January NEWS 2023

Happy New Year to all our families

Happy New year everyone. I hope you had a lovely peaceful Christmas and New Year.

> **Themes:** Winter
> Arctic Animals
> Homes & Families

Colour & Shape: This month's colour is blue, and the many shades of blue. Our shape is Triangle, as well as exploring the shape and size of icicles. We will make a Colour display table in the classroom, so your child can add something 'Blue' and it will be returned at the end of the month.

Holy Cross Church – On Friday 6th, if possible, the children hope to visit the Crib at some stage throughout the morning.

Sonal Sportz – Coach Paul will visit on Wednesday 18th January for more fundamental Physical skill activities.

Music Therapy – Karen will visit on Tuesday 24th January and the children will continue to develop music and drama relating to the months themes.

Neighbourhood Walk — We aim to take the children for a walk around the neighbourhood to look at different types of homes. We will do this on a dry day at short notice. Parents will be informed the chosen morning.

Christmas/Ballot raised £242

Thank you very much for supporting our chosen charities. All monies raised will be split between local charities: **North Belfast Community Foodbank**, **The Peoples Kitchen** and **Ardoyne Youth Enterprise.**

A big thank you to the local shops, cafes and organisations who kindly made donations.

> We would like to thank you for your kind, Christmas gifts.
> Your kindness and support, especially in these difficult times, is much appreciated.

Show & Tell

During January, your child will bring a bag home and is encouraged to bring in a toy that Santa brought them. They can show their friends, talk about it, and play with it in nursery. The toy cannot be too big and must be able to fit in the bag provided. Please only allow them to bring one toy. They can choose to take it home the same day, or keep it in school for the week.

save the date   ## Catholic Schools Week – 29th January – 4th February

During this week, we will do parent 'Stay & Play' sessions. If you want, you can book a slot to come and play with your child in the classroom from 9:15am – 10:15am. Please note, this is optional. Grandparents Day will also take place on Friday 3rd February.

First Aid Training for Parents – Wednesday 1st February

Thanks to Ashton Health & Wellbeing, we are delighted to offer 'Essential First Aid for All'. This is a 4-hour course delivered by St Johns Ambulance. It will be delivered in the nursery and will run from 9:30am – 2pm. A light breakfast (from 9am) and lunch will be provided on the day. Please confirm ASAP if you want to secure a place.

Primary School Enrolment

Don't forget to register and complete an online application form at www.eani.org.uk/admissions for your chosen primary school. The date for the digital admissions is **10th January 2023 at 12.00 noon.** The Closing time and date for punctual applications **is Friday 27th January 2023 at 12.00 noon**

Nursery School Enrolment — September 2023:
(Children born between 2nd July 2019 and 1st July 2020)

If you know of anyone who has a child eligible for nursery in September 2023, please encourage them to register and complete an online application form at www.eani.org.uk/admissions Parents will need an email address to register for the digital application process. The date for the digital admissions is the same as above.

OPEN DAY – The nursery will have an Open Day for prospective families on Monday 9th January from 1 – 3pm.
Current children will finish at 12:30 on this day. There will be no afterschools.

Housekeeping

Many children are still unable to find their coat or hang it up on the coat rack; please encourage your child to do this themselves, it helps promote their independence. It is always very cold in January, so please ensure your child is well wrapped up for going outside.

Were possible, please could outstanding school fund and dinner monies be paid weekly, or at the beginning of each month. Thank you.

January Birthdays

Amira 2nd   Callum 6th
Alaya 7th   Daniel 9th
Shea 15th   Brea 18th
Cianadh 23rd   Caiden
25th

Happy Birthday Everyone