

# EDENDERRY NURSERY SCHOOL

November 2023



## DATES FOR DIARY:

**6th Nov - Welcome Back!**

**7th Nov - Big Bedtime**

Read commences

**9th Nov - Relax Kids visit to nursery.**

**10th Nov - £15 school fund due.**

Nursery natters commences.

Barnaby and Betsy bear begin their travels.

**16h Nov - Relax Kids visit.**

**17th Nov - Children In Need - Spotacular!**

**23rd Nov - Relax Kids visit**

Big Bedtime Read (GRTL) Parent Workshop  
2:30pm - 3:15pm.

**30th Nov - Relax Kids Visit**

**1st Dec - Daily Mile Santa Run**

## OURSELVES

We will be sending home a topic photo sheet for you to complete which we will add to the children's 'All About Me' pages. The children love sharing these with their friends. We would like you to add a photo of your child when s/he was a baby and a photo of them now.

We will laminate these and add them to our books. The children have access to these at all times in our Book Box Area and we will use them as a teaching tool for our topic work when we are discussing our families and ourselves.

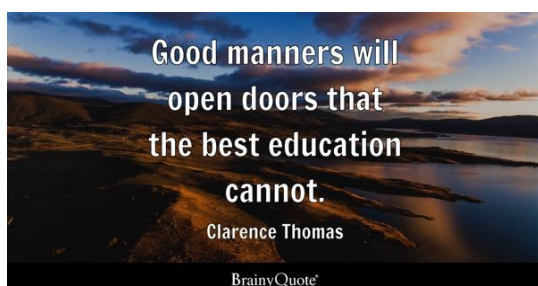
## NURSERY NATTERS



Nursery Natters begins Friday 10<sup>TH</sup> November. We encourage you to come along to meet other parents for a chat and a coffee / tea. Parents meet in the staff kitchen from 8.45am – 10.00am. Nursery natters will meet on the 1st Friday of each month.

This month in nursery we will be working hard on our **MANNERS.**

Manners are a set of behaviours that help people in all situations. When you show good manners, people will appreciate them and they will be grateful for the way you have treated them and spoken to them. Having good manners is important as it makes you feel good as well as making the other person feel good too. We will be encouraging the pupils to greet their teachers and their peers in the morning and to say please and thank you at meal times. We ask you to encourage this at home too - I'm sure you already do.



## Spotacular Day!

This year in support of CHILDREN IN NEED on Friday 17th November - we are joining in with their Great SPOTacular Day! Pupils may come to school dressed in spotty clothes / a spotty costume / spotty face paint .... It is totally up to you! A little donation can be made on the day to support the work of this wonderful charity.



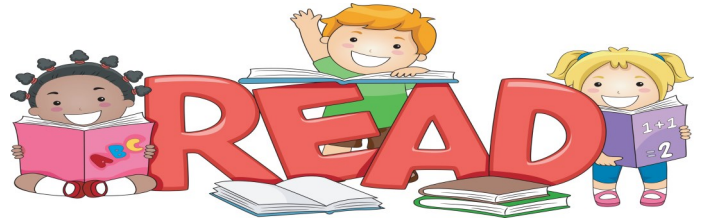
### BIG BEDTIME READ

Our Nursery has participated in the 'Big Bedtime Read' over the last number of years and we are continuing with this project this year. Each child will be allocated a Book Bag on a Tuesday afternoon. They should return these the following Monday morning when a tub will be provided in the entrance hall where your child should return their bag. These will be checked by staff and a new book bag will be given to your child on Tuesday afternoon.



### Getting Ready to Learn Parent Workshop.

We will be providing some information for ways in which you can help your child develop their early reading skills at home alongside our Big Bedtime Read programme. The meeting will take place in nursery and will last no longer than 45minutes.



Mary from Relax Kids will be joining us as part of our Emotional Health & Wellbeing Programme. Mary helps us think about our emotions and teaches us lots of different tools and techniques to help calm our body and mind and build confidence and self-esteem.

***“Relax Kids uses a pioneering 7-step whole-brain holistic approach and fun, magical and creative techniques to help your children feel happier and healthier. “***

### Relax Kids

### 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 unto which you can paste some photos / bullet points to help us support the children when they are recalling their adventures.

### The Daily Mile / Santa Fun Run

“Northern Ireland Does The Daily Mile Santa Run” is a virtual mass participation event across all Northern Ireland primary and early years settings. On 1st December 2023, schools and early years settings around the country, will run / walk their Daily Mile Santa Run virtually, in an effort to raise awareness for children’s mental health and wellbeing. We are looking forward to taking part in this event. Children can come to nursery wearing a SANTA HAT / REINDEER ANTLERS / ELF EARS and don’t forget your coat!

## LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!



In nursery we LOVE to celebrate each and every child's achievement. Part of our ethos at Edenderry is to encourage all children to reach their full potential, we recognise that this is individual to each child. As part of this we have a special board in our nursery which we hope to use to celebrate these achievements. But we need your help. This board will be used for moments outside of nursery - maybe your child goes to ballet or horse riding, perhaps BB or GB, maybe they have got really great at doing a number 2 in the toilet, washing their hands or helping out with their baby brother or sister—we would love to hear! Please just let a member of staff know and we will record this on our SUPERSTAR board.

## BABY'S BATHTIME

As part of our topic work this month we hope to persuade some parents to carry out a 'Bath time with Baby' session. If you would be willing to bring your baby in to nursery and show the boys and girls how to bath a baby, please speak to a member of staff.



## NURSERY NATIVITY

Our Nursery Nativity will be held in Edenderry Primary School's assembly hall, Wednesday 20th December at 9.30am. Details relating to this event will be issued nearer the time. The children leave school with their parents after the performance. If you will not be attending Nativity please make arrangements to collect your child from school at 10.30am on this day. Please inform us immediately if you do not wish your child to participate in the Nativity.

## TOYS

As the vast majority of children are now very well settled in school we would ask that children do not bring toys and comforters from home. These can sometimes get lost or cause arguments with their friends, so best for all if these are not brought in to school anymore.

## FOUND AND FREE

Please keep small clean boxes / bottles / cartons for our Found and Free creative work. You can leave these items in the basket behind the door between the reception area and the cloakroom corridor.

Here are some of the songs / rhymes that we will be focusing on in November:

[Head Shoulders Knees & Toes \(Sing It\) - YouTube](#)

[I've got a body | Early Years - Nursery Rhymes | BBC Teach - YouTube](#)

[The Dentist is your Smile's Best Friend - YouTube](#)

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# Learn, Laugh and Let Your Light Shine!

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