



Trinity
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Nursery News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our Nursery News for the month of March 2020. Spring is on the way and all around us there are wonderful signs of new life and new growth. We hope you may take a few minutes to read about all the activities we have planned for the children this month.



Our 'People Who Help Us' theme for the month of February was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. There will be many photographs displayed on Seesaw and in the children's memory books to record the many events and visits. We would like to thank our visitors who took time to talk to the children & a few brave parents who shared their jobs with the children—it can be a very daunting experience, faced with twenty seven curious faces all with lots to say! We were delighted that so many parents were able to join us on our Train and Bus trip and think they enjoyed it as much as the children. Also, thanks to Crumpton's Toy Shop in Abbey Street who greeted the children with lollipops.



The children will explore the theme of **SPRING ON THE FARM** and will investigate the colour **YELLOW** this month, so children are encouraged to help build up a Yellow colour window and Spring interest table by providing interesting things from home. We would also appreciate it if children could bring in soft toy farm animals if they have any.



A copy of our planning will as usual be on display on the notice board. 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.

Our Football season starts on **Wednesday 4th March** when we welcome back Jamie Mulgrew, our Football Coach. Jamie will come every week during March to teach the children lots of skills and team games. This was a very popular activity in the last three years and who knows, we may have a few Wayne Rooney's in our midst.

On **Monday 9th March** we will have some special little visitors from "The Ark Farm Small Animal Road Show" which should be great fun as well as a valuable learning experience to reinforce our Farm theme.

On **Monday 16th March** we will celebrate **St Patrick's Day** with food, song, story and dance. Our special visitors will be Cashleen's family, part of the well known McClean Family musicians.

On **Thursday 26th March** we will welcome Charlie, a K9 Ambassador from Ards & North Down Borough Council with his trainer Michelle. Michelle is from the Neighbourhood Environment Team of and she will deliver the educational talk on "Staying Safe Around Dogs".



Advance notice of Easter Holidays

School finishes for Easter on Friday 3rd April at 12 noon with *no school dinners* served that day
School reopens on Tuesday 21st April at the normal time



Our Mystery Reader project continues on **Friday 6th, 13th and 27th March**. This has been so successful that we will be looking for more volunteers after Easter so please look out for a Seesaw post later in the month.

Our Mindfulness Mini's programme continues on the **3rd, 10th and 24th March**. The children are thoroughly enjoying these Yoga sessions and we love getting your feedback. After Easter we are considering offering a Parent/Child session with Jude and would like to gauge the level of interest for a 6pm session. Please let us know if this is something you might like. We will keep you posted.





High 5 Express – Positive Behaviour Management Programme will be held on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 25th March from 7pm-9pm. This is a 2-part programme for parents and carers of children aged 3-4 years. Sessions are designed to increase knowledge, understanding and confidence in the use of positive behaviour strategies to manage inappropriate behaviour with children. Strategies covered include the effective use of play, praise, commands, rewards and consequences.

Our literacy programme begins this Friday for the Red Room while the Yellow Room will love taking home Ted or Tess for an adventure. Information sheetes have been placed in your child's tray.



**To: Olivia Fisher, Oliver Gibney, Georgie McVeigh
Xander McGuigan and Aydin Kaftar**



Dinner money £12.50 should be paid each **Monday**.
Please enclose the correct amount as it can be difficult to make change



Enrichment Fund for the second half of Term 2 is now due by Friday 13th March. Please pay £36 by bank transfer into the school account.

Fundraising



The Trinity Nursery School Festival of Racing - A Night at the Races will be held on Friday 6th March at 7.30pm in Bangor Rugby Club, Bloomfield Road, Bangor. This is a really good night's craic and is of course, open to everyone. This is our only fundraiser for Term 2 and to make it a success we really need at least 80 people to attend. All horses have now been bought and entrance tickets are now available for the night (£5).



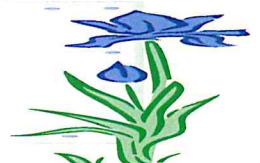
Looking ahead to the Summer Term our Graduation dates will be 17th June for Yellow Room and 18th June for Red Room



Just a reminder to please be aware of pedestrians at drop off and pick up times. Many cars mount and park on the pavement and this can sometimes make it difficult for pedestrians, especially parents with children and prams to pass. Please help to keep our children safe.



