

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the November 2022 edition of our monthly newsletter, which will keep parents up-to-date on what is happening in our school. In conjunction with Early Childhood Ireland, we are delighted to be participating in National Pyjama Day on Friday 18th November 2022 and children are invited to wear their favourite pyjamas into school on this day. This is the largest one day fundraising event organised by the Early Years and School Age Care sector in Ireland and raises money for charities that support babies and young children. This year's fundraiser is in support of the autism charity AsIAm and sponsorship forms will be sent home this week with the children to be returned to us on National Pyjama Day. Please note sponsorship is completely voluntary and parents are under no obligation to contribute.



These clubs, which are available to our morning classes, are an ideal way for children to further develop their social skills with other children in their class, in a fun and relaxed environment. Clubs are payable in advance on the 1st of every month.

Morning Clubs Monday – Friday

Class 1 8.15 am – 9.15 am
Class 2 8.30 am – 9.30 am

Afternoon Clubs Monday – Friday

Class 1 12.15 pm – 1.00 pm
Class 2* 12.30 pm – 1.15 pm

Monday – Lego

Tuesday – Science

Wednesday – Buntas/Keep Fit

Thursday – Arts & Crafts

Friday – Free Play

Please speak to a member of staff or text us if you wish to book your child into any of these clubs. (*Class 2 Afternoon Clubs are full and waiting list applies)

National Childcare Scheme (NCS)



The NCS helps parents meet the cost of childcare outside of the ECCE programme. For any of our fee paying children who do not qualify for the ECCE programme and those in our morning classes availing of extra hours through our school clubs, NCS offers parents a subsidy towards these fees. The NCS can also be used to pay towards fees for any of the various camps we run throughout the year including Mid-Terms, Easter and Summer Camps.

There are two schemes available – a **Universal Subsidy which is NOT means tested** and an Income-assessed Subsidy which IS means tested. Currently the Universal Subsidy is €0.50 per hour however from the 1st January 2023 this will be increased to €1.40 per hour regardless of your income. Further information can be found on:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/f8319-national-childcare-scheme/#>

World Nursery Rhyme Week 14th to 19th November 2022

Over the past number of years we have taken part in World Nursery Rhyme Week, which promotes the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development and education. Singing and nursery rhymes play a vital role in promoting speech development in young children by helping to develop vocabulary, language, literacy and numerical skills together with social, physical and emotional skills – all in a fun way. During this year's World Nursery Rhyme Week the children will have fun learning **The Big Ship Sails, 12345 (Once I Caught a Fish Alive), Five Little Speckled Frogs, BINGO and Twinkle Twinkle** and taking part in various activities connected to these songs/rhymes. More information can be found at <https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/parents-and-carers/> and also gives you access to download free resources which you may like to use with your children at home.

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

Winter Time

World Nursery Rhyme Week

National Pyjama Day

Occupations/What I Want to Be When I Grow Up