

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the February edition of our monthly newsletter, which will keep parents up-to-date on what is happening in our school. We are delighted to announce we are running a **Mid-term Camp from Monday 21st – Friday 25th February 2022** from 9.00 am till 1.00 pm each day. Further details and Booking Form are attached to this Newsletter. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ella in Class 1 and her sister Sienna in our Afternoon Class on becoming big sisters to baby Jonah and Finn in Class 2 on the arrival of his baby sister Niamh. Comhghairdeas.

Here in KBM we encourage imaginary and role play games through various open ended materials so the next time you see your child waving a stick around...just remember, to your child it's not just a stick!



This is not a stick...

It's a wand
It's a guitar
It's a shovel
It's a horse
It's a baton
It's a telescope
It's a sword
It's a microphone
It's a ski pole
It's a spoon
It's a fishing pole
It's a treasure finder
It's a paddle.

and anything else a child can imagine!



Just a reminder of the different clubs that are available to our morning classes, which are an ideal way for furthering children's social skills, in a fun 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

Monday – Lego

Tuesday – Science

Wednesday – Buntas/Keep Fit

Thursday – Arts & Crafts

Friday – Free Play

School Tracksuits (€30) and Hoodies (€15) are available to purchase (subject to availability). Should you require any further information on any of the above clubs and/or wish to purchase tracksuits/hoodies, please speak to a member of staff.

Monthly Observations

Every month via WhatsApp we send parents a monthly observation carried out on their child, but you may be asking yourself what does each observation mean and why do we do them? We share these observations with parents to provide regular communication celebrating every child's progress and share their learning experiences in KBM with you. Observations allow us to understand each child's developmental progress, their strengths, abilities and interests and also their dislikes. They help us as Early Year Educators to evaluate our own work...is an activity too easy or too hard? What type of interaction does a child like from us when doing an activity – are they happy to do it solely by themselves or are they looking for more engagement from us? Observations also help us plan more developmental appropriate activities for each child. These observations can be done as an individual observation or as a group activity and carried out in different formats, e.g. written, a video, or simply just a picture of a painting/drawing a child is doing (NCCA, 2009). We hope you enjoy receiving these observations from us throughout the year.

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

Chinese New Year – Year of the Tiger
Random Acts of Kindness/Valentine's Day
Europe