



Sandcastles News

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A note from Cindy

Into Autumn we head as the children all started back to school at the beginning of the month! It's hard to believe we are round to that time again, can I just wish all our older boys and girls from Pre-School who have moved onto Primary School, all the best as they start out on their new adventure. Some of you have called in to see us in your uniforms and others have started into our Afterschools Room, I have to say how smart you all look and how grown up you've all become. We hope you have fun settling into big school, getting to know your new teachers and making new friends together.

As we come into the Autumn months now unfortunately it means the darker evenings are coming, can I just remind all parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles of the importance of safety in our car parks in the mornings and evenings with the children. Remember to buckle up the kids and please drive slowly in and out of the car parks as the children walk back and forward to the cars with whoever is dropping them off and picking them up. Should our front car park be full please feel free to use our staff car park at the rear of the Nursery and after collecting your child don't hesitate to use our staff exit beside the Toddler Room.

The children have been loving getting outside regardless of the cooler days. Wrapped up in their coats and no doubt in the coming months their wellie boots, hats and scarves, they'll still be out enjoying the fresh air riding around the playground on the bicycles and of course playing kick about with the footballs.

Take care until next time.

Cindy xxx



A note from Nikki & Joanne



Well we've started into the school months already, all the boys and girls have settled really well in to the routine of Primary School and Nursery School. We have had lots of excited children starting school and looking forward to being taken together in the Nursery's blue car.

As I'm sure you can imagine it's not a quiet journey lots of fun conversations and laughter all round between all of the children and ourselves. It's great to see them all so excited about new beginnings, enjoying the changes and getting on so well. It makes things so much easier for you as parents to know their happy as they start out on a new part of their little lives. Our Previous Pre-School children have all settled well in to Afterschools and enjoying the change including being excited about homework's starting, hopefully it stays that way!!

All the staff and children would like to pass on their

congratulations to Alan and Andrea as they celebrate the birth of their baby daughter Lily we hope they have many happy times with her in the coming months.

Can we just say a huge thanks to all of you for continuing to follow Sandcastles Nursery Policy on Sickness. There has been a very unpleasant tummy bug that has been doing the rounds through the rooms over the last number of weeks since the children started back to school affecting both children and staff.

This doesn't happen very often but when it does working together helps to contain it, phoning to let us know why your child was off and keeping children off until they were clear of their symptoms for 24hours has been the reason why this tummy bug cleared up. So thank you it's been much appreciated and hopefully that is the autumn/winter sickness past us now.

We'd like to say welcome to our new parents and children who have started Sandcastles in the last number of weeks, your little one's

have settled in so well and become part of the Sandcastles family so naturally. Should you have any questions or queries with routines or how your little ones are getting on don't hesitate to speak to the Supervisors and staff of their room at any stage.

Our office door is always open to all our parents, so feel free to stop and speak to us at any time about anything or should you wish to phone throughout the day to see how your child is getting on we're always about to answer the call so don't hesitate in the slightest.

We hope you enjoy reading through the rest of the newsletter to see what's coming up in each of the rooms in the next couple of months.

Nikki & Joanne

Tiny Tots News

Hi Everyone,

We would like to welcome Evie, Jack, and Grace to the Tiny Tot's Room we hope you have lots of fun settling in with us making new friends big and small along the way.

All the best to Emilie and Lucia who are on their new journey to the Toddler Room ready for the next step, we're sure they'll have lots of fun with Jo Jo and the rest of Toddler Room.

A big Happy 1st Birthday to Jack, Grace and Oscar. Also to Emilie, Lucia, Adam, Arthur and Rafe who all celebrate their 2nd Birthday. We hope you all have lots of fun celebrating your big milestone with family and friends.



Over the next couple of months our topic will be "Harvest". We will be having lots of messy fun painting, sticking and colouring tractors, scarecrows and lots more in the coming weeks. Watch out for our fantastic artwork that will be on display shortly. All the artwork and craft activities we do with the children will introduce and help them to explore new textures, materials and take part in group activities together. Through the activities we will be doing, both age groups within the room 0-1yrs and 1-2yrs will develop their sense of touch, provide them with new visual experiences with the colours we'll be using and develop language and social interaction skills.

We have been enjoying the few dry days that we've been having by getting outside to play. Our favourite toys outside are the footballs, the slide and the trucks. Our little one's who aren't just up on the feet yet are also enjoy getting outside in the buggies and the activity centre's, they just love to see what is going on around them and it's great to be able to get everyone outside for a little while.



One of the toys thoroughly being enjoyed with the little ones in the room at the minute is the Train Table. They're able to pull themselves up and walk along the side of it helping to build those muscles in their little legs getting themselves ready for those first steps.

Everyone in Toddlers is delighted on the news that Andrea and Alan became parents to a beautiful baby girl called Lily. Congratulations from all of us in the Tiny Tots Room we can't wait for a visit soon.

