

Nursery News

February 2012

Dear Parents

Welcome to our Nursery News for the month of February 2012. There are still signs of us being embedded in Winter but hopefully we will soon see glimpses of Spring as February draws to a close. This month will be a particularly busy one so please take a few minutes to catch up on all the events and activities we have planned for the children.



Our theme this month is **'People Who Help Us'** and our colour is **'RED'** - so children are encouraged to help build up our red displays in the classroom by providing interesting things from home.

During the month we will welcome a wide range of visitors to the school to help us with the theme:

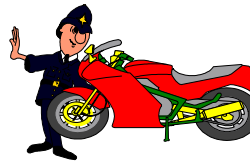
'People Who Help Us'

With the help of The Northern Ireland Fire Service, we have arranged an exciting visit to the school on **Thursday 2nd February** from the **Children's Fire Engine**. The children will be given the opportunity to dress up in uniforms, get on board the fire engine and have a go with the hose! I'm sure the children will thoroughly enjoy this visit.

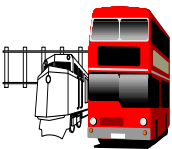


On **Thursday 9th February** we hope to have a visit from the **Children's Ambulance**, part of the education programme provided by the N.I. Ambulance service. This has proved to be a very interesting and worthwhile visit in past years and I'm sure the children will thoroughly enjoy it.

In **February (date to be confirmed)** we will welcome back to the Nursery Constable Ken Butler and his wonderful **Police motorbike**. Constable Butler will chat to the children about his work as a policeman and will relay some very important Stranger Danger messages to the children.



On **Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th February** we will look forward to one of the highlights of the nursery year ~ our trip to **Bangor's Bus & Rail Station** to meet the people who help us there! The bus & rail inspectors sometimes organise very special surprises for the children. Further details and a permission letter will be issued soon.



On **27th February** we will welcome William's mum, who is a veterinary nurse to the Nursery to talk to the children about how she looks after sick animals.



Eve Whyte





We would love to hear from other parents who have an interesting job or hobby which would fit in with our People Who Help Us theme. Don't be shy! If you are a doctor, a nurse, belong to RNLI or fly as a pilot! Please come forward especially if you don't mind 26 enthusiastic little people with lots of questions!

We hope to set up hospitals in both classrooms this month, so if you know anyone who can help us with items for this, we would appreciate it. Things such as nurses uniforms, bandages, stethoscopes, x-ray pictures, even a skeleton or two would be helpful!!!



We are holding a Family Portrait Evening in the nursery on the evening of **Wednesday 8th February**. This was a brilliant event last year with superb quality family photos in colour or black & white. Look at our display in the entrance hall & details in your child's home tray.

Parent Consultations will be held on **Wednesday 8th February**. In order to facilitate these interviews the children will finish early, at 12 o'clock on this day. There will be no dinners on this day. Please look out for interview schedules which will be posted on the classroom door closer to the time. As our assistants will be involved in training on these days we regret we will be unable to supervise your children.



FUNDRAISING NEWS



On **Friday 2nd March** a long awaited Night at the Races will be held in Bangor Rugby Club details to follow on how to purchase horses/sponsor races.

We are also planning a family night at the wonderful Snakes & Ladders at the end of March.



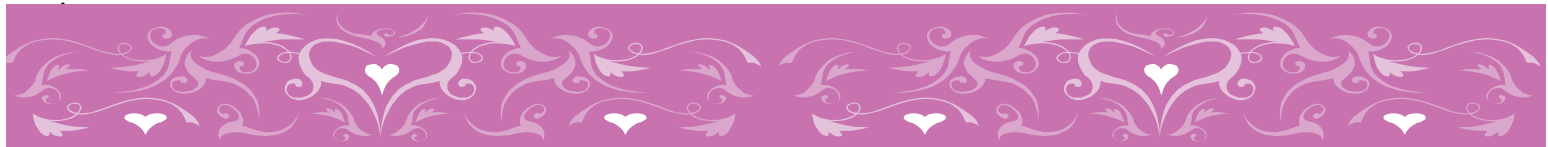
Our stock of Junk Art material is running very low so we would once again appreciate your help in building up our supply.


