



October Newsletter

2022

Our topics and themes this month are

Halloween
Autumn
People Who Help Us

BIRTHDAYS

Kelsey & Carter 4th, Aodhan 5th, Mayla 8th,
Tiernán 13th, Caolan 23rd
Happy Birthday to everyone 😊

Staggered 'Drop Off' and 'Pick Up' times

The children are now settled into their full class. To ensure the morning drop off does not get too busy, there is a staggered drop off:

- MORNING DROP OFF – 8:50am – 9am
- AFTERNOON PICK UP – 1:20pm – 1:30pm **once your child is staying a full day*
- FRIDAY PICK UP – 12:30 – 12:40 **this is necessary for deep cleaning*

Sponsored Walk – Thursday 13th

The sponsored Autumn Walk in Colin Glen Forest Park has been rescheduled. Let's hope for better weather this time! The children will leave at 9:30 and return to school at 11:30am; children are to be picked up from the bus. All children will go home with a packed lunch. We hope it still suits the parents to be volunteers.

All money raised from the walk will go towards the children this year. We have booked a Christmas Panto in the Waterfront and hope to purchase some iPads to support learning for the classroom. **Please could all sponsor money be handed in by Friday 21st thank you*

Sonal Sportz – Thursday 6th & 20th

Coach Paul will be coming every couple of weeks to do PE sessions with the children. Throughout the year, the children will learn many new skills while having lots of fun!

Music Therapy – 12th & 27th

The children will have fortnightly visits from Karen, who will teach the children music and rhythm through a fun interactive programme.

Speech & Language – Monday 17th & 24th

This year we are very lucky to have a qualified S&L therapist coming to the nursery a few times each term. She will support children in developing their understanding of language as well as developing expressive sounds.

Mr Hullabaloo – Tuesday 18th

Mr Hullabaloo will be visit the children for an interactive story telling session on Autumn Adventures.

Fire Service – Friday 14th

Supporting the topic of People Who Help Us, Westland Fire Service will visit the nursery.

If you or someone in your family has a job you would like to talk to the children about, please speak to the class teacher.



Halloween Hooley - Friday 28th

We will be having a Halloween party in school. Children can come to school dressed up in their favourite Halloween costume.

We will have a fun morning of games and activities. There is no school dinner today so children will finish school at 11am.

School Fund & Dinner

Schools fund for October is £20 (4 weeks).

Dinners cost £2.50 a day.

The school prefer money is Paid via the Eduspot 'School Money App'. If you prefer to pay in cash, this is accepted.

Dinner Money **MUST** be paid weekly.

If your child is a paid dinner and off school during the month, this is refunded the following month.



Settling In Meetings – 17th – 21st

Mrs Mallon and Mrs Murphy plan to do face to face meetings to discuss how your child has settled into nursery. These meetings will be short and take place before and after school. Nearer the time, you will have the opportunity to choose a day or time which suits best.

Clothes

Children are going outside to play every day, so please ensure your child has a warm coat with them as the weather is getting colder.

If you haven't sent in a change of clothes yet please do so as soon as possible.

To help promote your child's independence, please make sure they can manage their own clothing before and after the toilet. Also, some children still have lace shoes – please change to Velcro shoes. If girls wear skirts, they **MUST** wear shorts or tights underneath.



COVID-19

Although most of society and schools are back to normal, Covid is still in the community. Please be mindful of this, and IF your child is unwell, please do not send them to nursery. There are many children with very runny noses and coughs. Please try to teach your child how to clean their own nose independently, and cough into their elbow.

Also, please discourage fingers and hands in the mouth. This is spreading germs around all the toys and furniture. Thank you.

CRIS – Big Parent Reunion. SPREAD THE WORD

CRIS are hosting a reunion night in the Lansdowne Hotel, 6th October 6:30-10pm for all parents who have been involved in Shared Education with the school.

If you are a past parent or know someone who was, please come along. A bus will leave from the Ardoyne Shops at 6:15 sharp.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEE MANY OLD FACES 😊

Midterm Break

School will finish on Friday 28th October, and reopen Tuesday 8th November.