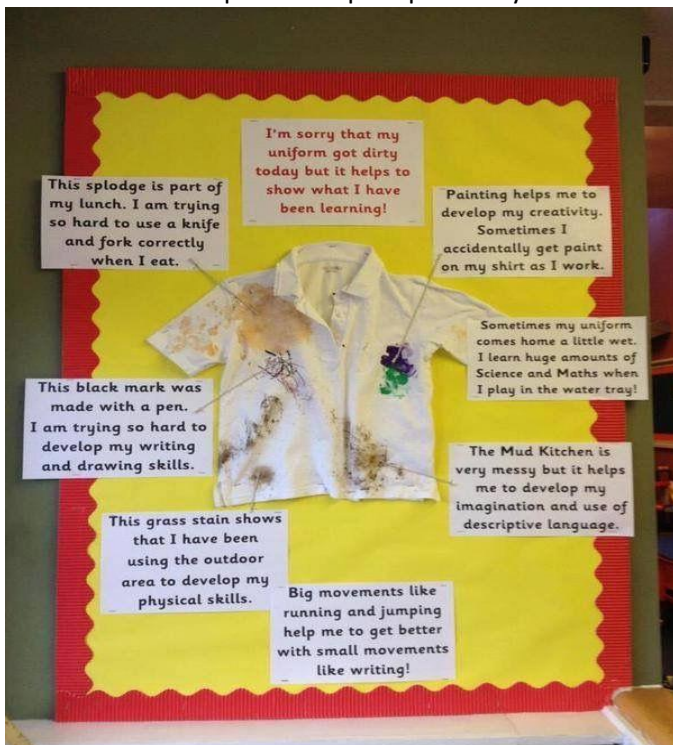


A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the October 2024 edition of our monthly newsletter. Our Halloween Fancy Dress Day will be on Friday 25th 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, can wear their favourite clothes. Just a reminder that we will be closed for Midterm Break for the week of Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2024. However, we will be running our **Halloween Camp Tuesday 29th October – Friday 1st November 2024** from 9am – 1pm. Please see attached flyer with camp details.

Children learn through all different types of play so when your child comes home with a few stains on their uniform, we hope this helps explain why!



School CLUBS

Please contact Breiffne via Teachkloud to check availability – as some of our clubs are now full, waiting lists may apply.

Morning Clubs Monday – Friday

Classes 1 & 2 8.15 am – 9.15 am

Afternoon Clubs Monday – Friday

Classes 1 & 2 12.15 pm – 1.15 pm

Monday – Lego

Tuesday – Science

Wednesday – Buntas/Keep Fit

Thursday – Arts & Crafts

Friday – Free Play

Afterschool Clubs Monday to Friday

Classes 3 & 4 4.30 pm – 5:15 pm

Monday – Lego

Tuesday – Playdough

Wednesday – Buntas/Keep Fit

Thursday – Dress Up

Friday – Free Play

A LITTLE INSIGHT INTO OUR CURRICULUM

Here in KBM we incorporate a Montessori and play based approach through Aistear, the national curriculum framework for early years education in Ireland. 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 Educators 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 for all children to become competent and confident learners. Further information on Aistear for parents, (which is available in many different languages by clicking on the 3-6 years tab) can be found at <https://ncca.ie/en/early-childhood/for-parents/>.

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

Dinosaurs

Road Safety Week incorporating Beep Beep Day on Friday 11th October 2024

Halloween including Fancy Dress Party on Friday 25th October 2024

