

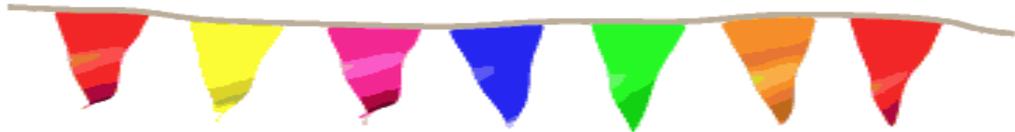
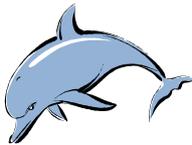


JUNE 2012

Dear Parents,



Welcome to our Nursery News for the month of June 2012. It's hard to believe that our year is almost at a close and very soon all those little people who seemed so tiny and helpless way back last September will be leaving us to go to their various primary schools. They are now brimming with self-confidence & we hope a lasting love of school and learning! As always this month will be a particularly busy one so please take a few minutes to read about all the activities we have planned for the children between now and the Summer holidays.



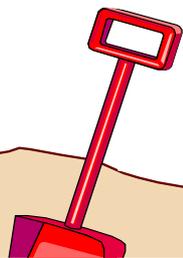
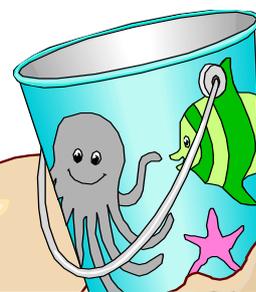
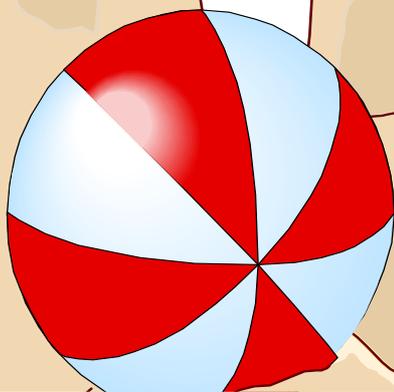
Our theme this month is "UNDERWATER WORLD" and to reinforce all our colours, our colour for the month is

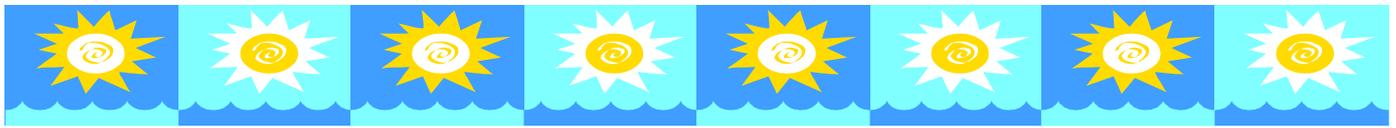
BLUE



Children are encouraged to help build up colour windows by providing interesting BLUE things from home.

A copy of our planning will as usual be on display on the notice-board. Remember anyone who wishes to have a personal copy of the planning should mention this to your child's teacher and it will be arranged. Also included on the notice-board this month is information on helping to prepare your child for Primary School and an interesting piece of writing about Children's Wisdom.





DIARY DATES

Our school trip to the Ulster Museum is on **Tuesday 12th June**. There will be no dinners on that day. We will leave nursery at 9.15 am approx and return before 1pm. Please remember to leave sufficient room for 2 coaches when you are parking at the Nursery on that day.



The Nursery Library will close on **Monday 11th June**. We would ask that all books are returned and signed in by then. We hope you have enjoyed this facility and that it has promoted an interest in story and reading in your child.

On Wednesday 13th June we will hold **Parent Interviews** when Transition Reports will be shared. Please check for the timetable of class interviews outside the classrooms.

In order to facilitate these meetings the **children will finish school on Wednesday 13th @ 12noon.**

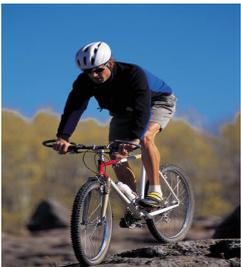


For those children taking part in Monkeynastix the last session is Thursday 21st June.

