

**A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER**

Welcome to the January edition of our monthly newsletter, which will keep parents up-to-date on what is happening in our school. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and wishing all our families the very best in 2024. We are delighted to announce we are running a **Mid-term Camp from Monday 12th – Friday 16th February 2024** from 9.00 am till 1.00 pm each day. Further information regarding booking a place will be issued during the week via Teachcloud.



We have limited availability in these clubs, which are available to our morning classes where children can further develop their social skills in a fun and relaxed environment. Please contact Breiffne via Teachcloud to check availability. All clubs €5 each/€3.60 NCS Rate\*

**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 – 1.00 pm

Class 2 12.30 pm – 1.15 pm

**Monday – Lego**

**Tuesday – Science**

**Wednesday – Buntas/Keep Fit**

**Thursday – Arts & Crafts**

**Friday – Free Play**

\*This is universal NCS Rate however this rate may be greater depending on family circumstances



Just a reminder to please ensure that all items of your child's **school uniform, jacket, lunch box/bag, drink and school bag** are **clearly labelled** with their name on them. This makes it easier

for us to locate and return missing items to you. Also please remember we have a healthy lunch policy so we ask no biscuits, crisps, popcorn, sweets, chocolate, fizzy drinks, etc are sent into school. Due to a number of allergies we wish to remind parents that no nuts, including peanut butter, are allowed in lunches.



We are delighted to welcome Ciara, Louise and Eimear who will be doing their work placements with us over the next 3 months. They are all studying BA degrees in Early Years Education and will be assisting us in the 3 classes.

**Observations**

At the end of every half term via Teachcloud we send parents an 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. When we complete an observation we then link these to Aistear's curriculum framework which has 4 interconnected themes of Well-being, Identity & Belonging, Communicating and Exploring & Thinking. Each theme has different aims which we can further link each observation to. We hope you enjoy receiving these observations from us.

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

Show and Tell Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Dinosaurs**

Australia Day 26<sup>th</sup> January

**Healthy Eating**