Melissa, Andrea, Catherine, Lynsey, Rebecca, Nicole, Linda & Catherine.

xxx

Happy Birthday to:

1st

Jack
Grace
Oscar

2nd

Emilie
Lucia
Adam
Arthur
Rafe

3rd

Charlie
Sarah Con

4th

Joe
Adam K
Caleb
Josh
Scott
Daniella

5th

Tomas
Calum
Ben C

9th

Grace

10th

Tyler



Toddler News

While the summer may not have been as sunny as we would have hoped in the toddler Room we still made the most of it and got outside at every given opportunity. Now the cooler days have set in and I would appreciate it if coats could be provided each day so we can go outside and play in the leaves and the cool crisp autumn breeze. Just this week the children were enjoying running through the piles of leaves and throwing them up in the air and watching them fall around them.



Over the summer we have celebrated birthdays, welcomed new families into our midst and bid farewell to a number of children who have moved to Pre-School. On behalf of the Toddler team can I officially welcome Ailsa, Pippa and Robyn not only to Toddlers but also into Sandcastles family. I'd also like to welcome Caitlin, Nicole, Emilie and Lucia who have joined us from Tiny Tots.

On the other hand we must say goodbye to Patrick, Charlie, Sarah, Lily, Ellie, Maria, Reuben, Callum and Connlith who have moved onwards and quite literally upwards to Pre-School. It has been a complete pleasure caring for each and every one of you and you have all provided many happy memories which all the Toddler staff will treasure.

Our theme over the incoming months will focus around Autumn. Circle time will focus on songs and flashcards teaching the children about different aspects of the season and we will continue daily with teaching colours, numbers, days of the week and months of the year.

JoJo, Barry, Lynsey, Mandy, Eimear, Valerie, Danielle, Suzanne xxx



Pre School News

Time is going too fast, it doesn't seem all that long ago that I was wishing everyone a Happy New Year and now it's time to wish the best of luck to all the P1 and Nursery boys and girls.

There have been a few of our boys and girls starting P1 and from all of us in Pre-school we wish you all the best of luck on your new adventure.

We'd like to give a big welcome to Patrick, Connlith, Ellie, Charlie, Sarah, Callum, Lily, Reuben and Maria who have moved up from Toddlers to join us in Pre-School we hope you have lots of fun with us making new friends and learning lots of new things together with us.

Our room has gone a bit younger now so any of our themes and topics will reflect that. We will also be giving a bit more help with meal

times, toilet, getting dressed etc If you need anymore info on what your child has done throughout the day we always encourage the children to be the ones to tell you about their day, however as we have a younger group at the minute we will keep you posted until the children can keep you up to date about what they've done at Nursery themselves.

As we move from the summer we will start to think about our new theme which is "The Farm" and "Harvest", there will be lots of crafts, paintings, drawing and much much more to keep us busy.

For any of our new boys and girls joining our room you may have noticed that above your child's peg is a plastic folder with their photo on it. In here we will put any letters or info for you to take home from time to time so please keep an eye out and check if there is anything left for you to take home.

Each child also has a box too on the shelves in the hallway. We keep any pictures or toys etc your child has in these so keep a wee check daily or weekly to see if they have anything to take home. This is also where their teddy or toy they bring in the morning will go so don't forget to collect it in the evening from here.

As your child has their own peg you can leave a bag here if you wish to do so. All they should need is a change or 2 of clothes and any creams/medicines will be kept in our medicine cabinet.

We look forward to getting to know your little ones as we go along and if you need any more info about Pre-School or anything to do with your child please feel free to speak to myself, Barry or Victoria at any time.

*Denise, Barry & Victoria
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After School News

Hey Guys,

Well the summer seems like a distant memory and we in Afterschools are back to school. But after a summer packed full of activities we are ready to get out thinking caps on for some serious school work. And as always a new school year means we have some new boys and girls to join our Afterschools ranks. So we say a Big Hello to John, Tomas, Calum, Ben, Hope, Rosie and Theo all of our new P1's Welcome to Afterschools. We have all had a great month of September settling in to our new classes, meeting our new teachers and making lots of new friends.

Now we are ready for the real work to begin. In Afterschools we have been thinking long and hard of what we want to be when we grow up. So for our theme each month, a different Afterschooler will be telling you all about their dream job and why, so check in to see all our career paths. We have a lot to get through from police officers, vets, deep sea welders, rugby players and the list just goes on and on!!



And of course when the school year starts so does the countdown to the school holidays and we are half way to half term whoop whoop!!

But until then we have some celebrating to do first. We give a big birthday shout out to: Tomas (5), Calum (5), Ben C (5), Tyler (10), Grace (9), have fantastic birthday celebrations with all the friends and family.

Well that's all from us folks, keep checking in to find out who we'll be when we grow up.

See you all later

Heather, Emma & Eileen xx