The children's last day in Nursery is **Friday 29th June** when we will have a party. More details later. As the kitchen closes on Wednesday 27th June there will be no dinners on **Thursday 28th** (school finishes at 12 noon) and **Friday 29th** (School finishes as 11 am).



Don't forget our last **family** fund raising event at Snakes and Ladders on **Wednesday 13th June at 6pm**, more details to follow. Our recent Quiz and Ballot raised £637 many thanks for those who contributed/attended. Look out in the Nursery for all the fabulous new toys we'll be adding to the classrooms with this amazing amount raised.



Gregor Fulton & friends (Rory's dad in Yellow Room) will be doing a sponsored cycle from Bangor to Donegal to help raise funds for Trinity, this will take place at the beginning of August. We will be putting collection boxes in the hall soon for contributions & there is also a link through Just Giving website for sponsorship.



Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday during the month of June to:

**Heidi Ferguson, Logan Black,
Jaden Addis, Sam Mulholland**



We are grateful to everyone who has collected **Tesco Schools Vouchers**. As the scheme has now finished for this year would you please return any remaining vouchers you or your friends and family have collected for us so that they can be posted to Tesco by Friday 15th June.

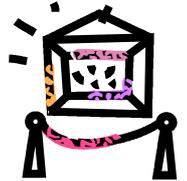
Our end of year concerts will be a big highlight for the children and you their parents. The children have been working hard and we hope you enjoy sharing some of the rhymes and songs we have learnt throughout the year. The arrangements are as follows

Yellow Room (Mrs Perry) - Tuesday 19th @ 12.30pm

Red Room (Mrs Ingham/Mrs Magee) Wednesday 19th @ 12.30pm

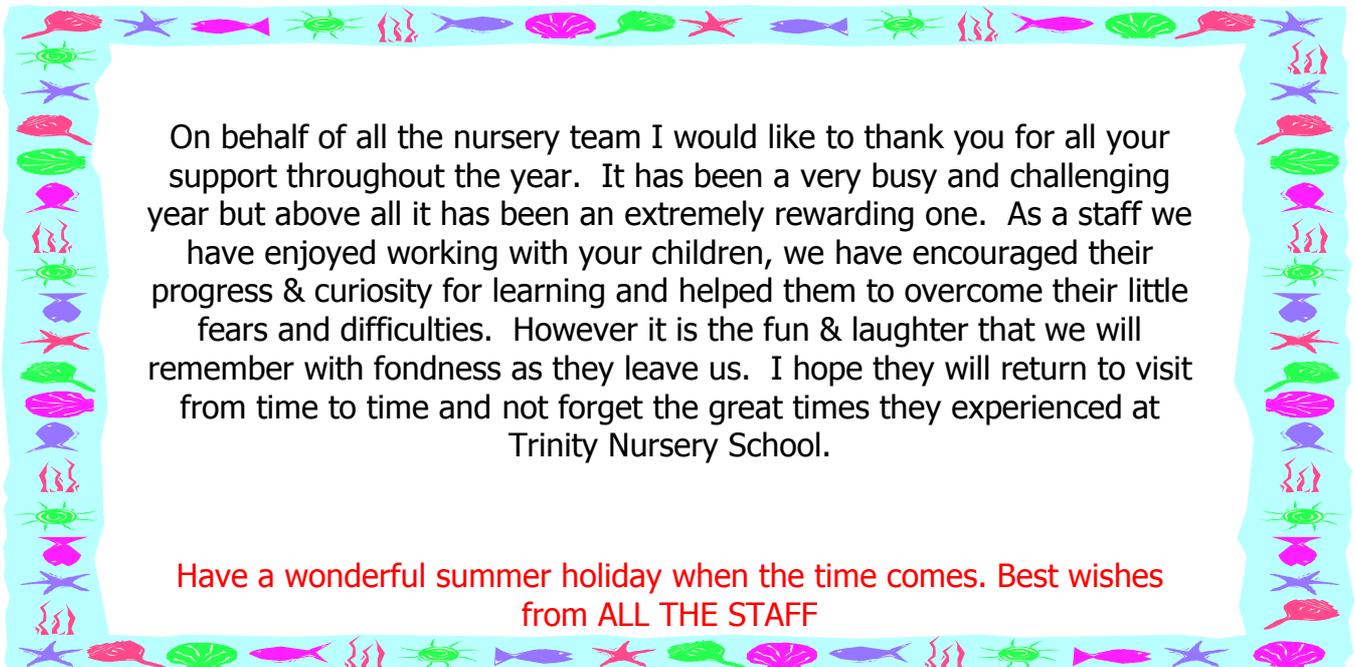
As we are currently 'auditioning' for parts please let us know if your child will be on holiday during June and will not be in school for the concert and our practices.

