



June 2023 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.

This month we will be following the children's interest in holidays, travelling, pirates and the beach. After this, we will be moving on to a mini-topic based on moving school for P1 to ease the children's transition to their big school. During the month of June, each class will also be enjoying some outdoor sessions with Playball NI.

We have been working hard to organise an end of year celebration for our children and parents. This will take place in our Rainbow Room and is expected to last for about 30 minutes. Due to seating restrictions, two adults only are allowed to attend please. The Red Apple Class will have their Celebration on Thursday 15th June at 11am (with immediate collection afterwards); on this day the Green Apple class will finish at 10.30am with no lunch available. The Green Apple Class will have their Celebration on Friday 16th June at 11am (with immediate collection afterwards); on this day the Red Apple class will finish at 10.30am with no lunch available.

The Celebration Show will include some favourite songs from our classes, a small video and an ice lollies for everyone!

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

Important information

Parent / Carer Meetings

Our final optional Term 3 parent/carers consultation meetings will take place from 5th -7th June 2023. The Class Teachers will look forward to meeting with you then. If you would prefer a phone-call instead of a face to face meeting, please make this known to your Class Teacher and this will be facilitated.

Hats and Shades Day

We will hear about the importance of staying safe in the sun and about how to support the Cancer Fund for Children charity, on Thursday 8th June 2023, with a talk from Rebecca Oates. On Friday 9th June 2023 we will be holding a "Hats and Shades" day in school in conjunction with and in support of the Cancer Fund for Children. Children are invited to wear their favourite Hats and Shades into school that day and to donate £1 to support this fantastic charity. There will lots of fun and educational activities on this day with the theme of staying safe in the sun!



Care in the Sun

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 still brought in. Please note that due to child protection, staff are not permitted to apply sun cream on the children.

Graduation Photographs

A photograph of your child in their Nursery Graduation gown will shortly be available to purchase from school for the price of £5. Duplicate copies will be available on request. Any monies raised will be used to replace toys or resources that have been damaged or broken during the year.

Translink Travel Challenge

This year our school is participating in the Translink Eco-Schools Travel Challenge being run in partnership by Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful Eco-Schools and Translink. All children will be asked to take part in this challenge over a 2 week period starting on Monday 5th June 23. A tally sheet will be sent with home your child on Friday 2nd June.

We will look at what transport pupils currently use to get to and from school, and at time spent enjoying the great outdoors (by walking, scooting or cycling) and ask that you and your child try and make sustainable improvements during this period and beyond.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our school to work towards becoming more environmentally sustainable by reducing carbon emissions caused by traffic and is a positive step towards reducing car congestion around the school. It is also a healthy and sociable option for our pupils.

We hope you will support our Translink Eco-Schools Travel Challenge!

Cool For School Class Photos

Cool for School will be taking class photos on Monday 12th June 2023 at 9.00am prompt. We would ask that children wear their full summer uniform on this date and arrive in school by 8.45am at the latest to be included in their class photo.

Shared Education

Our last Shared event will take place on Monday 26th June 2023 at the Parish Centre. We will join our friends from St. Bernard's Preschool, St. Bernard's Primary School P1 and P2, and Knockbreda Primary School P1 for a Carnival Show. **We will be leaving the premises at 9am prompt so please ensure your child arrives before 8.45am.**

Jump, Jiggle and Jive

Thank you for contributing to our School Fund during the year. School Fund has allowed us to have lots of visitors to enhance and support the children's learning. Our last visitor of the year, is Jump Jiggle and Jive on Wednesday 28th June 2023. We will have a dance and movement class using props such as hoops, plates and ribbons.



Second Hand Uniforms

We will be collecting second hand uniforms during our final weeks at school. If you have any uniforms that you would like to donate, please leave them in our second hand uniform box during collection and drop-off. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Date	Time	Event
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
Monday 12 th June 2023	9am	Photographer in school for class photos
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.
Monday 26 th June 2023	9-11am	Shared Education event- Carnival at St. Bernard's Parish Centre.
Wednesday 28 th June 2023	9am	Jump Jiggle and Jive
Thursday 29 th June 2023	11am finish	School closes for summer. No lunches will be served on this day. Doors will open at 10.45am and the children and their families will be able to enjoy an ice- cream!
Friday 30 th June 2023	All day	School closed

*Thank you for all your support and co-operation this year. We wish you and your child all the very best for P1 and we hope you enjoy a restful summer break. It has been such a happy year at Knockbreda Nursery School and a pleasure teaching your children.
Thankyou for your positive partnership.*

Good luck for P1!



At the Beach



Sing a song of sunshine

(sung to the tune of Sing a Song of Sixpence)

Sing a song of sunshine,
Summer's here at last!
Flowers in the garden,
Tell us Spring is past,
Picnics in the country,
Swimming in the sea,
Holidays are happy days,
So sing this song with me!

To the Beach

(sung to the tune of London Bridge)

We are going to the beach,
To the beach, to the beach,
We are going to the beach,
in our bathing suits.
We will find some rocks and shells,
Rocks and shells, rocks and shells.
We will find some rocks and shells,
to gather by the water.
We will build a sand castle,
Sand castle, sand castle,
we will build a sand castle,
with bridges and a tower.
We will have a picnic too,
Picnic too, picnic too,
We will have a picnic too,
With sandwiches and oranges.
Home we head with sunburned cheeks,
Sunburned cheeks, sunburned cheeks,
Home we head with sunburned cheeks,
and treasures from our visit.



Starting Primary School



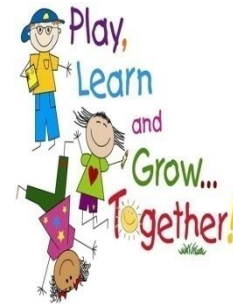
I Like to...

(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 Knockbreda Nursery.

I like to sing and model clay,
Model clay, model clay,
I like to sing and model clay,
At Knockbreda Nursery.

I like to ride the trikes and swing,
Trikes and swing, trikes and swing,
I like to ride the trikes and swing,
At Knockbreda Nursery.



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

