

St. Clare's Abbey Nursery Unit May 2017 Newsletter

Welcome to the May 2017 Nursery Newsletter. We are approaching the end of our school year and the children are already talking about moving on to their new schools. We are trying to create as much independence as possible. For example, the children are now required to register for snack by recognising their name and without the aid of their photograph.

We are beginning to use the Collaborate App on our interactive white board in class to create links with Primary 1 in our school. Your children will see their new classrooms, cloakrooms, toilet areas and sample Primary 1 routines. We hope that this will be a really positive experience that will ease your children's transition into Primary 1 in St. Clare's Abbey Primary School.

During the month of May we will be discussing "People who help us", the colour blue and recognising devotion to Our Lady with a May altar.

Suggested activities to do with your child at home



During this month you can bring your child's attention to some of the people who help us that you encounter. For example, the postman, milkman, shop assistant. Take time to complete jigsaws with your child. Perhaps you could also assemble a small May altar. Please also build, read, encourage him or her to write his or her own name and to count.

Visitors to the Nursery in the Coming Weeks



We will be having visitors to the Nursery who will talk about their jobs and show the children many of the tools and equipment that they use. These visits will enrich the children's language, add to their role play and extend the children's knowledge of the world around them. It is also hoped that visits by the Nurse and Paramedic will help to allay any fears or anxieties held by the children.

- The Paramedic – Mr. Henry, who always volunteers his services to the Nursery children
- The Nurses – Nurse Clare and Nurse Lucy
- Keelin and Aidan's Mums will show the children how to bath, dress and put a nappy on baby Tiarnan and baby Niall
- Our thanks to all those who support the children's learning in this valuable and practical way

Suggestion Box



Do feel free to pop any suggestions into the box in the hallway. These might be items that may be included in the Newsletter or any aspect of Nursery life.

Planned Activities

- We are all looking forward to visiting our friends in Ashgrove Nursery as part of our CRED experience
- Our adventure will start with a bus trip to Ashgrove for the morning class on Friday 5th May
- We will enjoy indoor and outdoor play with our friends over on the other side of town
- Our day will end with us sharing a picnic
- The afternoon class will experience all of this on Friday 12th May – class times will be as per usual
- We welcome back Gemma from Boogie Beat on Friday 19th May for both the morning and afternoon classes. Her songs and music have been planned around our People Who Help Us Topic

Volunteers Needed

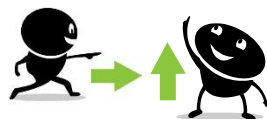
During the week leading up to Father's Day (12th-16th June) we are looking for some Dads to come in for the final few minutes of the sessions to read a story to the children. This should give the Dads plenty of notice to practise their storytelling skills at home! This would serve as a wonderful role model especially for our boys.

Please contact Mrs Bennett or Miss Tara.

Some rhymes for this month

Pat a cake

Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake,
Baker's man.
Bake me a cake
As fast as you can
Pat it and prick it
And mark it with a "B"
And put it in the oven
For Baby and me



Follow me

Follow me. Follow me.
One, two, three.
Follow me. Follow me.
A haon, a dó, a trí.
Follow me. Follow me.
So easy.
Follow me. Follow me.
Stop!

A Sailor

A sailor went to sea, sea, sea,
To see what he could see, see, see;
But all that he could see, see, see,
Was the bottom of the deep blue
sea, sea, sea!



The Baker's Shop

Five currant buns in a baker's shop,
Round and fat with sugar on the top.
Along came a boy with a penny one
day,
Bought a currant bun and took it
away.
Four currant buns, etc.



My Dolly

My dolly has to stay in bed,
Tucked up warm and tight;
She has some pains in her poor
head,
And spots came out last night.
The doctor came and saw her chest,
It was as red as red could be;
He told me what I should have
guessed,
She's got Measles,
Just like me!