



MAY 2012



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our Nursery News for the month of May 2012. Spring has sprung & there are signs of growth everywhere. This month will be a particularly busy one so please take a few minutes to catch up on all the events & activities we have planned for the children.

Our theme this month is "little visitors" to the



MINIBEASTS and we hope to welcome many nursery including caterpillars & crickets for the children to observe. There is a wealth of learning attached to this theme, from stories & rhymes, to music & movement, from bees & honey to butterflies and art.

We hope to reinforce our Minibeasts theme this month by a visit from RPSB who will carry out a practical workshop with the children, we will keep you informed.

Our colours for the month are **Pink & Purple**. Children are encouraged to help build up colour windows by providing interesting things from home.



A copy of our planning will as usual be on display on the noticeboard. Remember that anyone who wishes to have a personal copy of the planning should mention this to your child's teacher and it will be arranged. I also hope to send each family a booklet we have put together on the opportunities of Outdoor Play along with activities & experiences you can share with your child. I hope you will find it of benefit.

Lots of thank yous to parents following some great events in the Nursery calendar.

- To Gregor (Rory's dad) and Mark (Adam's dad) for making our tree planting in the park such a memorable event. Hope the children told you all about Rusty the Squirrel!!! Thanks too to the PSNI and all the parents who accompanied us on our walk.
- To Jenny (Daisy's mum) and Denise (Cormac's mum) who organised a very successful Coffee Morning in Cairn Bay Lodge. A fantastic sum of £247 was raised so many thanks to them and all who enjoyed coffee and chat!
- To Louise (Rebecca's mum) who helped us make the Titanic come alive for the children. Louise, who works in the Museum brought lots of exciting artefacts and costumes for the children to see. It is amazing how the story of the Titanic has captured the children's imagination - encourage them to tell you all about it.

With Spring in our midst now the children will be spending longer periods of play outside. In order to protect their delicate skin & prevent problems in later life we ask that all parents ensure they apply sunscreen or block, suited to their child's skin, before they come to school every day. We have bought sun caps especially for use during school hours. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled, as children are more inclined to discard them when warm.



One mum had a great idea for her little boy. Having put the knees out of at least 3 pairs of track bottoms she has cleverly transformed them into shorts using "wundabeb" to tidy the hem rather than sewing! All it took was two minutes.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our Nursery Rhyme Event for Action Cancer. With your help we raised the brilliant sum of £1,260. Mambo and Jazz from Action Cancer visited the Nursery to accept a cheque from the boys & girls. Look out for a photo in the Spectator.

We are grateful to everyone who has collected **Tesco's Vouchers For Schools & Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers**. The campaign ends soon, so please remember to leave in any vouchers you or your friends & family have collected for us.



As part of our outdoor play this term we will be doing different types of painting & mark making. We should be grateful if parents would have any unwanted spray bottles (like those for watering plants), empty washing up bottles, large paint brushes or rollers (perhaps with loose bristles that are no longer used for decorating). We can make great use of these in our play.



Thanks to everyone who contributed plants, seeds and gardening resources during April's growing theme. Soon the children will be bringing home their sunflowers which they have planted & cared for. Our vegetable patch too is well underway with a variety of vegetables planted so hopefully we will be harvesting before the summer holidays!



During this term we are planning two fundraising events which we hope you all will support. Money raised will help us to buy bikes and outdoor equipment which your children will enjoy. On **Friday 25th May** at 7.30 pm we will be holding a Quiz Night in Blackwood Golf Club. A ballot and mini auction will also be held on the night. Please get friends and family to come on the night as it promises to be great fun. We are also planning a Family night in Snakes and Ladders before the end of term so look out for more details very soon.



On **Wednesday 16th May** we will host the second of our Parents' Evenings in conjunction with Action Cancer. This session will highlight healthy eating for young children and will include ideas for healthy lunch boxes, food tastings and healthy cooking for the family. More information very soon, it promises to be both useful and good fun, so try to keep the night free.



