

BALLYMENA NURSERY SCHOOL - JUNE NEWSLETTER



It's now June and it's hard to believe that this is the final newsletter for this school year. It has been a very challenging year for us all and we thank you for your support, understanding and compliance with Covid mitigation measures and restrictions. We are thankful that the children have enjoyed good health, flourished, and have gained huge benefits from their time in nursery school. We are looking forward to lots more learning opportunities through fun-filled activities again this month as we continue to prepare the children for transition in September.

Important message for "Newcomer Parents regarding EU Resettlement Scheme."

The Education Authority have requested school principals to remind "newcomer parents" that the deadline for applications for the EU settlement Scheme is 30th June 2021. The organisation STEP can advise and support families in completing applications:- tel: 028 8775 0211 or Advice NI (tel: 0800 915 4604)

20/21 Annual Report to Board of Governors.

This will be presented to Board of Governors on Tuesday 15th June 2021. Copies will be available in nursery, upon request, after that date.

Care in the sun

- Please read and follow our Care in the Sun Policy (see last month's newsletter /web-site)
- Please remember to apply sun cream to your child **before** they come to school;
- Nursery sun hats for sale in school - £5

Fund Raising/ Cash for clothes/ Recycling/ Eco schools.

- Thank you for your recent support for our Cash for Clothes fund raising. Together we raised an amazing £480. Please continue to save your old clothing for Cash for Clothes for nursery funds. The money raised has been used to purchase replacement toys and outdoor play resources for the children.

Lost & Found

If items are not re-claimed, they will be either added to our cash for clothes collection or they will be disposed.

School Uniforms/ Wellington boots.

If you wish to donate your child's school uniform or wellington boots to Nursery when they finish their year, we will reuse them for children/ families who need them.

Floral display of wellington boots.

Our thanks to Mrs Mc Gall for her "green fingers" and motivation to continue to fill old children's wellington boots with seeds, plants and flowers for the children to continue to learn from nature. Each child will fill a wellington boot in nursery which they will then bring home to water and enjoy. We would ask if you could kindly return the wellington boot to nursery school after the summer break for next year's children and it would be lovely to see you again.

Important dates

- **Tuesday 1st June** - Nursery school closed for School Development Day staff training.
- **Wednesday 2nd June** - Transition reports to parents to read, sign and return to nursery school by Friday 4th June to send to receiving Primary schools/ settings

- **Friday 11th June** - Pirate Day Children and staff to dress up in pirate costumes. This is a fun, non-uniform day. Please do not go to any expense, teeshirt and jeans will be fine!
- **Monday 14th June** - Certificate presentation from Sharing from the Start Programme .

Please note changes to end of school term:-

- **Monday 28th June** - Afternoon classes will finish Nursery School
- **Tuesday 29th June** - Morning classes will finish Nursery school
- **Wednesday 30th June** - Nursery closed for all children. School Development Day for Staff.

SNACK AND FUND MONEY

The final monthly payment of £20 for June is now due. Thank you to those parents who have already paid May and June together and for those parents who have paid termly or annually.

We would ask those parents who are in arrears to please pay in full a.s.a.p. We rely on this money to pay for treats, gifts, plants, seeds, photographs, printing and resources for the children. All children in nursery benefit from the snack and school fund.

LEARNING FOCUS FOR THIS MONTH

- Transition;
- Care in the Sun;
- Pirates;

TAPESTRY AND END OF YEAR PHOTOGRAPHS.

Our thanks to Mrs. McMullan, our ICT co-ordinator, for all her hard work in over-seeing Tapestry.

- Please remember it is your responsibility to download your child's photographs from Tapestry. I'm sure you will agree that every photograph tells a story.

and FINALLY.....

May we take this opportunity to thank you all very much for your support throughout the year. We know that the children have all enjoyed their Nursery School year and we trust you will all look back on your time here with fond memories.

Wishing you all continued good health and a lovely summer break, best wishes from the staff of Ballymena Nursery School.