

Ballymena Nursery School

March /April 2022 Newsletter.



It is hard to believe that we are quickly approaching the end of the second school term. You have been amazing parents, encouraging the staff and supporting your children through Covid restrictions, Covid mitigations, illness and staff shortages. We will continue to remain vigilant and practice our Covid mitigation procedures and cleaning regimes as a precautionary measure. This may be reviewed and evaluated at a later date. Please read this newsletter carefully and note that both it and the accompanying song and rhyme sheet, span both March and April.

Celebrating the Richness of Diversity and Respecting Difference.

Together we have been learning so much from our educational and community programmes of Sharing from the Start; Getting Ready to Learn; Early Years Media Initiative, and Sunni Explores Respecting Difference. The success of these programmes of learning are greatly enhanced with parental involvement and we thank you for your active engagement on Tapestry. Our thanks to Mrs McMullan, our ICT co-ordinator, for sourcing and sharing so many useful resources on Tapestry.

Please return your completed Child Friendly Evaluation Form from the back of your child's Sunni Explores booklet before 30th March. Thank you. If you have misplaced your booklet, additional evaluation forms are available from Nursery School.

School Fund/ Eco Schools recycling and fund-raising

For those who pay school fund money monthly, March fees are now due. Thank you to parents who helped with our recycling and fund-raising with ID clothing which raised an amazing £160.50.

World Book Day- Thursday 3rd March/ non-uniform day.

We are looking forward to our annual World Book Day, when we would encourage you to send your child's favourite book with them to Nursery and they may dress as a character from their story book. Please do not go to additional expense by purchasing costumes; you can be creative and make your own, or your child may wear casual clothing. This will be a non-uniform day and fun day when the staff will dress as their favourite book characters too. The children will receive £1 World book day vouchers to spend in local book shops or the vouchers can be used to receive discount from Scholastic Books magazine which will be available shortly.

Focus of interest for learning in March/April

Spring time/ World Book Day/Mother's day/ St. Patrick's Day/ Ballymena Castle, Northern Ireland 100 Centenary Stone and Time Capsule Project.

Dates for your diary:-

Thursday 3rd March, World Book Day / Non-uniform day.

Wednesday 9th March and Friday 11th March - Health visitor for Mrs. Coulter's class 9.15 - 10.30 am.

School closure dates

Nursery School will be CLOSED on the following dates:

Thursday 17th March,- St. Patrick's Day holiday

Friday 18th March - School Development day for staff training.

Monday 11th April & Tuesday 12th April -School Development days.

Wednesday 13th to Friday 22nd April (inclusive) -Easter holidays.

Advance notice:-_Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday.