April Newsletter

Welcome back! It is hard to believe that we are now in your child’s last term at nursery! We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved so far and look forward to consolidating this and building their confidence and self esteem as they approach the next chapter of their Education.

**Topic: minibeasts and life cycles**

**How can you help at home?:**

* Talk to your child about different bugs and creatures. Go for a walk with them or go out into the garden and see what minibeasts you can find together.
* Help your child establish a solid tripod grip and encourage them to mark make (use the items received in your Easter pack)
* Lots of counting around home in fun ways: count the stairs as you climb, count the plates on the table etc
* Continue to encourage your child’s self help skills, in particular, zipping up coat and changing socks

**Model PS Play day**

Enniskillen Model PS will be running a play day this Friday (19th) from 2.30-3.30pm. All prospective pupils would be most welcome.

**Playground update.**

At this stage I would have hoped that we would have been playing in our new playground but as you can see, we are still some way off. Last week I was told that it would be approximately two weeks but unfortunately there is no definite date. As mentioned before, when the playground is handed back to us we plan to take a Staff Development day to get the playground organized and ready for your children. I will update you with this date as soon as I have it.

We plan to officially open the new playground with a special event that you, as parents, will be invited to. I have penciled this date in as Thursday 23rd May, as it is National Outdoor Education Day but will confirm this when I know that we will have the playground handed back to us.

Thank you for your understanding with this.

**Nursery Fund**

Nursery fund covers every cost within school, from your child’s snack to every trip that we take and even keepsakes such as your child’s bauble at Christmas and end of year awards. This represents extremely good value for money and whilst we appreciate that money is tight for everyone during these times we cannot continue to offer this breadth of experiences to our pupils if Nursery fund is not supported. Therefore, we would ask that Nursery fund is paid each month. If you have any difficulty in meeting this payment please speak to Mrs Phair confidentially.

**Upcoming Events**

April is a quiet month in school but we have an extremely busy May so I have detailed advance notice of dates and events for your diary, more details will follow in due course.

Mon 29th April: FT class will begin our ‘Mile a Day’ challenge ( details will be sent separately)

Fri 3rd May: travelling theatre company will be visiting school ( PM preschool children can attend in the morning if they wish, please let class teacher know)

Wednesday 8th/ Wednesday 22nd: we will be having our Shared Education visits with Holy Trinity Nursery. On one date we will visit them at their school and on the other they will come to visit us.

Tuesday 21st May: We will be travelling to Brewster Park for our multi sports day

Thursday 23rd May: Official opening garden party for new playground ( parents invited). Please note this date is provisional.

Friday 31st May: Our annual Pirate day will take place in school

**School Closures:**

Monday 6th May, Friday 24th & Mon 27th May

As always, can I encourage you to speak with myself or the class teacher if you have any concerns or queries regarding any aspect of your child’s life in school.

Kind Regards,

L.Phair