



April 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.

Themes and topics

We will continue to learn about signs of spring and talking about new life, growing and gardening. The children will enjoy planting seeds, looking after plants and learning about life-cycles. 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! Please also refer to the topic web for an understanding of how our themes link to the curriculum.

We are also looking forward to starting our sessions of 'Jump, Jiggle and Jive' classes. Jump, Jiggle and Jive is a dance programme designed for the foundation stage curriculum. It is an all-abilities dance class that surprises and delights pupils every week rewarding and stimulating young minds and bodies.

Eco-School

A big thank you to all our children who took part in our sponsored scoot/ cycle. The children really enjoyed showing their friends their bikes/scooters and racing along the pitch. Thank you very much for your donations towards our outdoor learning pods.

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 send home a 'Saving Energy Challenge' for you to encourage the children to complete as many energy saving tasks in a week 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 Monday 22nd of April.

We would love any volunteers to help spring clean our outdoor areas of school. If you are able to give up some of your time to help either Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th or Friday 19th of April (8.50am-12.30pm drop in whenever suits!) to weed, plant bulbs and 'spring clean' the entrance and Forest school areas it would be greatly appreciated. We can offer a nice hot drink and bun in return.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Care in the Sun

As the days are (hopefully) getting sunnier please 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

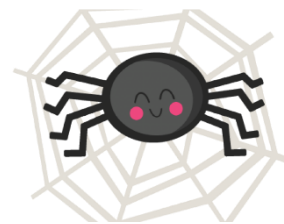
For the safety of all of our children, the Knockbreda Campus is operated as a traffic free zone where possible. Limited parking is available for use by school staff, students and planned visitors and it would be appreciated if parents did not park in the staff car parking spaces or on the double yellow 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 |
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| Friday 12th April 2024 | | Scoot or Cycle sponsorship ends. Please return any money collected, no matter how small the amount! |
| Monday 15th April 2024 | All day | Party Animals NI will show their minibeasts to the children. |
| Monday 22nd April 2024 | All day | The Recycling Rat show. Earth Day – 'Saving Energy Challenge' |
| Friday 3rd May | Closed | School closed for staff development. |
| Monday 6th May | Closed | School closed for the Bank Holiday. |
| Friday 17th May | All Day | Hats and Shades Day |
| Tuesday 21st May | All day | World Day for cultural diversity. Celebrate with us as we learn about different cultures from around the world. |
| Friday 24th May | Closed | School closed for staff development. |
| Monday 27th May | Closed | School closed for the Bank Holiday |
| Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th June | 11am finish No Hub Club | Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings. An optional final term discussion meeting. Children will finish at 11am. No lunches will be served on these days and there will be no Hub Club. |
| Wednesday 5th June | All Day | World Environment Day |
| Thursday 20th June | | Red Apples Celebration show at 11am. Green Apples finish at 10.30am. No lunches will be served on this day and there will be no Hub Club. |
| Friday 21st June | | Green Apples Celebration show at 11am. Red Apples finish at 10.30am. No lunches will be served on this day and there will be no Hub Club. |
| Thursday 27 June | 11am finish | School closes for summer. No lunches will be served on this day and there will be no Hub Club. |

Incy Wincy Spider

Incy Wincy spider, climbed up the water spout,
Down came the rain
and washed the spider out.
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, Bzzzzzzzzzzzz.



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!"

