



Trinity  
Nursery  
School

# Nursery News



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Dear Parents

Welcome to the Nursery News for the month of April. We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break. It is great to see the longer evenings and there are definite signs of Spring in the air. As the summer term approaches it is always a busy and exciting time for the children with much of the focus being on Outdoor play. Remember to check the notice boards and your child's home tray every day for information on what is happening in the nursery

**Our theme this month is **Planting and New Life** and our colour is **GREEN**, so children are encouraged to help build up our colour windows as well as the interest tables by providing interesting things from home.**



We would appreciate any help parents could give us with our supplementary Spring Planting theme by providing things such as seed trays & plants, plant pots, seed packets, real or artificial flowers, hand trowels and forks, small watering cans, patio sets, even a garden gnome or two would be interesting. As part of our work for Eco-Schools we would love to increase the number of indoor plants we have around the Nursery, so if you have any extra plants or cuttings we would love to give them a home.



## School Fund

School Fund will be due on our return from Easter Break for Term 3. £54 is payable for the remaining 9 weeks of school and should be paid by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Please pay by online banking to our school fund account. (Trinity Nursery School, Bank Account No: 08950128, Sort Code 93-82-03, First Trust Bank



Happy Birthday this month to Imogen Lappin  
Joshua Gray, Ben Lyttle, Heidi McKee and Dulcie McAlister



The last session of Monkeynastix for the Yellow Room will be **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April**. We will be offering Monkeynastix to the Red Room children for Term 3 and sessions will commence on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Envelope and booking forms will go into trays and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis (payment goes to Monkeynastix so please ensure the correct amount is paid). Places not taken by Red Room children will then be offered to Yellow Room children.

Jamie Mulgrew returns on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** for his next session of coaching. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the football and are developing super ball skills - there are even a few budding Beckhams!



Sinead Yorke continues her fortnightly Relax Kids Little Stars sessions **on Friday 5<sup>th</sup>**. The children are benefitting from the breathing exercises, yoga and mindfulness as well as having the opportunity to explore their feelings.



On **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** we will welcome Colin from Eason's bookshop to another wonderful storytelling session. Colin always has great new stories to tell and sometimes some goodies too.



**Advance Notice:** On **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** at 7pm we are holding our Parents Session with the Getting Ready for Primary One evening. I cannot recommend this session highly enough to parents and hope both classes will make the effort to attend this informative and very valuable evening. We all want our children to have the best start at their Primary School so please come along whether you are a first time parent or already have children at Primary School. In order to help me prepare resources and catering please sign up on the sheets which will be found on the classroom doors after Easter.



A big Thank You to the families of Anata, Ayla, Celia, Ben and Rayyan who helped the Yellow Room with our recent project on the different cultures and nationalities in our room. The children have learnt lots about France, Turkey, South Africa, Thailand and Pakistan. Special thanks to Emilie, Anata's mum who has been teaching the children some French.

## Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who attended the Night at the Races at Bangor Rugby Club on Friday evening. We really appreciate your support and are delighted to tell you that the amazing final total raised is £1560. We hope you had fun!

One of our parents in Red Room has suggested celebrating Easter with a colouring competition so look out for details this week. Fun prizes to be won. We are already planning exciting fundraising events for the summer term. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May we are delighted that the McClean family will be holding a traditional music evening in the Rabbit Rooms. Also, look out for details of our sponsored Family Park Run which will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> June (to be confirmed) at Ballykillaire.



Parents please be aware that there have been several cases of Conjunctivitis in nursery this past week. Conjunctivitis is highly contagious and a visit to the Doctor for antibiotic cream is required.

*On a Health and Safety note, could I emphasise to parents that parking across the school entrance and doing 'U' turns is highly dangerous and should not happen. Also, please remember not to park on the kerb in order to ensure that pedestrians, especially those with prams, can walk safely along the pavement. We would be grateful if this message could be passed on to all those who help with your children - grandparents, Day Care providers etc.*

**SUMMER UNIFORM** Whilst don't have a summer uniform we would recommend that parents shorten the legs of the jogging bottoms and make them into shorts, once the weather becomes a little warmer. Due to health and safety and also for child protection reasons, we would ask that the girls do not wear summer dresses into school. Dresses are not suitable for various areas of play including climbing frames, Monkeynastix and of course, our Yoga stretches during Mindfulness.

