

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the February edition of our monthly newsletter, which we hope you enjoy reading. In "Meet The Team" we are introducing Eimear, who is part of our team in the Afternoon Session. Every week, while ECCE is suspended due to the current Level 5 Covid 19 Restrictions, we are emailing parents our Weekly Theme, which we hope the children, and of course the parents, are enjoying. We love seeing all the amazing work the children are doing, so please continue to send us your photos so that we can include them in our weekly slideshow.

Meet THE TEAM



This month we would like to introduce you to Eimear who is part of our team in our Afternoon session. Eimear joined us in KBM in 2019 however she is no stranger to us, having completed her work experience with us

while she was studying for her Level 6 childcare qualifications in 2018. Eimear is a busy mum to three school going children yet between work and family life, she has found the time to very recently complete her BA (Ordinary) Degree in Early Childcare with London Metropolitan University.

This is an amazing achievement and we would like to say a huge congratulations to Eimear and we are all very proud of you. When not working and studying, Eimear loves having fun with her children,

Doireann, Ruadhan and Caoilinn and volunteers as one of the local Cubs Leader. Though Eimear is from Skerries, she has lived in Brussels and had an amazing opportunity to move to Australia with her husband Dave and children in July 2012 for three years but lucky for us she returned in 2015 to settle back in Skerries before joining our team.



Let's Play!

While children are at home full-time with their family during the current pandemic, this provides a unique opportunity for many parents to spend time with their child and strengthen family connections through play. Play is very important for children's development and provides an ideal opportunity for your child to learn how to interact with others, share, observe boundaries and problem solve WHILE HAVING FUN!

Remember...

- Play is your child's natural way of learning.
- Play encourages development of fine and gross motor skills.
- You are your child's favourite toy.
- Resist the temptation to take over or direct what is played.
- Play doesn't have to involve expensive toys in fact more benefit is gained when children use their imagination to devise games and play with toys.
- Play teaches children how to make friends, team work and taking turns. Children can play alongside or with others and they also benefit from playing alone at times.
- Siblings will form strong bonds that last a lifetime when they have the opportunity to play together.
- Have fun. This is the ideal opportunity to make memories and enjoy some light relief from the current situation. (Parentingni, 2019)

Free Online Resources

First 5 Preschool at Home – Video Lessons for Families [First 5 | Preschool at Home | Video Lessons For Families](#)
Engaging Activities for Children During Covid19 – ISPC [Engaging Activities For Children During Covid-19 - ISPC](#)
How to Spot Wildlife & Virtual Nature Walk Across Ireland [Home | Wildlife - LGMA \(librariesireland.ie\)](#)
Simple Sensory Box Ideas [7 Simple Sensory Box Ideas \(mykidstime.com\)](#)

Our themes for the month of February will include:

Dental Hygiene

Valentine's Day/Friendships

Springtime