St Patrick’s Nursery, Loughguile

Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Guardians

The children are settling back into their routine at Nursery after the Christmas break and have given us a warm welcome back.

The children have been very busy in the nursery during January.



[](http://www.pack97hopkinton.org/news/icefishing/canada_icefishing.gif)The children have been learning about the Arctic and have even had their own Igloo in the classroom. They have been catching their own fish using fishing rods, enjoying the sensory experience of torches in the igloo and building with sugar cubes. In the water they have been learning about ice and what happens when it melts. We have had different types of ‘snow’ with the use of polystyrene balls, powder snow and shaving foam in which the children were able to enjoy a variety of sensory experiences.

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We are learning about how some birds fly to warmer countries for the winter. We will be feeding the birds this week and watching them out of our window to see them enjoying their food.

Our next topic is ‘Fairytales’.

Very importantly, we will be concentrating on the following nursery rhymes for which we have finger puppets. I would like you to go over these rhymes with your children to ensure they hear and say the correct words. When we have sung the nursery rhymes for a while and the children are familiar with them we will take out the puppet theatre and the children will be able to act out the rhymes.

The rhymes are:

Incy Wincy Spider

Hickory, Dickory, Dock

Little Miss Muffet

Baa, Baa, Black Sheep

Jack and Jill

Two Little Dickey Birds

Humpty, Dumpty

The Grand Old Duke Of York

Old Mother Hubbard

Little Boy Blue

This Little Piggy Went To Market

Hey, Diddle, Diddle

Little Jack Horner

Little Bo Peep

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught A Fish Alive.

Christmas Presents

Orlagh and I would like to thank you for our lovely Christmas presents. They were greatly appreciated.

Children’s Magazines

If you have any old children’s magazines that you could donate to the nursery it would be very much appreciated. Peppa pig, Bob the builder etc would be ideal.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Nursery Parent-Teacher interviews will take place in March this year. Dates are to be confirmed and appointment letters will be sent home. If it is impossible for you to attend at the allocated time please contact me to arrange an alternative time.

**Stay and Play**

We would like to thank parents for taking part in our Stay and Play. We hope you enjoyed seeing what your children do in a Nursery day.

**Child Protection Policy**

Should you wish to raise a concern about any child at the nursery, parents / guardians are reminded of the procedures, listed at the back of this newsletter, which should be followed.

Thank you again,

***Miss McGowan & Orlagh***

**Important Dates**

**Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February -** Mid-term holiday.

**Friday 17th March** - Holiday – St Patrick’s Day

**Friday 24th March 2017** - Staff Professional Development Day

How A Parent Can Raise A Concern / Make A Complaint

# I have a concern about my / a child’s safety

# I can talk to the Class Teacher

# If I am still concerned, I can talk to the designated teacher for Child Protection (Mrs Connolly)

# At any time, I can talk to the

# Social Services, Ballymoney: Tel: 028 2766 4101

Ballymena Police Care Unit: Tel: 0845 600 8000

# If I am still concerned, I can talk to the Principal

# (Mrs M Hanna)

# If I am still concerned, I can talk/write to the Chairman of the Board of Governors