



MAGHERAFELT NURSERY SCHOOL

JUNE 2022 NEWSLETTER



DEAR PARENT,

It has been a fun-filled year in nursery school, and it has been our pleasure to join with you in leading the learning journey of your child. A special thank you to all the parents who contributed to our theme of 'Keeping Healthy, Keeping Safe' and to our partners Activity NI, Relax Kids and Mrs Campbell for leading our 'Engage' Programme throughout the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the parent, for the support and encouragement you give to the team; your kind words are appreciated as we do the job that we love.

On your behalf, I would also like to thank each member of the team here at the nursery school for their enthusiasm and dedication to your children.

THEME FOR JUNE: GOING PLACES

This will be the theme we will be exploring over the next few weeks. Some activities will include:

- Super Sports with 'Ronan' (Activity NI)
- Playing on a sandy beach, complete with shells, stones, sea creatures, buckets and spades
- Enjoying pretend picnics and having 'picnic' snack
- Setting up a zoo for the wild animals
- Exploring water on a big scale in the nursery garden
- Releasing the butterflies into the garden to enjoy the flowers that the children planted
- Experiencing a Primary one classroom
- Enjoying songs about Summer e.g. "Come with Me to the Beach"



PARENTAL BALLOT GOING LIVE SOON!

You should receive ballot papers in the next few days for the Parental Ballot on Transforming Magherafelt Nursery School to a Controlled Nursery School with Integrated Status. This will be posted by 'Civica Election Services' (CES) to all those with Parental Responsibility for a child currently registered at Magherafelt Nursery School, using the postal address information you recently provided. If you don't receive these papers by Wednesday 15th, please let us know. Background information about the ballot will be included along with the ballot paper. We would urge all parents to respond to this ballot - tick Yes or No, then post it back to CES in the Freepost envelope provided, as soon as possible. The last date for receipt of ballots by CES is 5pm on Tuesday 28th June.

If you have any questions about Integration, a representative from the Integrated Education Fund will be present at school next Tuesday/Wednesday (at the Teddy Bear's Picnic - see later in this newsletter!) to help answer your questions.

LIBRARIES NI: GADGETEERS

Please support your local library and encourage your child to get reading. This year's summer reading challenge includes a special partnership with Science Museum Group for a science and innovation theme that will inspire children to use their imagination and creativity! More information available soon at www.librariesni.org.uk





PRE-SCHOOLERS AND YOUNGER CHILDREN

Your child's nursery year is a special one. Each child will take home his / her 'All About Me' booklet and a selection of paintings and drawings from across the terms.

PRE-SCHOOLERS: TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS

The Year one teacher from the primary school your child will be starting has been invited to visit the nursery school to meet with your child. We look forward to these visits on Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd June.

We will be setting up a 'School Uniform and Shoe Shop' and 'Primary One classroom' for the children to role-play the move to 'big school'. We will also be displaying photographs of all the primary schools. If you have any spare small jumpers or polo shirts with the primary school logo or school shoes, (from a sibling or family member), please send them into school for the children to dress up in.

We will be sharing stories with the children about starting a new school including 'Whiffy Wilson – The Wolf who Didn't Want to Go to School!' We will also be talking to the children about making new friends and bringing the children who will be attending the same school together.

TRANSITION REPORTS

Towards the end of June, you will receive a transition report for your child. This report will contain information about your child's strengths and interests and will detail the progress he / she has made across the NI Pre-School Curriculum. The teachers have carefully documented the learning of your child throughout the year and this has been shared on your child's 'Seesaw' folder. The class teacher will be happy to talk to you should you wish to discuss any area of the report. In the interest of a smooth progression in learning, a copy of this report will also be shared with your child's primary school. Should you prefer that this report is not shared with the primary school, please inform the school in writing by Monday 27th June.

INDUCTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRIMARY ONE

We are aware that many primary schools have organised Induction Meetings for the children to attend. Should the times overlap with the nursery setting times, please let the class teacher know. It is important for your child to attend these meetings so that they become familiar with their new setting.

YOUNGER CHILDREN: PROGRESS REPORTS

Towards the end of June, you will receive a progress report for your child. This report will contain information about your child's strengths and interests and will detail the progress he / she has made across the Being Two and Three Programme. The teachers have carefully documented the learning of your child throughout the year and this has been shared on your child's 'Seesaw' folder. We look forward to the return of these children as 'pre-schoolers' and hope that those children who are transferring to other pre-school settings settle in quickly.

CHILDREN WITH INDIVIDUAL LEARNING PLANS

The class teacher will make telephone contact with you to review the targets that have been set for your child. With your verbal consent, a copy of the most recent plan will also be forwarded to the relevant primary school. This sharing of information is important for the needs of your child to be met in their new school.

FAMILY TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC TUESDAY 14TH OR WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE (CHECK BELOW)

You are invited to join us in the garden for a family brunch / lunch picnic. Apologies for the short notice but we hope you will be able to join us for our family event. Bring a picnic blanket and picnic food for your child and come and enjoy some time with your child in the nursery garden. Dress for the weather as we will be outside as much as possible!

If you are not able to come nor to send a representative, please let us know by Monday 13th June (you will need to supply a small picnic for your child).

There will be an opportunity to buy some refreshments and to have a guess at the name of Elmer's Teddy Bear (proceeds of 'Guess the Teddy' will be going to NI Hospice).

You will be able to take your child home with you at the end of the picnic.



**TUESDAY 14TH JUNE
PICNIC, PLAY, STORY-
TELLING & SONGS
HOSTED BY 'RELAX KIDS'**

**WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE
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**MRS QUINN'S & MRS
MCGILLS MORNING
CLASSES:
9:15AM-11:15AM**

**MRS QUINN'S & MRS
MCGILLS AFTERNOON
CLASSES:
12:30-2:30PM**

**MRS WHITESIDE & MRS
CAMPBELL'S FULL TIME
CLASS:
11:30AM - 1PM**

**A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE
INTEGRATED EDUCATION FUND
WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO
ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT
YOU MAY HAVE ABOUT THE
'TRANSFORMATION' PROCESS
AND BALLOT.**

OTHER EXCITING EVENTS FOR THE LAST WEEK OF TERM



TUESDAY 28TH JUNE - USUAL TIMES

PIRATE THEMED ADVENTURE DAY FOR ALL CHILDREN

CHILDREN CAN DRESS UP AND WE WILL BE MAKING SOME PIRATE PROPS!

WEDNESDAY 29TH JUNE - USUAL TIMES

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR OUR PENULTIMATE CHILDREN

ALL CHILDREN CAN DRESS UP IN 'WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP!'

THURSDAY 30TH JUNE - 9AM - 12:15/12:30 FOR ALL PRE-SCHOOLERS!

'BUBBLES & BUNTING'

A CELEBRATION OF OUR NURSERY YEAR

NORMAL CLOTHES - WE WILL BE OUTSIDE ENJOYING THE NURSERY GARDEN FOR THE LAST TIME!

A FOND FAREWELL

The month of June is filled with mixed emotions for parents, children, teachers and assistants. It will be difficult to part with children who we have nurtured and taught over the past year and yet we are excited for the next stage in their learning journey.

We wish each child a lovely summer break and a great start in his / her new school, and we look forward to the return of many of our younger children in September. There will always be a warm welcome for you and your child here at the school should you wish to pop back to visit!

The next stage of our school journey will be an exciting one as we await the result of the 'Transformation' ballot at the end of June.

Enjoy the sunshine and remember to visit 'Magnus' and all his friends on the NI Hospice 'Big Belfast Trail'.

Have a great summer,

Mrs Whiteside and the Team.

