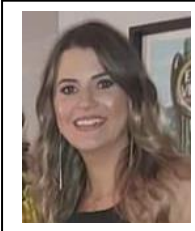


A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the April edition of our monthly newsletter, which we hope you enjoy reading. We hope everyone is having a lovely Easter break and our ECCE classes will resume on Monday 12th April 2021.

Meet THE TEAM



This month we are introducing you to Siobhán who is part of our team in our morning session in Class 1 and in our afternoon session. Siobhán is a born organiser and before Covid-19 restrictions, she loved nothing more than

organising fun things to do with her family and friends, whether its a day out or a weekend trip. When days out aren't possible, this doesn't stop Siobhán as she loves to organise get togethers especially games nights via Zoom. Siobhán enjoys keeping active and would be a regular early morning visitor to her local gym before coming to work. As gym visits have had to stop, in place, she loves to go out for long walks. Siobhán has a flair for creativity and is doing an



interior design course and also learning to play the saxophone. She loves music festivals and over the past number of years has gone to Electric Picnic. Siobhán's



birthday is on the 29th of April and we hope she has a wonderful day celebrating turning 30!

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

Afternoon Clubs Monday – Friday

Class 1 12.15 pm – 1.15 pm

Class 2 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm

(€25 per week per club, payable on the 1st of every month or ad hoc basis of €5 per club, payable on the day). Please speak to a member of staff if you require any further information on any of the clubs we offer.

Some very easy activities to help develop your child's cutting skills:



HOW TO TEACH CUTTING SKILLS



PLAY WITH MITTEN PUPPETS



PICK UP ITEMS WITH TONGS OR CLOTHESPINS



PLAY WITH TOY SCOOPERS



SNIP A STRAW OR PLAYDOH



TAPE THE PAGE TO THE EDGE OF THE TABLE



USE THICK/FIRM PAPER TO PRACTICE

The Importance of Imaginary Play

Imaginary play encourages social development in young children. In this type of play, children are being themselves whilst simultaneously being someone else. This gives them a chance to explore the world from different perspectives, and is an achievement that requires thinking about two ways of being at once, something that children may have difficulty doing in other circumstances. In addition, children are learning to understand the basic principles of society and how it functions, and the important rules and routines of everyday life. We should actively encourage our children when they engage in imaginary play and provide plenty of props and play opportunities with both similar aged peers and also with adults. Most importantly imaginary play is fun and yet another way for children to learn and develop (www.earlyyearsresources.co.uk).

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

Africa

The Zoo

Life Cycle of the Butterfly