

Monday 14th May will be our final Parent event this year. Join us at 19.00 for an hour of **Music and Laughter with Louise Kelly**, our music therapist who comes to Nursery every week to bring music and fun to the children! There is also the opportunity to get involved with our **Board of Governors**. We will be asking for volunteers to help in planning the future of our school and making decisions about the education and finance of the nursery. If you need more info check this link.

<http://www.eani.org.uk/schools/school-governors/do-you-want-to-be-a-governor/>

TRANSITION TO PRIMARY SCHOOL: This month we will be talking to the children about moving on to 'Big' school and how primary school is different from nursery... bells, dinner halls etc. We will provide appropriate books, stories and rhymes on this subject; share photos of the P1 classes and talk about visiting the school with parents. P1 teachers from Ballysally, DH Christie, Killowen and St John's will visit us to meet the children and they will also have the opportunity to read a story if they wish.



As a result of our visits to the primary schools at Christmas and this programme of visits we hope that each child will develop:

- A positive attitude to school
- Confidence in dealing with adults and the perception of the teacher as someone who is there to facilitate him/her in learning
- The ability to interact socially with friends
- Language and communication skills - the ability to express his/her needs and ideas and listen attentively to others
- Independence in regard to physical needs, accessing materials and equipment, planning for learning
- An awareness of the environment and an eagerness to explore
- Ability to attempt to solve own problems
- A degree of concentration
- An interest in books as a source of enjoyment and information
- Creative and aesthetic awareness

'Going to school' becomes a great context for learning.

OUTDOOR PLAY

The children will hopefully spend more time outside. We would ask for your co-operation on the following points during every day outdoor play and educational visits to the Causeway and Beach.

- ✓ SUNSCREEN - please ensure every day that s/he is wearing lots of sunscreen for protection.
- ✓ SUN HATS - we have a supply of hats in school and children may wear these but please write your child's name clearly on his/her own hat if your child prefers to wear this.

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- ✓ SUITABLE FOOTWEAR - no flip flops or platforms - these can be extremely dangerous for running, climbing etc
- ✓ SUITABLE CLOTHING - to ensure that your child does not get burned please send him/her wearing clothes to cover shoulders etc.

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY AND TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC *We need adult helpers ...if you have not yet been on a visit please sign up to come along - you will really enjoy the special time with your child. **PLEASE ENSURE YOUR SCHOOL FUND IS UP-TO-DATE!**

BOOK LIBRARY

BOOK LENDING has been a worthwhile experience. Please continue to borrow books. As we have to check and account for all books it is important that you sign out each book your child borrows or returns.

The Lending Library will close on **Tuesday 19th June 2018**.

Please check at home to see if you have any bags or books from the Lending library. We have to account for any lost items. Thanks!

THE BIG SUMMER READ will run in every library and mobile library across Northern Ireland from 1st July - 31st August 2018. It is open to all children and young people 0 - 15 years and is **FREE**. Books may be borrowed from and returned to any library or mobile library.

The theme for 2018 is **Sea to Shore**. Children collect activity book and Collectors Card and receive a Certificate of Participation at the end of the summer. There will also be associated activities and events in libraries all over throughout the summer.

This is an exciting programme that would encourage parents to help children continue their reading journey following on from the Big Bedtime Read! We encourage you to get involved!

NEW INTAKE WILL VISIT on Thursday 28th June 2018 *Can you believe it's almost 1st June!! Not long now until your child's final term with us this year!* It hardly seems a year since the children first visited. Doesn't time fly - and look how much progress your child has made!! As you can see from the calendar the last day this term is 27th June. We wish all our leavers every success in your new school, hope you will come back to visit us soon!

Just two last things:

- ✓ Please continue to tell your friends and neighbours about this "wonderful place".
- ✓ In the future when you're talking about the schools your child attended don't forget to give Kylemore a mention!!

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ECO NEWSLETTER Term 3

Hello All,

As you are all aware the children have continued to inspire us with their determination to save the world! We are making great progress and nearly all school waste is now being recycled! The children chant their Eco Code 'We are working as a team to help our nursery school go green!' and the Kylemore Rap with great enthusiasm!

