



## **NOVEMBER NURSERY NEWSLETTER 2019**

### **Dear parents/Carers**

It's hard to believe Halloween is over and we are now beginning to think about Christmas. The lovely autumnal weather is so nice for walks so let's hope the weather is kind and we can all enjoy this time of the year before the madness of December hits.

### **EAL (Eager and Able to Learn)**

Two staff within in our 2-3 room are currently undertaking EAL training, this is an evidence-based training programme. This training is based on the premise that children are capable and competent learners from birth. The programme believe it can impact positively on children's eagerness and ability to learn through working closely with practitioners and parents. Creating an opportunity for a higher level of parental involvement and genuine parental participation through passing on similar messages to parents and practitioner. Parents are children's first educators when parents and practitioners work together, the communication and partnership have a positive impact on children's learning and development. The communication and partnership have a positive impact on children's learning and development. The programme has two approaches: -

1. Group based experiences - exploring play through whole body learning experiences in group setting
2. Home based experiences - exploring play with two-year-old children in the home.

The types of whole-body learning experiences, we provide to the children are – crawling, climbing, running, stepping, twirling, spinning, bouncing, rocking, sliding. We ensure these experiences are experienced by activities such as Row, Row, your boat, steppingstones, climbing and clambering, dens.

### **Shoes:**

“I love shoes” is a play experience in the programme and as part of this: *we ask parents if you have any old shoes* – high heeled, flat, buckled, laced, Velcro straps, shiny, sparkly etc – slippers, sandals, flip flops, work boots etc. children love to imitate, pretend, making different sounds and whilst trying to engage in cross- lateral movement they develop their sense of balance and co-ordination.



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### **Parent workshop:**

As part of the EAL programme we have to run parent workshops. This workshop would look at developmental movement, communication and play programmes to help support parents to become more involved in their children’s play at home. We have scheduled next Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November @10am. We will send a letter via email - inviting all 2-3 parents along and would ask that if you can please attend, we would really appreciate it.

**Fundraising:** if you can cast your mind back to December last year and remember our Santa who visited the nursery. This Santa came from Belfast from an organisation call Tiny Life.

Tiny Life is a charity committed to providing a range of support services that meet the growing needs of families of premature and ill babies in Northern Ireland. Tiny Life continues to support vital research to ensure that every pregnancy has the best chance of a healthy outcome and a healthy baby.

We promised “Santa” (Tiny Life) that we would hold a fundraising event this year.

As most of you know we have completed the 5k Spooktakular walk/ run and had a great result with staff and parents with some great times. We

would like to ask if all the sponsor sheets could please be returned to the office by the end of next week, we will then add up the total amount raised and present it to tiny life. Thanks.

### Coats:

As the weather is changing can we remind parents/carers to please send a coat in each day with your child. Please ensure your child's coat as well as fleeces, jackets, jumpers etc are all named as we always seem to end up with a lot of lost property which is hard to find owners for. This would be greatly appreciated.



<b>1</b>	<b>Baby</b>	<b>Baby 2</b>	<b>2-3's</b>	<b>3-5's</b>	<b>A.School's</b>
		Lily 18 <sup>th</sup>	Natalie 24 <sup>th</sup>	Reuben 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wiktorina 14 <sup>th</sup>
		Tessa 24 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah 28 <sup>th</sup>		Jela 9 <sup>th</sup>
			Alfie 30 <sup>th</sup>		Rian 27 <sup>th</sup>



We hope you all have a great birthday and enjoy celebrating with family and friends.

### New starts:

We would like to welcome some new little faces into nursery. We hope you all settle in quickly and enjoy your time as you make lots of new friends.

<b>Baby room 1</b>	<b>2 - 3</b>	<b>After School</b>
Ella	Ollie	Noah
Eoghan		

### **New nursery system:**

We are still working on inputting a new nursery system. This will replace nursery pal and will include a lot of new features for both the nursery and the parents. We will keep you all up to date regarding this transition. Can we ask in advance for your patience and co-operation as I'm sure there will be some teething problems. We will work with the two systems initially until we are a little more confident and then Connect Childcare will go live. We are hoping this will benefit the nursery as a whole and increase our parent partnership with you all.

### **Nappies/wipes/spare clothes:**

Can we ask that when staff ask for the above that they can be brought in promptly. We appreciate that it can be hard to remember this on a busy morning trying to get out to work, but sometimes we are borrowing from others and this is unfair. Spare clothes particularly if your child is toilet training needs to be brought in each day. We are constantly running out of nursery spares. Can I also remind parents of children who are potty training to please ensure your child is wearing items of clothing which are easily pulled up and down.

If you bring any of the above in, particularly into breakfast club, can we ask that you write your child's name on the bag as sometimes at the end of breakfast club we find items which have been left in the dining room unnamed and we don't know who they belong to. Thank you in advance.

Please note that you refrain from putting your child in pull ups until you are potty training as this is an inconvenience for the staff as they must strip the children to get them changed. If any parent wishing to avail of our potty-training policy, please ask in the office for a copy.

### **Inspection:**

We have recently completed our annual inspection; we have now received our report which reflects a positive outcome. As stated within the report, ***"Magic Roundabout are providing a safe, caring and***

***stimulating environment in which meet's the care, play and developmental needs of the children. Management are motivated and dedicated to providing a high-quality service and have been receptive of all advice and guidance given during this inspection".***

Thanks to everyone who completed a parent questionnaire and for supporting us all year round. We always say we have a "great team" and "great parents".

