



Knockbreda Nursery School

April 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

We have thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as princesses and knights as well as discovering the signs of Spring around school, planting seeds and looking after our flowers.

After the Easter holidays we will be learning about life cycles, minibeasts and creepy crawlies. To complement this interest, we will have a visit from our friends at Party Animals NI, who will be bringing lots of different animals to share with us such as toads, stick insects and millipedes!

We are also looking forward to having a few more sessions of 'Jo Jingles' classes as we learn about different musical instruments and keeping a nice steady beat.

We have included some of the songs and rhymes that we will be learning through our topic in this newsletter, so that you can share them with your child at home.

To further develop our early mathematical experiences, we will be working with numbers 1-10 across the summer term. A Number Rhyme and Song booklet to support this learning at home, is also attached.

Eco-School

March was filled with eco-activities such as eco-meetings, litter picks, Waste Week, making seed bombs out of our recycling bin paper and lots of planting!

We would like to say a great big thank you to everyone who gave 60 minutes (or more) for Earth Hour by participating in our Big Seed Sow Week. Thank you for enhancing our outdoor space! We were delighted that so many parents and grandparents were able to join us, and the children loved having you around in Forest School. We are hoping all our planted bulbs, seeds and trees will begin to bloom soon!

We would like to continue raising awareness about the importance of looking after our environment by encouraging you to join in on Earth Day which takes place on 22nd April. We will be having another Meat Free day on Friday 21st April and we will send home a 'Saving Energy Challenge' for you to encourage the children to complete as many energy saving tasks in a week as possible. Some of the tasks are turning the taps off at home or recycling as much as possible. We appreciate you returning these back to us as we will discuss the challenges during the last week of April in our Together Time sessions.

To complement our commitment to being an eco-school, we will have a visit from the Recycling Rat Show on the last Friday of April.

Care in the Sun

As the days are getting sunnier please send a named sun hat to school and put sunscreen on your child before you bring them to Nursery each day. For the cooler days, please ensure that a cardigan/sweatshirt is still brought in. Please note that due to child protection, staff are not permitted to apply sun cream on the children.

Traffic in and around school grounds

For the safety of all of our children, the Knockbreda Campus is operated as a traffic free zone where possible. Limited parking is available for use by school staff, students and planned visitors and it would be appreciated if parents did not park in the staff car parking spaces or on the double yellow lines opposite Nursery's top gate. Please contact the school office if you require permission to use the staff parking for accessibility reasons. Thank you for your continued support in this regard.

Dates for your diary:

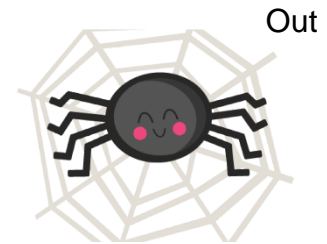
Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 5 th April 2023	Finish at 11am No school meals.	Easter egg hunt. <u>School closes for Easter and will re-open on Thursday 20th April, as normal.</u>
Friday 21 st April 2023	9.30-11.30am	Party Animals visit for minibeasts topic
Monday 24 th April 2023	10.30-11.30am	Jo Jingles- 30 min each class
Tuesday 25 th and Wednesday 26 th April 2023	8.30am-1pm	Health Visitor in school - Private parent appointments available. More information to follow.
Friday 28 th April 2023	10-11am	Recycling Rat visit
<u>Monday 1st May 2023</u>	<u>Closed</u>	<u>School closed for May Day.</u>
Tuesday 2 nd May 2023	10.30-11.30am	Jo Jingles- 30 min each class
<u>Monday 8th May 2023</u>	<u>Closed</u>	<u>School closed for the bank holiday-King's Coronation.</u>

Friday 12 th May 2023	All day	National's children Day – Wear something Blue to school and celebrate Children's Rights.
Monday 15 th May 2023	10.30-11.30am	Jo Jingles- 30 min each class
<u>Thursday 18th May 2023</u>	<u>Closed</u>	<u>School closed for Local Council Elections.</u>
Monday 22 nd May 2023	10.30-11.30am	Jo Jingles- 30 min each class
Monday 22 nd May 2023	All day	World Day for cultural diversity. Celebrate with us as we learn about different cultures from around the world.
Friday 26 th May 2023	All day	School now will open as normal.
Monday 29 th May and Tuesday 30 th May 2023	Closed	School closed for the bank holiday. Children will return to school as normal on Wednesday 31st May.
Friday 2 nd June	9:00am – 12:00noon	Playball NI
Monday 5 th , Tuesday 6 th and Wednesday 7 th June 2023	Finish at 11am No school meals.	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings. An optional final term discussion meeting. Children will finish at 11am. No lunches will be served on these days.
Friday 9 th June 2023	All day	Hats and Shades day.
Friday 9 th June 2023	9:00am – 12:00noon	Playball NI
Thursday 15 th June 2023		Red Apples Celebration show at 11am. Green Apples finish at 10.30am. No lunches will be served on this day.
Friday 16 th June 2023		Green Apples Celebration show at 11am. Red Apples finish at 10.30am. No lunches will be served on this day.
Thursday 29 th June 2023	11am finish	School closes for summer. No lunches will be served on this day.
Friday 30 th June 2023	All day	School closed

All creatures great and small

Incy Wincy Spider

Incy Wincy spider, climbed up the water spout,
Down came the rain
and washed the spider out.
came the sunshine,
And dried up all the rain.
Incy Wincy spider,
climbed up the spout again.



Here is the Beehive

Here is the beehive,
But where are the bees?
Hidden away,
Where nobody sees.
Look and you'll see them,
Come out of the hive.
One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Bzzzzzzzzzzzzzz.



The Ants Go Marching

The ants go marching one by one, Hurrah, hurrah!
The ants go marching one by one, Hurrah, hurrah!
The ants go marching one by one,
The little one stops to suck his thumb,
And they all go marching down into the ground to get out of the rain,
Boom, boom, boom, boom, boom!
two by two... to tie his shoe...
three by three... to climb a tree...
four by four... to shut the door...
five by five... to take a dive...
six by six... to pick up sticks...
seven by seven... to pray to heaven...
eight by eight... to shut the gate...
nine by nine... to check the time...
ten by ten... to shout "THE END!"

