

Nursery News

February 2013

Dear Parents

Welcome to our Nursery News for the month of February 2013. 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.

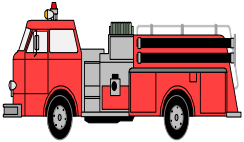


Our theme this month is **'People Who Help Us'** and our colour is **'RED'** - so children are encouraged to help build up our red displays in the classroom by providing interesting things from home.

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 exciting visits to the school on **Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th 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. Look out for lots of great photos!



On **Friday 8th February** we are pleased to invite parents to our Parent and Child Storytelling event. Librarian, Kathy Dunseath will visit the Nursery as part of the Bookstart Treasure Pack initiative funded by the Dept of Education. Look out for more details regarding times.

On **Tuesday 12th 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.



On **Wednesday 27th & Thursday 28th 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.

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 to reinforce the messages from Police Lady Fiona and Police Lady Emma.





Some very brave parents have also volunteered to come along to their child's class to share their job or hobby with the children. We would love to hear from other parents who would like to help 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!!!



Gung Hei Fat Choy ! (or in other words Happy New Year) which takes place on 10th February this year. To celebrate the Chinese New Year we are planning some fun activities to help the children become more culturally aware. So next week our craft & circle time activities will reflect the Chinese New Year. If you have resources you could lend us for the Interest Table we would appreciate it. We hope to round up the theme on **Friday 8th** with a Chinese lunch and other surprises

On **Wednesday 27th February** at 7pm we are holding our popular Yummy Mummy Night in Association with Action Cancer. This relaxing fun evening aims to help busy mums take time for themselves, with some healthy lifestyle messages and some pampering from invited therapists. More information soon.



Parent Consultations will be held on Wednesday 13th 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.



Some future events planned for March are;

On **4th March** we will launch our annual charity appeal. This year we plan to support Storehouse, North Down and the Bangor Foodbank who aim to provide emergency food for local people. More details on how the children can help very soon.

One of our school priorities this year, has been the staff's involvement in the SEELB Behaviour Initiative. We would like to share with parents some of the valuable messages from this programme and have arranged an evening, The Promotion of Positive Behaviour. This course will take place on Wednesday 13th March and we hope that lots of our parents will take this opportunity to come along and learn some positive behaviour strategies in a relaxed and informal way. More details soon.

Our Family Portrait Evening will take place on Tuesday 19th March so this is a great opportunity to have a family photo taken at a very reasonable cost. More details and sample packs will be on display soon.



Look out for a letter from our parents which will detail the main events between now and the end of the year. Please put the following dates in your diary.



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

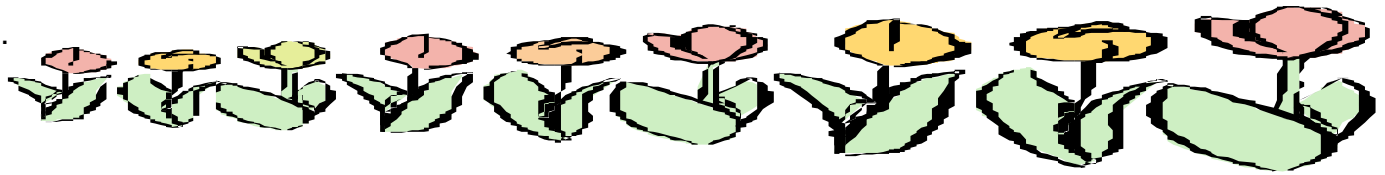
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Friday 19th April – Night at the races in Bangor Rugby Club

Thursday 2nd May – Pampered Chef Evening in Nursery



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 18th ~ Friday 22nd February incl.
Reopening on Monday 25th February.

If you are interested in our planned Play for All Easter scheme please remember to return your form ASAP.

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 £22. Named money bags will be issued on Monday 25th February & due Monday 4th March.

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.

As the weather still remains cold if you have not already done so, please send in a labelled warm hat for our outdoor hat box for your child to wear during outdoor play.

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



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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



