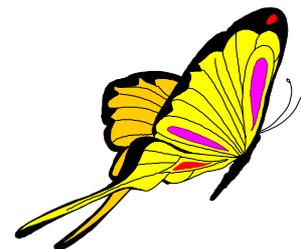




## APRIL 2012



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the month of April in Nursery. We hope you all had a wonderful Easter. It is great to see the longer evenings and there are definite signs of Spring in the air. As the summer term approaches it is always a busy and exciting time for the children with much of the focus being on Outdoor play. Remember to check the notice boards and your child's home tray every day for information on what is happening in the nursery

**Our theme this month is DINOSAURS and our colour is BROWN, so children are encouraged to help build up our colour windows as well as Spring & dinosaur interest tables by providing interesting things from home. Our Summer term school trip as been arranged and we plan to visit the Ulster Museum where we will extend our understanding of the Dinosaur theme through a special session with the Museum's Education team.**



We hope to expand the children's imaginative role play by setting up Dinosaur Habitats in each of the classrooms this month. We would appreciate any help parents could give us with our supplementary Spring theme by providing things such as seed trays & plants, plant pots, seed packets, real or artificial flowers, hand trowels and forks, small watering cans, patio sets, even a garden gnome or two would be interesting.



**TESCO VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOLS & CLUBS**  
**SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS FOR ACTIVE KIDS**

Please bring your vouchers and place them in the collecting boxes in the entrance hall. Your support is critical to ensure that we can purchase some lovely new resources for our nursery. So please ask your friends, family and neighbours to keep collecting for **TRINITY NURSERY SCHOOL**.



**Sainsbury's**



We hope you have been doing lots of 'clearing out' over Easter. Our Cash for Clobber day is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April so please leave any bags filled with clothes, shoes, bedding, bags, belts etc in the Nursery at any time on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

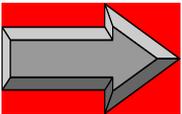


A couple of years ago a parent very kindly donated a pallet of white paper which we use for painting and craft activities. Our supply is now very low so if anyone has a contact for paper through a printer we would really appreciate your support for this basic, everyday resource for the Nursery!

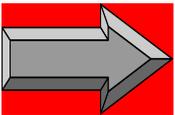


Monkeynastix begins for this term on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Look out for reminder details in your child's tray.

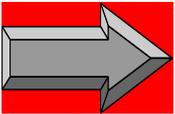
**On a Health & Safety note, could I ask parents to be careful on several accounts:**



During the School day the car park is for staff cars only so I would respectfully ask that all parents park either on the Brunswick Road or on Manse Road. Please remind childminders etc of this too.



Secondly, outside in the car park we have noticed some children climbing up the steps to the raised area adjacent to the cars. Please encourage your child to hold your hand as you are leaving the nursery and approaching a busy road.



Finally, it is imperative that parents and visitors to the nursery ensure that the front door is firmly closed at all times.

We have just received some great new toys which we have purchased for the Nursery thanks to your fundraising efforts. The children will love the new fairy castle, the pirate ships and the space centre.



On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April we have planned a special walk to the park where we will all plant trees with NDBC and Rory's dad from the Woodland Trust. There may even be a very special visitor who drops by to say hello!! More details soon along with a permission slip.



On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April we will have our very own Titanic celebrations with a visit from Rebecca's mum who knows lots about this very famous boat.





## School Fund

School Fund money is due by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the amount due is £30 to be returned to the Office, many thanks.



## Dinner Money

Please note that dinner money should be paid on a Monday, as this is a large amount of money we do like to get it lodged by Tuesday at the latest, many thanks.

# ACTION CANCER (NI)



## SPONSOR MONEY

A SINCERE THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SENT IN SPONSOR MONEY FOR OUR ACTION CANCER (NI) SPONSORED NURSERY RHYME RAISING MUCH NEEDED MONEY TO SUPPORT RESEARCH AND SERVICES FOR FAMILIES IN NI

SO FAR WE HAVE RAISED £1250 WHICH IS AMAZING. PLEASE LEAVE ANY OUTSTANDING SPONSOR MONEY ASAP AS WE WILL BE PRESENTING A CHEQUE TO MAMBO & JAZZ FROM ACTION CANCER ON 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**Thank you all for your continued support.**

**Best wishes.**

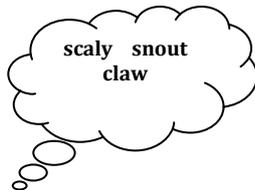




We will be using the theme of Dinosaurs and Spring to introduce your child to different areas of learning. If you would like to follow this up at home, here are a few activities you might like to try.

## Language and Literacy

- Visit the library and borrow information books on the theme of dinosaurs.
- Talk with your child about the different shapes and sizes of dinosaurs; consider which can fly and which are fast runners. Help them to think about what dinosaurs eat and which might be scary or friendly.
- Dinosaur vocabulary ...
- and you never know your child might love to use the word *palaeontologist!*



## Out and About

- Visit a garden Centre. Look at the range and variety of flowers and plants on offer. Look at the different sizes of plant pots and the different materials they are made of - try tapping them gently.
- Take a walk through a park and notice the growing grass, variety of colourful flowers and the leaves budding on the trees.
- With the clocks changing to Summer time talk to your child about the brighter evenings and playing outside for a little longer in the evening.



## Growing

- Have fun sprouting some shoots of your own. Draw or paint faces on broken egg shells. Keep them steady in an egg carton. Next place wet cotton wool in the egg shells. Sprinkle some cress seeds over the cotton wool. Finally, place your egg shells on a window sill and keep the cotton wool moist. Wait and watch as your faces grow green hair.



## Rhymes and Song

- Five little Froggies  
Five little froggies sitting on a well  
  
One looked up and down he fell  
  
Froggies jump high  
  
Froggies jump low  
  
Four little froggies dancing to & fro.  
  
Four little froggies...  
  
▪ I'm a mean old dinosaur  
(Tune: I'm a little teapot)  
  
I'm a mean old dinosaur, big and tall  
  
Here's my tail and here's my claw.  
  
When I get all hungry I just growl  
  
Look out kids, I'm on the prowl.  
  
▪ Five enormous dinosaurs letting out a roar  
One went away and then there were four  
  
Four enormous dinosaurs crashing down a tree  
  
One went away and then there were three  
  
Three enormous dinosaurs eating tiger stew  
  
One went away and then there were two  
  
Two enormous dinosaurs trying to run  
  
One ran away and then there was one.  
  
One enormous dinosaur afraid to be a hero  
  
He went away and then there was zero.



## Mr Dinosaur

- (Tune: Frere Jacques)  
  
Mr Dinosaur, Mr Dinosaur  
  
Wave your tail, give a roar  
  
Stomp your feet on the ground,  
  
Such a loud and rumbly sound  
  
Mr Dinosaur, Give a roar.
- Five little Peas  
Five little peas in a pea-pod pressed  
  
(Clench fingers on one hand)  
  
One grew, two grew and so did all the rest  
  
(Raise fingers slowly)  
  
They grew and grew and did not stop  
  
(Stretch fingers wide)  
  
Until one day the pod went POP! (Clap loudly on POP)

