016	12.50-1pm (dinner provided as usual)	Play and Stay sessions for new pupils. To accommodate this, there will be early collection from 12.50-1pm prompt. Thank you.
Wednesday 1 June 2016	All day	Diversity Day An opportunity to celebrate and learn more about the diversity of cultures attending our school and in our local community!
Thursday 2 June 2016	9.30am	Rebecca Oates from the Cancer Fund for Children to talk about Hats and Shades Day.
Friday 3 June 2016	9am	Hats and Shades Day Wear your sunglasses and sun hats and donate to the Cancer Fund for Children Charity.
Monday 13-Thursday 16 June 2016	2.15pm	Final Parent/ Carer Consultation Meetings. Pre-School Transition Reports will be issued to all pupils and these final meetings with your Class Teacher are optional.
*New diary date- Tuesday 21 June 2016 <u>New date due to Polling Closure on 23.6.16</u>	1-1.30pm Pick Up- 12.50-1pm (dinner provided as usual)	End of Nursery Celebration event for Green Apples. Early closure for Red Apples 12.50-1pm. Thank you.
Wednesday 22 June 2016	1-1.30pm Pick Up- 12.50-1pm (dinner provided as usual)	End of Nursery Celebration event for Red Apples. Early closure for Green Apples 12.50-1pm. Thank you.
* <u>New diary date-</u> Thursday 23 June 2016	All day	Polling Day: please note that as Knockbreda Primary School is being used as a polling station, Nursery will be closed on this date.
Thursday 30 June 2016	12 noon No school dinners	School closes for the summer holidays! What a busy year we have had! Goodbye and good luck!

Starting Primary School

Back to School



I Like to...

(to the tune of "London Bridge is Falling Down")

I like to paint and build with blocks,
Build with blocks, build with blocks,
I like to paint and build with blocks,
At my school.

I like to sing and model clay,
Model clay, model clay,
I like to sing and model clay,
At my school.

I like to ride the trikes and swing,
Trikes and swing, trikes and swing,
I like to ride the trikes and swing,
At my school.

Days of the week

(to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star")

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday too.
Wednesday, Thursday just for you.
Friday, Saturday that's the end .
Now let's say those days again!
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday!

Primary School, Here We Come

(to the tune of: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star)

Primary One, here we come.
We know we'll have lots of fun.
Lots of things to make and do.
Reading, writing, counting too.
Primary One, here we come.
We know we'll have lots of fun.
We'll make new friends,
We'll learn to share,
We'll learn to take turns
And always play fair.
We'll sing some songs
And things to do,
School is fun
The whole year through.