



May 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that this is our penultimate month in Nursery! We have many exciting activities planned for our last two months together.

This month we will be continuing the children's interest in 'All Creatures Great and Small'. Our classroom caterpillars are turning into butterflies, and we will soon be able to release them! Towards the middle of month, we will be following the children's interest in holidays, travelling and maps, and we will be talking about other places, cultures and traditions across the world.

Jo Jingles will be with us for a few more sessions during this month, as we continue to learn about musical instruments, beat and movement.

We will also join our friends from the Shared Education Partnership at an event at St. Bernard's Primary School with a focus on number. We have made some lovely friendships through our events and are hoping this will continue when moving onto P1!

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.

Important information

P1 Transition

To enable smooth transition to P1, once your P1 place is issued we would ask that you please return your school choice form to your class teacher. This will allow Nursery to share your child's end of year report with your new P1 class teacher. Thank you. Please ensure that your completed form is returned to school by Friday 5th May 2023.

Care in the Sun

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

Change of clothes

Nursery is running very low of change of clothes supplies; please check to ensure that any KNS labelled items have been returned to school. This will include tights, socks, leggings and jogging bottoms.



School Survey

School Self-Review will take place this month. As part of our annual school self-review (as per Department of Education guidelines), we would ask parents/ carers to complete a short school survey. This questionnaire follows guidance from the Education Authority and should take less than 10 minutes to complete.

The outcomes will be used to further inform future improvement opportunities and school decision making. In line with the Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI), the school evaluates itself under the same headings used for school inspections; **Leadership and Management, Quality of Provision for Learning, Quality of Achievements and Standards**. This is an opportunity to share your views and opinions about our Nursery and to suggest any areas for improvement.

The link to this survey is below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/iRSS8mctfZ>

It will remain open until **Friday 19th May 2023**. Thank you in anticipation.

National Children's Day

Wear something blue on **Friday 12th May 2023** to celebrate National Children's Day. It is an opportunity for us as a Rights Respecting School, to celebrate children's rights.

We invite you to watch this video about the power that children claiming the rights has in our world.

Just a Kid | UNICEF

<https://youtu.be/y4udqAY2Bqc>



Operation Encompass

From **Monday 15th May 2023**, Knockbreda Nursery School will be a participant in Operation Encompass which is an early intervention partnership between Police and Schools. It is aimed at supporting children who are victims of domestic violence.

Cultural Diversity Day



This will take place on **Monday 22nd May 2023** and this event provides the opportunity for the Nursery children to learn more about the cultures of others. Thanks to the input of our multicultural staff, the children will be learning about life in France, Colombia and Spain, learning some French and Spanish songs and trying out some new foods at snack time. If there are any family members or friends who would like to take part in this event (sharing information about their families' special cultural celebrations or foods), please speak to your class teacher.



Whole-school Eco-meeting

Thank you for your participation on all the eco-activities that have taken place in school since March. Mrs Welsh is hosting a whole-school eco-meeting on **Thursday 25th May 2023 at 11.30am** in our hub. This meeting should not last more than 20 minutes and parents and governors are invited to join us. If you wish to attend, please email us at info@knockbredanursery.co.uk or talk to your child's class teacher so that we have an indication of numbers in advance of the meeting.

Playball NI

We are looking forward to welcoming Playball NI on **2nd and 9th June 2023** to facilitate 2 days of outdoor sports and movement for us. We are hoping for good weather on those days!

Playball have very kindly donated a voucher for a free week of Playball camp for one child (worth £110) valid for use during Summer or Halloween 2023. We would like to raffle this voucher at a cost of £5 for 5 tickets.

We are trying to raise funds towards the purchase of a replacement for our Forest School handwashing facilities that were damaged during a storm earlier in the year. This will cost £300 and we are hoping that funds raised will go some way towards the cost of this.

Tickets can be purchased at drop-off / collection from **Wednesday 4th May 2023** and the draw will take place on **Friday 19th May 2023**.

Thank-you for your support.





Holidays and travel songs

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.





Dates for your diary:

| Date | Time | Event |
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| <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 |
| Tuesday 2 nd and Wednesday 3 rd May 2023 | 9-1pm | Health Visitor in school - Private parent appointments available. |
| Thursday 4 th May 2023 | 9-11.30am | Shared Education Event at St. Bernard's PS. |
| <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> |
| Friday 19 th May 2023 | 10-11am | Recycling Rat visit |
| 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. |
| Thursday 25 th May 2023 | 11.30am | Whole school Eco-meeting. |
| 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 |
| 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. |
| 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 |