



Holy Family Nursery Newsletter

October 2011

Dear parents,

September has been a busy month for everyone and I am delighted to say that all children have made very good progress in becoming settled in their Nursery environment. Already we see so much independence developing in the children as they are learning how to use the various areas in the Nursery.

Curriculum Notes

Personal, Social and Emotional Development



This month we will be reading and talking about some traditional stories- The Three Bears, The Little Red Hen and The Ugly Duckling.

Often these stories have an important message and provide a lovely context for talking about kindness and helping others.

Language Development

We are focusing on vocabulary building as we name the autumn things on our interest table and as we come across the more unusual language within the traditional tales.

Physical Development

The children have been enjoying our outdoor area as we have been focusing on using the areas and equipment safely. We have been using chalk and large paint brushes outdoors for mark making practice.

World Around Us

You may wish to bring in something from a walk-you can help your child expand their descriptive language as you choose a leaf or something from the hedgerow.

Mathematical Development

We will be doing some sorting for colour, shape and type. We will be describing the attributes of the fruit and vegetables in our 'shop'. We will be looking for pattern and describing shapes of our interest table collection.

The Arts

We will be giving the children the opportunity to make 'autumn collages' with our nature walk finds and with representations using a range of materials.

Nursery Garden

The have enjoyed helping with picking our apples. Each day they check the pumpkin's growth! We will be using our produce to make pumpkin soup and apple sauce later in the month.



Nursery Fund Reminder

Thank you for the contributions of £15 for this term for the Nursery Fund. We would be grateful to have all contributions as soon as possible. Thank you.

This Fund allows us to provide the children with a variety of healthy foods for snack each day and also to maintain a supply of materials and ingredients for cooking with the children, and for making play dough. The Fund is also used to subsidise the cost of seasonal treats, and visitors to the Nursery.

Happy September Birthday to!

To:

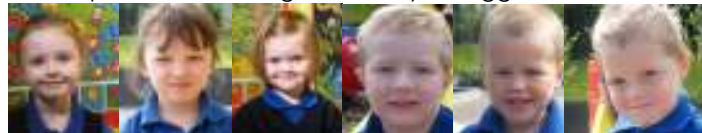
Riordan O'Neill, Molly Cudden and Caedan Cushley.



Happy October Birthday!

To:

Niamh Easson, Sarah Quinn, Elizabeth Simmons, Paul Lupari, Fionn Gallagher and Ryan Higgins.



Library Books



We will soon begin our lending library in the Nursery. Children will be helped to choose a book to share at home.

A bag will be provided for bringing the books to and from the Nursery. As well as this being an additional source of books for the children, this library will give the children an opportunity to have something to share at home from their Nursery experiences and to enjoy the responsibility for the care of the book and bag.

Children will have the opportunity to change their book each day as well as the option to hold on to a favourite book for a few days.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Mary Monaghan
Nursery Teacher