**Thank you all for your continued support.
Best wishes to all our families from the Principal & Staff**





Everyday and Everyway Talking about... March



Spring has sprung! We will be using the theme of Spring on the Farm to introduce your child to different areas of learning.

St Patrick's Day is in March. We talk about rainbows, the colour, shapes, counting and nursery rhymes.

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

Talking & Listening

- Tell your child about the things you enjoyed doing in spring as a child – get grandparents involved in this too especially if they lived in a rural area.
- Encourage your child to tell you all about the visit to the nursery this month of the Small Animals Road Show from the Ark Farm. Look at the photographs which will be on display around the nursery and encourage lots of chat!

Stories

There is a wonderful selection of books available on this theme. Visit the local library or have a browse through the nursery library box. We recommend:

Hello Beaky by Jez Alborough

The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

Billy's Beetle by Mick Inkpen

Emma's Lamb by Kim Lewis

Floss by Kim Lewis

The Sun & The Wind from In the Meadow by Maurice Pledger



The children enjoy information books especially those with real life photo's such as

Tadpole & Frog by Christine Back and Barrie Watts

Pond Life by Barbara Taylor

Chicks Grow into Chickens by A & C Black



Out and About

- As you walk look for signs of Spring. Help children to notice buds and leaves. Encourage children to listen to the sounds of birds, to observe mini-beasts and insets and to notice the clothes people wear as the days grow warmer.



Nursery Rhymes

Nursery rhymes are silly stories that are fun to read or sing. The stories don't really make a lot of sense. The words in the rhyme are said over and over. This helps your child learn new words and is a great start to phonic awareness, a fundamental skill when learning to read.

- Say the rhymes you know
- Go to the library to find books with new rhymes
- Do actions while you say the nursery rhymes
- Talk about why the rhyme is silly

Practice these at home:

Humpty Dumpty

Wee Willie Winkie

Jack and Jill

Old Mother Hubbard

Twinkle Twinkle

Three Blind Mice

Little Boy Blue

Baa Baa Black Sheep

Mary Mary Quite Contrary

There was an old woman who lived in a shoe



Counting

Count with your child when she is playing with toys, colouring and reading. The more you count, the more likely he/she will count with you.

Introduce counting by saying "1, 2, 3 go!" before he/she goes down the slide at the playground or before kicking the ball. Count the stairs as you go up and down. Count the spoons when you set the table.

Songs and Rhymes

Ten Fluffy Chicks

10 fluffy yellow chicks
Pecking here and there
10 fluffy yellow chicks
Running everywhere
10 fluffy yellow chicks
Tired of having fun
10 fluffy yellow chicks
Sleeping in the sun



Five Brown Eggs

(tune of 5 Currant Buns)

Five brown eggs in a nest of hay,
One yellow chick popped out to play.
Four brown eggs in a nest of hay,
Another yellow chick cheep-cheeped Good Day!
Three brown eggs in a nest of hay,
Crack went another one, hip hooray!
Two brown eggs in a nest of hay,
One more check pecked his shell away.
One brown egg in a nest of hay,
The last yellow chick popped out to say ...
Good Day! (or Happy Easter!)

Children learn through every day moments. Check out next month's activity page for more details

Remember to ...

Follow your child's lead

Add new words and ideas

Repeat new words over and over

Little Peter Rabbit

Little Peter Rabbit's got a fly upon his nose
Little Peter Rabbit's got a fly upon his nose,
Little Peter Rabbit's got a fly upon his nose,
And he flicked it and it and it flew away!
Floppy ears and curly whiskers,
Floppy ears and curly whiskers,
Floppy ears and curly whiskers,
And he flicked it and it flew away.



Babies

The duck has a duckling
What does it say?
Quack, quack, quack,
All through the day.
The dog has a puppy,
Bow, wow, wow
The cat has a kitten
Meaow, meaow, meaow
The pig has a piglet
Snort, snort, snort
The hen has a chicken
Cluck, cluck, cluck
The cow has a calf
Moo, moo, moo!



Crafts

The children love making play dough. Here is a quick and easy recipe you might like to try. Try adding lemon essence to give extra sensory dimension.

Play dough Recipe

1 cup water, 2 tablespoons cooking oil, flour as needed, ½ cup salt, 2 teaspoons cream of tartar, food colouring

Instructions

Mix all ingredients in a saucepan and heat, stirring all the time until the mixture is thick. Cool. Knead until the dough is not too sticky. Add more flour as needed. Keep dough in a plastic covered container or a re-sealable bag.