There will be early closures on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th May to facilitate our Open Days when next year's children will be visiting the Nursery. Children will go home at 11am on these days.

Ulster Museum

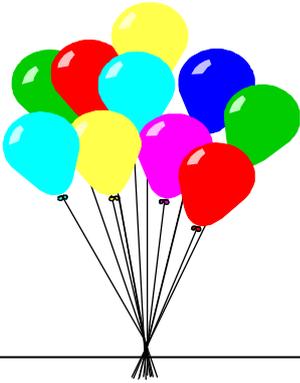


Our whole **SCHOOL TRIP** takes place on Tuesday 12th June to the **Ulster Museum**. We are all excited about this day out. More details soon.



Class Photographs with **Opu; Digital** ~ these will take place on **Friday 1st June**. We are trying a new and very novel approach to class photos this year which we hope you will like.

DIARY DATES As you and your child begin to contemplate the move to Primary School we have arranged the **Transition Interviews for Wednesday 13th June**. More details to come. We would like to give you advance notice that there will be **no school dinners** on this day and children will be going home at 12noon.



Happy Birthday during the month of May to:

Alfie Mitchell, Elizabeth Higgins & Sophie Wilson



Please remember that the nursery will be closed ON

MONDAY 7th MAY ~ Public Holiday

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th June – Queen's Jubilee

Many thanks for your continued whole-hearted support of everything we do in the nursery.

Best wishes,

the Principal & all the staff of Trinity Nursery School

Congratulations to the Green and Caldwell families who have recently had new babies. Conor will be a wonderful big brother to baby Finn and Daniel will also be a super big brother to baby Emma Jane.



PARENT'S PAGE

We have been using the theme of Minibeasts 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

- Browse through books or magazines for pictures of minibeasts. Help your child to identify them by name. Compare them for size, shape, wings, legs and discuss where they might be found.
- Talk to your child about treating small creatures with care.
- Visit your local library to look for stories and information type books about minibeasts. The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. The Bad Tempered Ladybird by Eric Carle and The Very Quiet Cricket by Eric Carle are all popular with children of this age.

Out and About

- As you walk in the streets, gardens or park together, point out small creatures you come across. Draw attention to colour, the way the creature moves, what it is feeding on or where it is living.



In the Kitchen

- Encourage your child to try honey as a spread on toast or in a sandwich. Talk about where honey comes from.
- Clover honey is often popular with children.

Mathematics

- Find a picture of a ladybird, or better still the real thing! Count the black spots of the ladybird's back.
- If you find a centipede or a caterpillar point out the large number of legs these insects have. Compare them to the number of legs a spider has, using language such as 'more' 'less'.

Rhymes and Song

- Incy Wincy Spider
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Climbing up the spout

Down came the rain

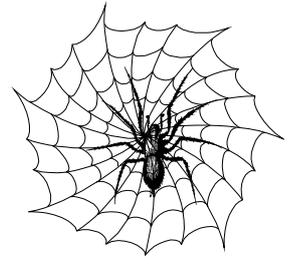
And washed poor Incy out.

Out came the sunshine

And dried up all the rain

Incy Wincy Spider

Climbed up the spout again.



- Little Arabella Millar
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Found a woolly caterpillar

First she put it on her mother

Then upon her baby brother

They said "Arabella Millar

Take away that caterpillar".

- Ants

There's a hole in the path

Where an ant came through

And then came another, So that made two

Two ants started to climb a tree

But then came another, So that made three

Three little ants, Then one ant more

Altogether, That made four

Four little ants, Climbed up that tree

But the fifth little ant, Climbed up me.

- Here is the Beehive

Here is the beehive, Where are the bees?

Hidden away where nobody sees

Watch & you'll see them come out of the hive

1,2,3,4,5

Bzzzzzzz..... all fly away.



