



Sandcastles News

A note from Cindy

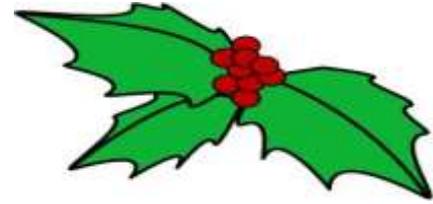
Can I just start off by saying how much I enjoyed walking around the rooms at the end of October during the Disney Party we had seeing all the wonderful and colourful characters the children had come dressed up as, it was great to see them all enjoying the fun, games and baking organized by the girls, who I must say put quite an effort themselves into dressing up this year!!!!

I'm looking forward to our annual Christmas Party to hear our children singing their little hearts out and then the excitement on their faces as San-

ta Claus arrives to hand out all the presents in our Grotto.

However don't forget to join in yourselves as the children sing Christmas Carols.

As Christmas comes this brings us to the inevitable thought of snow and frost, can I just take this opportunity to say that we do try to keep the car park as safe and clear as possible during these bad times, however there will be exceptions if we have large snowfalls which will take a little time to deal with. In the bad weather please feel free to ask a member of



staff for help with bringing your children in if needed to keep them safe.

I would like to take this opportunity to say Merry Christmas and Have a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Cindy xx



From Nikki & Joanne

I would like to say a big thank you to staff, parents and children for the warm welcome back to nursery after my return from Maternity **leave, it's amazing to see the changes in all the children as they have grown so much and lovely to meet all the new parents and children who have started as well.**

Well we are now on the countdown to Christmas and all the festivities that this time of year brings. Speaking about Christmas, we will be having our Party at nursery on Friday the 23rd December at 3pm and we would love to see all parents and grandparents as the older children will be showing off their singing and drama skills. We have

decided this year to continue to hold a mini sing a long for all to watch as last year it was well received by everyone. The children will be practicing over the next few weeks so listen out for the little songs they are learning at the minute. We will keep you up to date on details of this closer to the time.

We hope you found the information letter that we sent out helpful in bringing you up to date on recent changes made and would like to thank you for the comments returned, however we have no deadline so please still feel free to leave in your return slip.

As we have the winter weather

closing in on us with the dark evenings we like everyone to keep as safe as possible in the car park. In the evenings should the front car park be full and you find yourself parking at the rear of building please feel free to use our staff exit opposite our office when leaving with your children.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

Nikki & Joanne
xxx





Happy Birthday to:

1st

Lucas

2nd

Luke, Mya

3rd

Ethan, Lucas

4th

Colin, Sophie

5th

Erin

7th

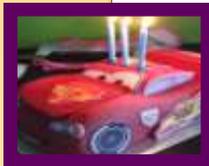
Jamie

10th

Leah

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Bailey

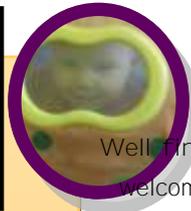
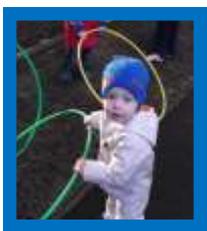


Hello everyone,

Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to you all for my warm welcome back into the Young Toddler Room, all of your support has made it so much easier settling back in!!

We would like to welcome Zack, Shannon, Toby and Lucy from the baby room who have all settled really well into our room. Annie, Katie, Kaska, Katie-Ellen and Kimberley have all taken the big step to the Toddler Room, going to miss **you girls it's been a pleasure looking after you xx**

Over the past few weeks we have really enjoyed **making buns!** Although I'm not quite sure what we have enjoyed more making them or



Well firstly we would like to welcome Eva to the Baby Room.

I'm sure you can all see when you come into the room how busy all the babies have been in the last number of weeks painting. Have a look at the **lovely Autumn things we've** been up to, painting Scare-crows, squirrels and hedge-hogs lots of messy fun.

We're doing the colour orange and had fun messing with our hands painting the noisy tin-foil pictures it was great fun!!

Congratulations to Zack,

Shannon, Lucy and Toby who have made the big move downstairs to the Toddler room where they are having lots of fun exploring with new friends and toys, we still see them every morning to give lots of cuddles.

Well the festive time is ahead of us so watch out for all the fun Christmas things that are going to be appearing in the baby room over the coming weeks, Reindeers, Stock-ings and lots more!!!

The babies are having

great fun at the minute with the ball pool, we could safely say this is their favourite activity, Its great for encouraging them to move about as they love to throw the balls, roll them along the floor and take them out and throw them back in again!!

Melissa xxx



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eating them!!!!!

I'm sure you have noticed the boards changing gradually this is for our new theme for the months of November/



December which are all about our favourite Winnie the Pooh and Friends!!!

We've been

busy painting with our hands, sponge painting, string painting and lots of glittering!! All the children have really enjoyed the craft activities and while having lots of fun they have been developing their hand-eye co-ordination and recognizing different colours and textures too.

One of the favourite things the children all love playing with at present in the room with are the dolls, prams and accessories! They all love getting a doll, putting it in

the pram for an imaginary walk to shops!!! Or putting our dolls down for a wee sleep on the mattress like they do themselves, as well **as being fun and exciting it's** lovely to watch the children grow using their imagination and developing their knowledge for role play.

