

Monkstown Nursery School

Monthly Newsletter October 2021



Diary Dates

8 October: Jo Jingles will be in nursery

20 October: Visit from Wee Critters

21 & 22 October: No school for part-time classes to facilitate pupil consultation meetings

25-29 October: Mid Term holidays

1 November: Children return to school after holidays

5 November: Nursery Rhyme Day

12 November :Abbots Cross P.S. Stay and Play

Child Protection & Safeguarding

Please remember that if you have any concerns about your own child or another child you should share these concerns with:

Mrs S. Coburn

(Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding)

or

Ms L. Acheson &

Miss A. Haigh

(Deputy Designated Teacher)

Pupil Consultation Meetings

We are very proud of the excellent relationship which exists between our staff and our parents/carers. We are confident that effective partnerships significantly benefits the learning and development of the children, therefore we aim to keep you informed about your child's progress as often as we can.

We are therefore providing the opportunity for you to come to school and discuss how your child has settled into nursery during **week beginning 18 October**.

Interviews will be between 2:00 - 3:00pm on Monday 18 / Tuesday 19 October

Between 9:00am - 3:00 pm on Thursday 21 / Friday 22 October

To minimise risk, we have considered the current EA guidance and we would ask you to consider the following points:

- Only one parent/carer should attend the appointment
- No children should attend
- Please use the front entrance and sanitise your hands on arrival
- The time allocation is ten minutes
- A screen will be in place and we would ask you to wear a mask or visor
- Social distancing rules will apply when entering and exiting the school building

If you feel more comfortable with a telephone consultation this can be arranged.

Annual Report

Within in the next few days, all families should receive a copy of the Board of Governors Annual Report via Seesaw. If you have any queries regarding this do not hesitate to contact the Principal.

Nursery Rhyme Dress Up Day

As you know Nursery Rhymes are very important to the children's language development and we continue to recite and learn nursery rhymes throughout the year. The children may come to school dressed as their favourite nursery rhyme character on **Friday 5 November**. We can't wait to welcome Miss Polly, Incy Wincy, Jack and Jill or Humpty Dumpty into the classroom.



Donations

We are building our resources of loose parts so if you have any conkers, pine cones, acorns or wood cuttings that you could donate we would always be grateful.

If you have any wooden egg cups, mug trees, curtain rings these are also a great asset to the children's play.

Please just ask if you think you have something that we may find useful.

We are also looking for any old phones that you might have in the backs of any drawers or cupboards - these are great for number recognition and for developing the children's speech and language.

And finally - if your child has grown out of or moved on from any nursery rhyme jigsaws we would love these as well.

Self Help Skills

We are currently working on our self help skills and we would appreciate continued parental support at home. Remember, our children love praise for their achievements and are so proud when they say 'I did it!' - the more you do for your pre-school child, the more your child will learn a sense of helplessness and learn to rely on adult support. We will share a little video via Seesaw which shows some of our pupils **putting on their coat independently**. We are also focusing on **changing shoes** and putting these into our box, and **pouring our own water and milk** at snack time.



Parking

When parking outside, please be considerate of local residents. We would ask that you do not obstruct driveways and observe the flexible pick-up and drop-off times. Please do not enter the staff car park even when gates are open unless accessing the disabled parking spaces.



Pick Up and Drop Offs

Dogs should not be brought into school during pick up and drop offs.

Face masks should be worn by adults entering the school grounds.



Songs and Rhymes for October

Miss Polly had a dolly who was sick, sick, sick
So she called for the doctor to come quick, quick, quick
The doctor came with his bag and his hat and he knocked on the door with a rat-a-tat-tat.

He looked at the dolly and he shock his head
And he said Miss Polly put her straight to bed
He wrote on the paper for a pill, pill, pill
I'll be back in the morning with my bill, bill, bill.

5 little ducks went
swimming one day
Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said
quack, quack, quack, quack
But only 4 little ducks came back.

And so on...

5 little speckled frogs
Sat n a speckled log
Eating some most delicious grubs—
YUM YUM
1 jumped into the pool
Where it was nice and cool
Then there were 4 green speckled frogs—
GLUB GLUB

And so on...

Oh the Grand Old Duke of York
He had ten thousand men
He marched them up to the top of the hill
And he marched them down again
And when they were up, they were up
And when they were down, they were down
And when they were only half way up
They were neither up nor down.

5 little men in a flying saucer
Flew around the world one day
They looked left and right but they didn't like the sight
So one man flew away

And so on....

Old MacDonald had a farm
E-I-E-I-O
And on that farm he had a (cow)
E-I-E-I-O
With a (moo moo) here
And a (moo moo) there
Here a (moo), there a (moo)
Everywhere a (moo moo)
Old MacDonald had a farm

Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes
Head shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes
And eyes and ears and mouth and nose
Head, shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes

Doctor Foster went to Gloucester.
In a shower of rain.
He stepped in a puddle, right up to his middle
And never went there again.

One finger, one thumb keep moving
One finger, one thumb keep moving
One finger, one thumb keep moving
We'll all be merry and bright.

One finger, one thumb, one arm keep moving...
One finger, one thumb, one arm, one legs keep moving...
One finger, one thumb, one arm, one legs, one nod of the head keep moving

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