



Nursery News

February 2015

Dear Parents

Welcome to our Nursery News for the month of February 2015. 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'

On **Monday 9th February** we will 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.



With the help of The Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service, we have arranged exciting visits to the school on **Tuesday 10th 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 **Wednesday 11th February** we will have a visit from the **PDSA** Veterinary Nurse who will talk to the children about Pets and their work with animals. We are very excited about this workshop visit.



On **Friday 13th 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 **Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th 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.

We also hope to welcome back to the Nursery, Ken Butler and his wonderful **Police motorbike**. Policeman Ken 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.



Following our visit today from Karen Shiels, the **RSPB** Education Officer, we are planning to take part in the Big Schools Birdwatch on **Tuesday 3rd February**.



We are taking part in Sainsbury's Active Kids programme so please help us build up resources by collecting the vouchers in-store and popping them into the box which will be placed in the entrance hall.

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 27 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!!!

We are looking forward to our "Promotion of Positive Behaviour Course" to be held on Wednesday 11th February at 7.30pm. We hope you will enjoy the evening and gain some valuable messages and hints from Orla and Brenda who will lead the evening. If you haven't signed up to join us on this night please do so, mums, dads, grandparents, childminders etc welcome.

Some future events planned for March are;

- Parent Consultations on Wednesday 4th March
- Ark Farm will visit the Nursery on 19th March.

As we approach half term, the Yellow Room will finish with the Storysacks and the Red Room will say goodbye to Adventure Ted and Tess. After half term the two initiatives will swap rooms. I would like to say a big thank you to Jack and Zara's mums and Katie's grandmother from the Yellow Room, who very kindly checked the Storysacks for the Yellow Room each week. It would be great if we could have a couple of volunteers who would take over this task from the Red Room. It involves 2 mums spending 1.1/2 – 2 hours on a Wednesday morning checking the contents of the Storysacks to ensure they have been returned correctly. If you would like to help with this task on a weekly basis from March to May please let me know.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Just a reminder that our next fundraising event is
"A Night at the Races" at Bangor Rugby Club on Friday 27th February
and a "

Hair Extravaganza Night with Nicholas Graham" is also scheduled for
Tuesday 24th March

Both events definitely put the "fun" into fundraising!

Your support in our efforts to raise additional funds for the Nursery is very much appreciated and we are hoping that this year we will have raised enough money to be able to purchase a new Sand Hut for the children.



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.



A very Happy Birthday this month to



Abigail Willis

Alex Morris

Owen Rafferty

The nursery will be closed for half term from

Monday 16th ~ Friday 20th February incl.

Reopening on Monday 23rd February

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 £27.50. Named money bags will be issued on Monday 24rd February & due Monday 2nd March.

Please return school fund directly to the office.

Two other small reminders 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.

On Monday we will welcome a new member of staff to the Yellow Room, Mrs Ruth Armstrong. We are pleased she will be joining us.

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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PARENT PAGES



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 Lollipop 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, fire-fighter, 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

