

Dear Parents,

MAY 2013



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

Please remember our last fundraising event for the year A Pampered Chef evening will take place on Thursday 2nd May at 7.30 pm. We would love to see lots of you there to enjoy a cookery demonstration, browse through the Pampered Chef products & enjoy at tasty supper. There is no charge for the evening but we do hope you might buy something as the Nursery will receive a small amount of commission on all purchases.



We are once again having a Cash for Clobber event. Please look out for the Cash for Clobber bags and fill them with old clothes, towels, bedding, bags, belts and shoes. Take the opportunity to clear out your winter wardrobe, help our recycling efforts while raising funds for the Nursery. Bags may be left in for the Cash for Clobber campaign on Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th May.

On Wednesday 15th May at 7.30 we are holding the 2nd of our evenings in association with Action Cancer. This evening is our Lunch Box session and we will invite Rachel and Nickie from Action Cancer to continue their work on healthy lifestyles for the family. In particular they will talk about preparing healthy lunches for the children and nutritious meals for the family. Supper will be provided so please invite friends & family to come along & enjoy an evening of information & fun.



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.

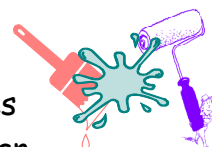



One mum had a great idea for her little boy. Having put the knees out of at least 3 pairs of track bottoms she has cleverly transformed them into shorts using "wundabeb" to tidy the hem rather than sewing! All it took was two minutes.

We are grateful to everyone who has collected **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!

There will be early closures on Wednesday 29th and Thursday 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.

Our whole **SCHOOL TRIP** takes place on Thursday 13th June to the Soft Play Area in Bangor Aurora. We are all excited about this day out. More details soon.

Class Photographs with **Tracy Dorman** ~ will take place on **Wednesday 5th May**. We are trying a new and very novel approach to class photos this year which we hope you will like.

As you and your child begin to contemplate the move to Primary School we have arranged the **Transition Interviews for Wednesday 12th 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 **Happy Birthday during the month of May** to:

Ethan Watters, Kai Cranstone, Erin Rodgers, Jessica Lennie, Charlie Quish



Please remember that the nursery will be closed ON

MONDAY 7th MAY ~ May Bank Holiday

Monday 27th May – Spring Bank Holiday

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

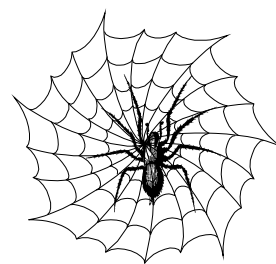
And washed poor Incy out.

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.



