

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the October 2021 edition of our monthly newsletter. We will be having our Halloween Fancy Dress Party on Friday 22nd October and children are invited to come to school in their fancy dress costumes for a day of fun and games. Any children who do not wish to dress up, they are invited to come into school that day in their favourite clothes. Just a reminder that we will be closed for Midterm Break for the week of Monday 25th – Friday 29th October 2021. However we are delighted to announce we will be running a **Halloween Camp from Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th October 2021** from 9.00 am till 1.00 pm each day. Further details and Booking Form are attached to this Newsletter.

Here in KBM the children love playing with water especially in our new outdoor kitchen but did you know how beneficial waterplay is in promoting your child's development?



School CLUBS

These clubs, which are available to our morning classes, are an ideal way for children to further their social skills with other children in their class, in a fun relaxed environment.

Morning Clubs* 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

(*each club is €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

These afternoon clubs are payable at the start of every month or on an ad-hoc basis of €5 per club per day, payable on the day.

Should you require any further information on any of the above, please speak to a member of staff.

A LITTLE INSIGHT INTO OUR CURRICULUM

We incorporate a Montessori and play based approach through Aistear, the national curriculum framework for early years education in Ireland. Maria Montessori (1870-1952) is famous for developing a child-centred educational approach to early childhood education. The Montessori approach views the child as naturally eager for knowledge and capable of initiating learning in a supportive and thoughtfully prepared learning environment, which will assist in developing children physically, socially, emotionally and cognitively. This approach blends in with the Aistear Curriculum. Aistear is the Irish word for *journey* and represents the beginning for children as they embark on their lifelong journey of learning and development. It celebrates early childhood, with children enjoying and learning from experiences, as they happen. It also highlights the important role early years practitioners and parents play in nurturing and extending a child's learning and development. There are four main themes in Aistear, *Well-Being*, *Identity & Belonging*, *Communicating* and *Exploring & Thinking*, which ensures learning opportunities provided by us, will assist all children in becoming competent and confident learners.

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

Road Safety Week incorporating Beep Beep Day on Friday 8th October 2021

The Post Office

Halloween including Fancy Dress Party on Friday 22nd October 2021