Congratulations to Libby and her family on the birth of baby Molly.

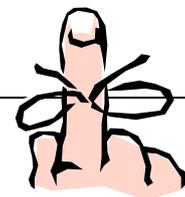


On behalf of all the nursery team I would like to thank you for all your support throughout the year. It has been a very busy and challenging year but above all it has been an extremely rewarding one. As a staff we have enjoyed working with your children, we have encouraged their progress & curiosity for learning and helped them to overcome their little fears and difficulties. However it is the fun & laughter that we will remember with fondness as they leave us. I hope they will return to visit from time to time and not forget the great times they experienced at Trinity Nursery School.

**Have a wonderful summer holiday when the time comes. Best wishes
from ALL THE STAFF**



PARENT'S PAGE



We have been using the theme of the Underwater World 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

- Tell your child about the things you enjoyed as a child in the Summer. Perhaps you enjoyed bathing in the sea at Pickie, going camping or picking strawberries. Share some old photographs with your child.
- Visit your library to look for stories on this theme. The Lighthouse Keeper stories by Ronda & David Armitage, Sally & the Limpet by Simon James and Oomph! by Colin McNaughton are all relatively new titles on this theme and come highly recommended. Clumsy Crab, Fidgety Fish & Smiley Shark by Ruth Galloway are the children's as well as The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister

Mathematics

- Collect a variety of shells. Allow the children to explore them.

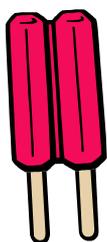


Perhaps you could suggest that they sort them into little groups - eg big and small, brown and white, curled and flat etc.

- Encourage your child to touch count them slowly and accurately. Some children may like to estimate how many shells they have before counting them.

In the Kitchen

- Ice lollies can be easily made in small yoghurt or fromage frais pots. Fill the pot about three quarters full with fruit juice. Cut a card circle which is large enough to cover the pot. Make a slit in the circle & push a lolly stick through it. Once the fruit juice is frozen the card can be removed from the lolly-stick.



Rhymes and Song

- One, two, three, four, five
Once I caught a fish alive

Six, seven, eight, nine, ten, Then I let it go again.

Why did I let it go? Because it bit my finger so.

Which finger did it bite?

This little finger on the right.

- Here is the sea, the wavy sea,
(*indicate small waves with hands*)

Here is the boat & here is me.

(*lightly clench one fist for the boat*

and pop one finger through for 'me')

All the little fishes down below (*put hands down low*)

Wriggle their tails & away they all go.

(*wriggle fingers then put them behind you*).

- **Mr Lobster & Mr Crab** (tune: Old McDonald)
Mr Lobster & Mrs Crab pinch & snap all day

Mr Lobster & Mrs Crab pinch & snap all day

With a pinch pinch here & a snap snap there

Here a pinch, there a pinch

Everywhere a pinch, pinch

Mr Lobster & Mr Crab pinch & snap all day.

- Sing a song of summer
A pocket full of shells

Sing a song of summer

And sniff the summer smells

Sing a song of summer

A pocket full of rhymes

Sing a song of summer

I love the summer time. (*based on Sing a song of sixpence*)

- This is the way we jump the waves
Jump the waves, jump the waves

This is the way we jump the waves

When we're by the sea.

1. This is the way we build a castle.
2. This is the way we eat ice-cream.
3. This is the way we ride a donkey.

(based on Here we go round the Mulberry Bush).



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