

HOLY FAMILY NURSERY NEWSLETTER



January 2012

Dear parents,

Curriculum notes



We are using the topics of 'winter' and 'transport' this month.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development.

The children will have a chance to work in small groups as we guide them in creating models of vehicles for our classroom displays. We have already noticed how they are enjoying helping each other and talking about their work.

Language Development

As we name and talk about how things move and the various purposes of transport vehicles, we will also be looking for symbols, logos and print we recognise from our environment. The concept of print carrying meaning is an important pre-reading concept.

Physical Development

Gross motor skills and energetic play in transporting balls/bean bags Cooperating with others and sharing work of gathering equipment. Collaborate in making a shelter from cold/wind outdoors.

Mathematical Development

Counting to ten. Recognizing 2D and 3d shape Matching and selecting appropriate shapes for model vehicle making. Naming shapes in particular triangle and cone. Using 'pink tower' to grade according to size/weight Role play space station: 10, 9, 8...

The Arts

Drama/Action Songs: 'Five wonky bicycles' 'My Turn, Your turn' Designing and selecting materials for model making. Talking about own ideas and using posters and books for reference.

The World around Us

In the area of 'The World Around Us' we are exploring some ideas about hot and cold, and freezing and melting, in our classroom play.

We will be supporting the children in using factual books to find out information about how animals survive in winter and in very cold regions of the world.

Primary One Enrolment.

All parents are reminded that application forms for Primary One places for September 2012 are available in the main School office. For Primary School the last day for lodging application forms is Wednesday 18th January 2012 (12 noon)

Nursery Enrolment

Application forms are available from the School office for places in our Nursery for September 2012. These must be returned to the School by Wednesday 11th January 2012 (12 noon).

Classroom Notes

We are now collecting the £15 parental contributions for this 2nd Term. Many thanks again for this important support for the Nursery.

Happy January Birthday! To
Aoibhinn Lloyd Evans, Declan Osborne,
Scarlett Conway and Ben Callan.



Reminder

Mid-term Break: The Nursery and Primary School will be closed from Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February inclusive.

Mrs Mary Monaghan
Nursery Teacher