

St Mary's Nursery School



Newsletter

"Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn." –
O Fred Donaldson



Friday 15th March is our **GREEN DAY** –
children are welcome to wear the colour green to school!!

School Holidays

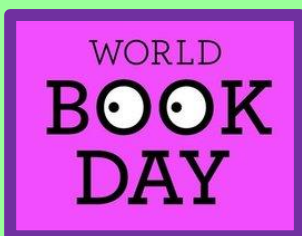
The school shall be closed on

Monday 18th and Friday 29th March
for Staff Development

Note: we will be closed for Easter from
Monday 1st – Friday 5th April inclusive

World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 7th March. To celebrate this day,



which encourages the children to love language, stories and reading, we thought the children might like to take part in a book swap.

We would ask that all children bring a pre-loved book to school on World Book Day and we will facilitate a swap for another book brought by one of their friends. Please ensure your child knows that once they swap their book they will not get it back!



In the spirit of the day, children are welcome to come to school dressed in their pyjamas, ready for a bedtime story. This will hopefully alleviate the pressure to buy a costume and will ensure that the children are still afforded an opportunity to dress up to celebrate the day. Children who do not wish to wear their pyjamas to school are welcome to attend in their uniform as normal.

Lovely story sacks will be available to the children throughout the day and a £1 book token has been put in each child's pigeonhole.



Rock your socks for World Down Syndrome Day!

Celebrate on Thursday 21st March by wearing your funkiest socks to symbolise the uniqueness of every chromosome!

Activities



We are looking forward to having three fabulous sessions this month with Drama Time! The classes are jam packed with a variety of fun activities. These sessions will be held on Wednesday 6th, 20th and 27th March.

To consolidate our theme of People Who Help Us, we will be having a visit on Wednesday 13th from the Neighbourhood Police!



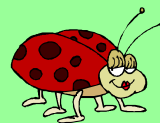
Photographs

EdenMourne Photography will take the children's photographs on Thursday 29th February. Parents were asked to register online with EdenMourne Photography to view and order their child's photographs directly with the photographer.



Bathing the Dog

A huge thank you to Mrs Sheppard for bringing in her beautiful Dash to be bathed in front of the children. Dash was very well behaved and the children loved watching!



Time to Talk Programme

The children continue to follow this programme to develop their oral and social interaction skills. The programme will be delivered in small groups of eight or nine children and is very worthwhile and enjoyed by the children!

Maths for the month

This month's colour is green. The shape we shall be encouraging the children to recognise is the square ■. Encourage your child to look out for shades of green in their environment and squares. We will be developing their pattern making skills through beads, mosaics, pegs, threading etc.

Topics for the month

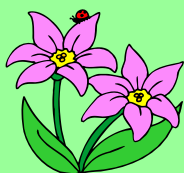


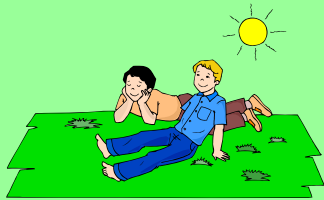
This month the topics are Spring and Growth! Children will observe the signs of Spring in their environment and have a Spring Walk in their environment.



Curriculum Matters

We will be planting seeds and discussing growth and new life. We will be developing their awareness of life cycles and developing their language alongside this – big, small, baby, adult, the names of animals, parts of plants etc. To heighten your children's observational skills, signs of spring and growth around them should be discussed. They will also be enjoying lots of stories, rhymes and songs about spring.



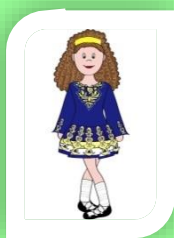


Road Safety Awareness topics

This month our topic is discussions on safe places to play like the garden and the park.

Hairdressing Corner

If you have any broken light hair dryers, tongs, straighteners, shavers, rollers, shower heads, they would be greatly appreciated for our growth theme at the hairdressers.



Old Irish Dancing Costumes

If anyone is wanting to donate any old Irish Dancing Costumes they no longer want we would be delighted to use them.



Talking Tip

Help your child develop good language and communication skills with this tip:

Listen carefully and give your child time to finish talking.

Take turns to speak.



You can help your child at home by ...

- 1) Allowing them to help clear and wipe the table after eating.
- 2) Allowing them to help with laundry tasks - matching socks, filling and emptying the washing machine.