Our Disney Party was a major hit with all the children and staff alike!!! Everyone looked great in their Disney costumes and we took lots of pictures too, so keep an eye out for your little Cinderella or Lightening McQueen in displays.

Finally as we all know Christmas is just around the corner..... **So all the Young Toddler staff** would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and A Happy New Year!!

Lynn xxx



Wishing Leslie-Anne & Martin all the best as they await the arrival of their little one!!





Thank you to all for a warm welcome as I have taken up my post as Toddler Room Supervisor I have enjoyed working with the children again. Everyone in Toddlers has been very busy of late. We have had to say good-bye to Chloe and Lucas who having reached the ripe old age of 3 and have moved on to Pre-School. To Chloe and Lucas it has been a real joy helping you develop into confident 3 year olds. I would like to welcome Toddlers Kaska, Kimberley, Katie-Ellen, Katie McC and Harley. Already you have all settled well into our room. We decided

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that teaching the foundations of learning such as **ABC's, numbers 1-10** and primary colours was vitally important and this has been our focus over the last month or so. All members of staff have been so impressed at how well our children can count, say their alphabet and even the days of the week. All the children particularly enjoy our Days of the Week song (sang to the Adams Family tune)

As we begin to prepare for Christmas we have to say **"Bon Voyage" to Hannah** who is leaving us to au pair in

France for the ski season.

We will all miss you Hannah but we wish you all the very best for the wonderful experience.

On the lead up to Christmas we are busy preparing lots of wonderful decorations and learning Christmas songs. We **can't wait for Santa**. **Wishing Everyone a Happy Christmas** from all the Toddler Staff

Jo Jo xxx



Our Disney Party was very successful and enjoyed by all children and staff alike. Can we thank all of you who dressed up, everyone looked great and there were lots of Disney goodies enjoyed by all that day.



Pre School News

Congratulations to Janet and Willie who got married this month



It's hard to believe that Winter is here already and the start of the dark evenings too!! Perfect for cozying up with the fire on and the curtains closed though!!! Through the day at nursery we still love to get outside, so hats, gloves and scarves are needed to keep us cozy warm!!! And we have a lovely big box of wellies enough for everyone this year so we can have fun in the puddles and snow when it arrives!!!!

I would like to welcome Chloe and Lucas to the pre-school room and hope they have lots of fun with us. And Big HAPPY BIRTHDAY wishes to all the children this month who turn 4 and 5 in pre-school xxxx

Our theme at the moment is about countries, so we have been very busy little bees, there have been lots of

work relating to places we have been and where we **live, flags, food and we've** even been very clever and learnt a little bit of counting in Spanish and colours in French oh-la-la!!!! We will also be sending home a little book about countries and what we have learnt.

December brings Christmas and we will be making some things for our room and lots of lovely things to take home. We will be having a Christmas Party again this year so listen out for all our

Christmas songs we're learning at the minute!!

It's the time of year where we see some of the children getting little coughs and colds so we are talking about personal hygiene and the importance about using tissues, washing hands and covering our mouths when coughing!! And please do let

myself and Lesley-Anne know if your little one is under the weather so we can give extra cuddles. As I am sure everyone is aware Lesley-Anne will soon be expecting a little bundle of fun, so she will be finishing at Christmas we wish her lots of luck and will miss her lots too.

Here's hoping we have a nice cozy winter with just enough snow for a snowman!!!! Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Denise and Lesley-Anne xxx

Emma had a bouncing baby boy called Robert Both mum and baby are doing well



After School News

Hello from Afterschools!!! Well it has been a wet Autumn and a cold winter so far, however Afterschools have been extremely busy! Firstly it was lovely to Samantha and Esther come to join us over the recent holiday time.

We had a nice break at Half term Holidays including going to the parks in Portrush and Portstewart, and then we had our Disney Party with lots of fun and games and everyone looked fantastic in their costumes. Remember back to when we did our gardening, well we got all our potatoes and vegetables dug up and they were really tasty!! The children thought it was great to see what they had grown and even get to taste some of them too!!

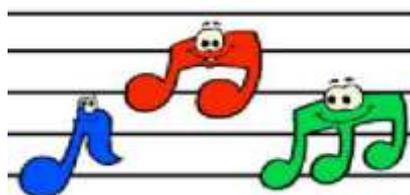
We were very disappointed that there were no fireworks in Ballymoney this year so we made our own display with the colours we could think of, did you see it yet??? We have been looking at Autumn recently and the understanding the changes the world around us is going through from the leaves falling, to squirrels storing nuts, changing weather, evenings being longer and days shorter. We have also been very busy making Christmas decorations. We hope **Santa's Robins have been watching us.... cause we've been very good this year and have you seen our Christmas Lists on display!!!** Big Happy Birthdays to everyone of late and can we take this opportunity to say have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Check back with us in January when we are going out of this world into SPACE!!!!

Heather and Lesley xxx



Listen out for the children singing some of our Christmas songs at home you might hear.....

LET'S ALL (sung to: We wish you a merry Christmas) verse 2,3,4 change clapping to jumping, twirling and stretching



Let's all do a little clapping

Let's all do a little clapping

Let's all do a little clapping

And Spread Christmas Cheer

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Come along to our Christmas Party on Friday 23rd December
@ 3.00pm

Children will be having a little sing-a-long for you all

Christmas Holidays

Closing at 6pm on Friday 23rd and re-open on Tuesday 3rd
January

