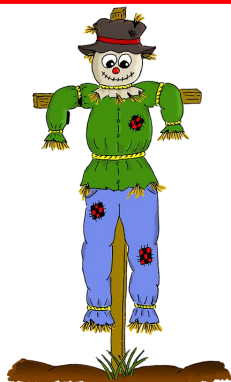


EDENDERRY NURSERY SCHOOL

October 2023



We are so proud of how all of our pupils are settling in to life at Edenderry Nursery School! They are adapting to their new environment so well and are learning new rules and routines with great confidence. Nursery school is a busy place and we encourage you to take an active role in your child's learning. Each member of staff works hard to ensure that each and every child's needs are met—so please do speak to us at any time if you have any concerns.

This month in nursery we will be working hard on our **INDEPENDENCE**. Being independent has many benefits; the core of which is that it builds self-confidence and self-esteem. Empowering children to be independent starts as early as Nursery school. Often we are asked, how can we support our child at home? This month you could :

- Encourage your child to put on and take off their own shoes. They have to do this in nursery several times a day and it is a target in their Achievement Record. We will be observing this throughout October. So all support greatly welcomed.
- Encourage your child to put on and take off their coat independently.

DATES FOR DIARY:

6th October: School Fund Due.
(£15.00)

9th/10th/11th : Parent / Teacher
interview week GROUP 1

16th /17th/18th : GROUP 2

23rd : Collection time 1:10pm -
1:30pm commences.

25th : Autumn Walk (in nursery
grounds)

27th: Superhero and Princess
party (pupils can come to nursery
in fancy dress)

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS:

30th October - 3rd November
(inclusive)

BIG BEDTIME READ

Our Nursery has participated in the 'Big Bedtime Read' over the last number of years and we are continuing with this project in the incoming year. Each child will be allocated a Book Bag on a Tuesday afternoon. They should return these the following Monday morning when a hanging rail will be provided in the entrance hall where your child should hang up their returns. These will be checked by staff and a new book bag will be given to your child on Tuesday afternoon. Later in the year staff will run a short session for parents highlighting the importance of reading together on a regular basis with your child.

We will commence our Big Bedtime read on Tuesday 7th November.



SCHOOL FUND

School fund is payable on the first Friday of the month and should be included with your child's dinner money in the folder provided. We request £15.00 per month to cover the cost of foodstuffs for break, fruit for the fruit table and treats given to the children during the school year.

*The greatest gifts
you can give your children are
the roots of responsibility
and the wings of independence.
Denis Waitley*



Barnaby & Betsy Bears

We have two special bears in school named Barnaby and Betsy. During the nursery year each child has an opportunity to take one of our bears home for a weekend adventure. When they return to school the following Monday your child will share their adventure with the other children during story time. You will be given a pre-prepared page onto which you can paste some photos / bullet points to help us support the children when they are recalling their adventures. This will start Friday 10th November.



PARENT INTERVIEWS

These will take place in October. These are to discuss how your child has settled in to nursery school. We will put a sign up sheet in the hall, please add your name for the 10 minute time slot that suits you best. We offer a telephone call, or you can come in to nursery—your choice:) Just be sure to indicate your preference on the sheet.

FOODSTUFFS

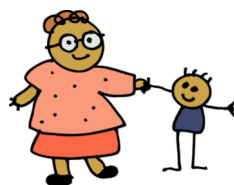


We do not permit the children to bring any foods/sweets/drinks/crisps etc to school. Any foodstuffs/drinks discovered will be removed from schoolbags by staff members and will be left on the table in reception for collection. Please leave birthday cakes / buns with the class teacher in the morning.

We are a NUT FREE ZONE.

DINNER MONEY

Please bring dinner money to class on **Friday mornings** and always use the folder provided. Please do try to remember to bring it first thing on a Friday morning as this is when our secretary is in school. It is also important that the little folder is brought in, in the morning, as we will be putting any notes / newsletters into this folder that need to be taken home.



COLLECTION TIMES

Collection times remain as 12:45pm throughout October. Beginning Monday 23rd, children may remain in Nursery for the full day and should be collected between 1.10pm and 1.30pm. Please note that the entrance door is not opened until 1.10pm and that 1.30pm is the latest collection time permitted. Play will stop in the classrooms at 1.25pm when children will be taken to the cloakroom areas to collect their coats and prepare for leaving school.

As you will have noticed, collection times are very busy, especially as the staggered pick-up times are not yet operational. Please make sure your child stays by your side in the cloakroom and as you exit the building and does not run out into the entrance hall ahead of you. You are responsible for the safety of your child as soon as you have collected him/her in the classroom.

NURSERY NATTERS



After half-term we will be hosting our monthly Nursery Natters. This is just an hour or so on the first Friday morning of each month, when we make our staffroom area available to parents who wish to meet together for a coffee/tea and a chat. We hope you will come along and take the opportunity to get to know some of the other nursery parents. The first meeting will take place, Friday 10th November – no need to sign up just make your way to the staffroom after you have left your child into class.

HEADLICE

As in all schools we occasionally have a problem with headlice. Children's hair should be checked very regularly i.e. every week.

ART FOLDERS

Each child has an art folder where their drawings and paintings are stored. Please empty these at least once each week. If you do not know where these are just ask. Your child's work is displayed on a special board in class. Again if you are unsure of where this is please ask and please do take some time to look at what they have done - the children are always so proud of their masterpieces!

UNIFORM

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name otherwise it is impossible for staff to find missing items.



RHYMES

Songs and rhymes are an important part of our nursery day. Singing nursery rhymes with young children can help to develop their language and communication skills. They help children learn recall and imagination, as well as introducing the concept of rhyme and rhythm. Nursery rhymes aren't all about language development. Many rich mathematical opportunities can be found in common nursery rhymes, with children learning first to count by rote with songs such as '1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive', before moving on to more challenging concepts such as finding one or two less in songs such as '5 Currant Buns in a Bakers Shop' or '10 Fat Sausages Sizzling in a Pan'.

We would encourage you to be singing songs and rhymes as much as possible at home too.

Each month we will provide some links to some of the songs that we sing in nursery for you and your child to enjoy at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CyJlfdA71Lc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXbFK5ITBFs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKkblZtqhyQ>

Yours faithfully,

K. Bonis