SMALL GROUP TIME During small group time the children have been participating in games and activities to develop their knowledge and understanding of caring for wildlife and our nursery environment. We have been bird watching and created our very own bird feeders using cheerios, used our knowledge of seeds and growing to plant a range of herbs and vegetables including potatoes, cress, carrots, onions, and peas. Now we are participating in the Translink event and asking children how they come to school each day.

We have continued to focus on recycling and energy saving and the children are working hard to make sure they Compost our daily snack waste and Reuse 'junk' to make beautiful creations in the art area



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY AND OUR BIG SPRING CLEAN We will be having an Outdoor classroom day on Friday 18th May 2018. This will be an opportunity for all of you to come in and help us with our Big Spring Clean. The event was a massive success last year and believe it or not we had loads of volunteer Dads and Grandads! They took part in a range of activities from planting, weeding, and filling birdfeeders to cleaning equipment and collecting litter from the school grounds!! This year we want your help to create a simple bird bath, weed and plant in the garden, revamp the bird hide in the small playground and help make sure our nursery looks fantastic! There will be a sign up sheet in the entrance hall but don't worry - all help is very welcome!

WALKING TOGETHER At our ECO committee meeting in term 2 there was a suggestion of setting up a walking Group to go out for a stroll during your child's time in nursery. If any parents want to do this please feel free to meet in the entrance hall and away you go! Unfortunately we can't free up a staff member to go along but just tell Marian or Louise and you're welcome to use the staffroom after for a coffee or tea!

HEALTHY COOKING



We have all been enjoying a wide variety of cooking experiences and for the next few weeks we'd like to invite you in to cook with the children. Please speak to the teachers to arrange a date. Thank you!

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| Sun | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Sat |
| | 14 NEW CHILDREN AND PARENTS VISIT DAILY AS PLANNED 19.00 – 20.00 MUSIC IS FUN SESSION and ELECTION OF PARENTS TO OUR BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR PARENTS ONLY | 15 NEW CHILDREN AND PARENTS VISIT DAILY AS PLANNED | 16 NEW CHILDREN AND PARENTS VISIT DAILY AS PLANNED | 17 NEW CHILDREN AND PARENTS VISIT DAILY AS PLANNED | 18 NEW CHILDREN AND PARENTS VISIT DAILY AS PLANNED OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY BIG SPRING CLEAN All parents welcome to come in and work with the children tidying and planting | |
| | 21 Cathy and Cindy's Mandarin Class | 22 GIANT'S CAUSEWAY VISITS DURING THE SESSION | 23 | 24 Music with Louise | 25 | |
| | 28 SCHOOL CLOSED | 29 | 30 | 31 Music with Louise | 1 | |
| | 4 Cathy and Cindy's Mandarin Class | 5 | 6 | 7 Music with Louise | 8 FAMILY FRIDAY with Agnes | |
| | 11 Cathy and Cindy's Mandarin Class | 12 | 13 | 14 Music with Louise Transition forms shared with Parents | 15 Beach Visit morning class 9.00 – 13.00 Afternoon children off | |
| | 18 Cathy and Cindy's Mandarin Class | 19 OPEN ENROLMENT PARENT EVENING FOR SEPTEMBER'S MORNING INTAKE 19.30 – 20.30 | 20 OPEN ENROLMENT PARENT EVENING FOR SEPTEMBER'S AFTERNOON INTAKE 19.30 – 20.30 | 21 | 22 Beach Visit afternoon class 9.00 – 13.00 Morning children off | |
| | 25 Cathy and Cindy's Mandarin Class | 26 | 27 LAST DAY OF NURSERY TODAY | 28 OPEN ENROLMENT 18/19 children to visit nursery school | 29 | |
| Notes: OPEN ENROLMENT ISSUE OF LETTERS AT STAGE 2 on Friday 8th June 2018 | | | | | | |

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