

JANUARY NEWSLETTER



OUR TOPICS

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. As we enter the second busy term of the school year, we would like to thank you for all your support during term 1 and hope we can continue to build strong parent school links this term through day to day interactions and our *Getting Ready to Learn* programme.

This month we will be looking at the topic people who help us. We will talk about fire-fighters, doctors, nurses, police officers and other jobs that people do. We have our own hospital in the role play area and the children will be dressing up and acting out the roles of doctors, nurses, surgeons and ambulance drivers. We will have all sorts of things to support the children in their play including syringes, bandages and some slings. We will put syringes and medicine bottles in the water, we will complete hospital jigsaws and develop our language in the small world hospital.



BRIGHT IDEAS!



Would your child know what to do in an emergency?

Talk to your child about dialling 999 in an emergency, emphasising the importance of only calling it in a real emergency. Talk them through what might be said on the phone to them, or better still, why not act it out? Do they know their home address? If not, help them to learn it.

Take a visit to the local library. Ask your child to find books which are about people who help us. Some will be fact books and some will be fiction- are they able to sort them?

Talk to your child about your job...you may be amazed at what they think you do all day while they are at school! Why not talk to them about the job they would like to do when they are older.

Sing songs and say rhymes about people who help us with your child. What about 'Five Little Monkeys' or 'Miss Polly had a Dolly'?

OBSERVATIONS

This month we will be checking:

Can children understand and use positional language up, down, in front, behind, under, beside.

Can the children count up to 5 using 1 to 1 correspondence?

Can they talk about the jobs people do?

Can children use books appropriately / enjoy looking at books in the classroom?

CAN YOU HELP?

Calling all doctors, nurses, dentists, hairdressers, firefighters, police officers, builders, mechanics...to name just a few!!

We love visitors in the nursery, and we love to learn by listening and asking questions. Do you (or anyone you know!) do a 'people who help us' job?

We would love you to visit us in the nursery and tell us about your job. Let us know at pick up or drop off if you would like to come in and talk with the boys and girls.

COLOUR AND SHAPE OF THE MONTH

Blue and triangle

We will be talking about and mixing light blue and dark blue. We will be looking out for these in our environment as well as spotting different kinds of triangles. We will be **wearing something blue to school** on **Friday 25th January**.

SNACK MONEY

Term 2 snack money is now due. This is **twenty-five pounds**. The children have been enjoying fresh fruit from Dan's in Crumlin, including oranges, melons, bananas, apples and pears.

BIG BEDTIME READ

As part of the Getting Ready to Learn programme, we are going to be having a Nursery 'Big Bedtime Read'. On Wednesday the 30th January we will be inviting Nursery children and their parents into the **Nursery at 7pm**. See attached note for more information.

MORNING

ROUTINE

As we begin term 2, we wish to highlight the importance of promoting independence. In the morning, we encourage you to say goodbye at the classroom door and allow your child to come to the story room independently.



Happy birthday to Effie and Emily who both turn 4 this month.

DATES TO REMEMBER

25th January- Blue day N.B. your child can wear their uniform and one blue thing, or they may come in dressed fully in blue.

30th January - Getting Ready to Learn 'Big Bedtime Read' 7pm in Nursery