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cancer

Saving Lives Supporting People

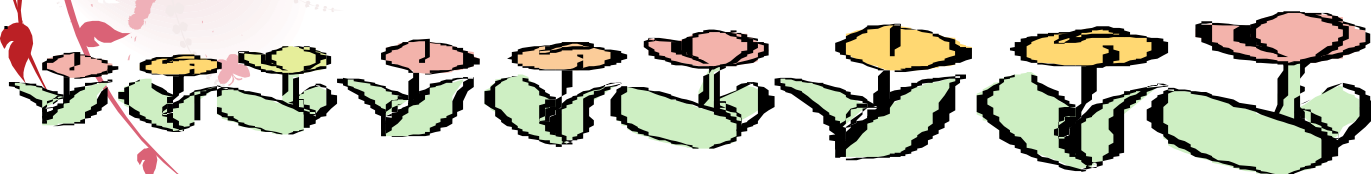
Northern Ireland's leading local cancer charity

Each year we organise a sponsored Nursery Rhyme event for a local charity. Last year we were able to donate £1,000 to the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Following the visit of the Action Cancer's Healthy Action Heros back in November and our plans for a Yummy Mummy night in March in conjunction with Action Cancer we have chosen this charity as our nominated charity. Cancer touches the lives of so many children and their families nowadays and many are supported by Action Cancer, NI's leading local charity. Our sponsored Nursery Rhyme event gives us an opportunity to support others less well off than ourselves. It teaches the children to care for others whilst learning lots of Nursery Rhymes which are so beneficial in children learning phonics and learning to read.





You may have noticed that already the daffodils are beginning to peek above the ground, so in order that we will have a lovely display I would ask parents to encourage their children not to climb the steps in the car-park and run along the grass where the daffodils are growing.



The nursery will be closed for half term from

Monday 13th ~ Friday 17th February incl.

Reopening on Monday 20th February.

Snack & Enrichment Fund

for the second half of term 2 becomes due after the half term break. For this period the Enrichment Fund will be £30. Named money bags will be issued on Monday 20th February & due Monday 27th February.

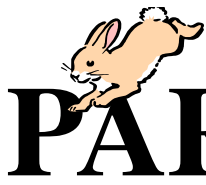
Please return school fund directly to the office.

Two other small reminder's which will help with the efficient running of the nursery are;

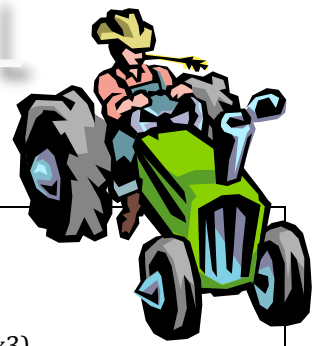
- Please remember to return any borrowed sweatshirts, track bottoms etc as our supplies are much depleted.
- We would appreciate it if parents sent in dinner money every Monday as we need to lodge this by Tuesday at the latest. For security reasons also we do not like to have large amounts of money in school. We hope you understand.

Thank you for your continued support. Best wishes to you all. Have a great month from the staff of Trinity Nursery School





PARENT'S PAGE



We will be using the theme of People Who Help Us to introduce your child to different areas of learning. If you would like to follow this up at home with some activities here are a few ideas to try!



Talking & Listening

- Encourage your child to tell you about all the visitors to the nursery this month such as the nurse, the optician, the vet, the dentist, the fireman etc. Talk to your child about the visit to the Bus & Train station. Help them to recall everything they did & were able to see there.

Stories

There is a great selection of books available on this theme. Visit the local library or have a browse through the nursery library box. We recommend...

The Jolly Postman by Janet & Allan Ahlberg

Funnybones by Janet & Allan Ahlberg

Mrs Jollipop by Dick King-Smith

Fireman Sam & Postman Pat series'

- The children enjoy information books too such as.....



My Visit to the Dentist by D Bentley

Jobs People Do by Christopher Maynard

A Day in the Life of series by Carol Watson

Titles cover an ambulance team, baker, dentist, doctor, farmer, firefighter, hairdresser, police officer, postman, refuse collector & teacher.

Out and About

- As you walk outside help your child to recognise people who help in the community such as police, ambulance drivers, shop assistants and so on.



- Look out for signs that indicate people who help us, such as the green cross of a chemist. Also help your child to recognise people who deliver the post & newspapers, & vehicles for carrying food.



Songs and Rhymes

- Who helps us?

[Tune: Polly Put the Kettle On]

Farmers grow the food we eat, (x3)

They help every day.

Thank you farmers for our food, (x3)

They help ev'ry day.

Doctors help to make us well, (x3)

They help ev'ry day.

Thank you doctor now I'm well, (x3)

They help ev'ry day.

- The Dentist

When I go to the dentist

To let him see my teeth

He has a very special chair

With a pedal underneath

He pumps the pedal up & down

And I go for a ride

Then I open up my mouth

So he can see inside

- Miss Polly had a Dolly.....

Miss Polly had a dolly who was sick, sick, sick

So she phoned for the doctor

to come quick, quick, quick

The doctor came with his bag and hat,

And he knocked on the door with a rat-tat-tat.

He looked at the dolly and he shook his head,

And he said, 'Miss Polly put her straight to bed'

He wrote on a paper for a pill, pill, pill,

I'll be back in the morning with my bill, bill, bill

