

### A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the March edition of our monthly newsletter, which we hope you enjoy reading. We are delighted to be able to reopen fully to all children from Monday 8th March 2021 and normal school hours will apply. **Please note we will be closed for St. Patrick's Day on Wednesday 17th March and Easter holidays will commence on Monday 29th March and we will reopen on Monday 12th April 2021.** During the Easter holidays we are planning to run Easter Camps, subject to ongoing guidance from the Department of Equality, Disability, Integration & Youth (DEDIY) regarding "Plan for Living with Covid-19". We hope to be able to take bookings for these camps very soon.

### Meet THE TEAM



This month we are introducing you to Marion who is part of our team in our morning session in Class 1. Marion has two grown up daughters and is also a very proud dog owner to her beloved dog, Tails and loves nothing more than bringing her best buddy on long

walks and to the beach. Marion loves to bake and drink tea and she has combined these two loves to make the most amazing tea cake. She has shot to fame online recently from her weekly Story Times and also made her cooking video debut, which was directed and produced by one of her daughters, making pancakes on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Playing bridge, pilates, feeding the birds in her garden and going to the National Ploughing Championships with her friends, are just a few of Marion's hobbies.

She also loves going on holidays with her husband Paul to the sun but rumour has it you will normally find her in the shade! Marion loves music and going to concerts with some of her favourites being, George Michael & UB40.



### School CLUBS

For those attending our morning sessions, these clubs are an ideal way for children to further their social interaction skills with other children in their class, in a fun relaxed environment.

#### Morning Club Monday – Friday

Class 1 8.30 am – 9.15 am  
Class 2 8.30 am – 9.30 am

(€25 per week, payable on the 1st of every month or on an ad hoc basis of €5 per morning, payable on the day)

#### Afternoon Clubs Monday – Friday

Class 1 12.15 pm – 1.15 pm  
Class 2 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm

(€25 per week, payable on the 1st of every month or on an ad hoc basis of €5 per afternoon, payable on the day)

**Monday – Lego**

**Tuesday – Science**

**Wednesday – Buntas/Keep Fit**

**Thursday – Arts & Crafts**

**Friday – Free Play**

Please speak to a member of staff if you require any further information on any of our clubs we offer.

### Sensory Play

Sensory play takes place every day in KBM in many different forms. The benefits of sensory play include, supporting language development, cognitive growth, motor skills, problem solving skills, social interaction, aids in developing and enhancing memory functioning, it is great for calming an anxious or frustrated child and helps children learn vitally important sensory attributes (hot, cold, sticky, dry, etc). Look, Listen, Touch, Smell and Taste are elements of life that we often take for granted. By incorporating a variety of textures, substances, ingredients and props in general, these come together to create an overall awareness and stimulation of the core senses. Sensory play is so easy to incorporate into your child's daily life at home -everything from playdough, water/sand play, sensory bags, finger painting and interaction with animals, music, or light, even jumping on a trampoline – the list is endless to choose from and most importantly your child will have lots of fun.

Along with following the children's emergent interests, our themes for the month of March will include:

Mother's Day  
St. Patrick's Day  
Easter Time