## Dates for your diary

Don't forget ... Easter Break

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive)

School will close at 12noon on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April (no dinners)

School will be closed for the May Bank Holidays on  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May

## Trip to meet the Gruffalo

Colin Glen Forest Park Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May



## GRADUATION CEREMONIES

will take place on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June for the Red Room** and **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June for the Yellow Room**

*Thank you all for your continued support from the Principal and Staff*

# Everyday and Everyway Talking about... April



April is a busy time for farmers and gardeners. It is the perfect time to talk about planting and growing as well as helping your child to understand new life.

Try these activities, songs, books and crafts to help your child learn. Speak, sing and talk about books with your child in your own language.



## Activities

### Out and about

- Visit a garden Centre. Look at the range and variety of flowers and plants on offer. Look at the different sizes of plant pots and the different materials they are made of - try tapping them gently.
- Take a walk through a park and notice the growing grass, variety of colourful flowers and the leaves budding on the trees.
- With the clocks changing to Summer time talk to your child about the brighter evenings and playing outside for a little longer in the evening.

### Easter

There are many things to talk about when celebrating Easter.

- Decorate eggs and talk about what happens when you dip a blue egg in red dye or a yellow egg in the red dye.
- Hide the eggs and let your child find them. Talk about where you found all the eggs. This is a good way to practice words like behind, under, beside, on and in.
- Make a bunny ear headband and have your child pretend to be the Easter bunny. Let them hide some eggs around the house.



### Farm Animals

Go and visit the Ark Farm or Streamvale Farm.

- Talk about the animals names. Talk about what the baby animal is called.
- Talk about how they feel. Are they soft, fuzzy, rough, hairy or slippery?
- Talk about what you think each animal eats. Maybe you can feed the animals.
- Talk about the parts of each animal. (Does it have paws or hooves? Does it have long or short ears? What kind of tail does it have? What about its nose?)
- Talk about the tadpoles in nursery and their life cycle.



### Lots more to talk about . . .

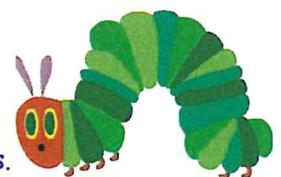
Visit the library and borrow information books on the theme of life cycles eg. frogs.

Read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle and make a family version based on your favourite fruits and food.

Read *The Tiny Seed* also by Eric Carle and talk about the changes that took place. Discuss the differences between Spring and Summer.

Put on your wellies and go for a rainy day walk. Think about and share all the rainy day words such as splash, pitter, patter, drip, drop, splish, splosh!

Talk about the clothes we wear on a rainy day and help your child to understand the concept of waterproof fabric and clothes



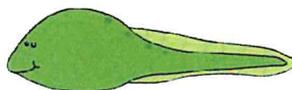
## Songs and Rhymes

### Five little Froggies

Five little froggies sitting on a well  
One looked up and down he fell  
Froggies jump high  
Froggies jump low  
Four little froggies dancing to & fro.  
Four little froggies....

### Plants

(Tune: The Farmer wants a wife)  
The farmer plants the seeds  
The farmer plants the seeds  
Hi, Ho and Cherry O  
The farmer plants the seeds.  
The rain begins to fall  
The sun begins to shine  
The plants begin to grow  
The bud all open up  
The flowers shine at me.



### Do the Raindrops Fall?

(Tune: Do your ears hang low?)  
Do the raindrops fall?  
Do they trickle? Do they plop?  
Can you hear them on the roof -  
Drizzle, drizzle, drop, drop.  
Can you watch them on the window?  
See them falling from the sky?  
Do the raindrops fall?

### Bears are sleeping

(Sung to the tune of Frere Jaques)  
Bears are sleeping, B  
ears are sleeping,  
In their caves,  
In their caves,  
Waiting for the Springtime,  
Waiting for the spring time  
Shh Shh Shh!  
Shh Shh Shh!



### Five little Peas

Five little peas in a pea-pod pressed  
(Clench fingers on one hand)  
One grew, two grew and so did all the rest  
(Raise fingers slowly)  
They grew and grew and did not stop  
(Stretch fingers wide)  
Until one day the pod went POP!  
(Clap loudly on POP)



Singing is a great way for children to learn new words. Don't forget to make up actions for songs.

Children learn through everyday movement. Check out next month's activity page for more ideas.

## Growing

Have fun sprouting some shoots of your own. Draw or paint faces on broken egg shells. Keep them steady in an egg carton. Next place wet cotton wool in the egg shells. Sprinkle some cress seeds over the cotton wool. Finally, place your egg shells on a window sill and keep the cotton wool moist. Wait and watch as your faces grow green hair!

Talk to your child about the planting they will be doing at school. Help them to recall the sequence of planting and the things seeds and plants need to help them grow.