



Sandcastles News

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A Note From Cindy

Well Spring is here and we're looking forward to our new term in Sandcastles after the Easter Break. The children have already enjoyed a few days outside playing in the better weather and the Babies have been out in the buggies for numerous walks which is great.

Recently we have had a number of staff members going on courses to do with different areas of play, these have included a variety of new messy play ideas and child led play. The girls have come back inspired and have been trying out the new ideas which were presented to them at the course with fantastic results.

Upon looking in on a number of the

child led messy play sessions with all the age groups I was thrilled to see how much fun and enjoyment the children were getting out of everyday ingredients that we all use, including flour, custard powder, jelly, pasta, **angel delight so don't be surprised and we apologise in advance if they want to start playing with your kitchen cupboard ingredients.**

Another big hit with the children was to get creative with clay, they all had great fun experiencing the different texture of the clay, how cold, sticky and messy it was and there were some wonderful creations made.

Don't forget to look out for the pic-

tures that we're taken by the staff during the activities, they'll be displayed both in the children's individual room boards and of course on the foyer T.V. for everyone to enjoy.

On the 24th of May Sandcastles will **celebrate it's 8th birthday, I'd like to thank all our parents, children and staff for their continued support over the last number of years and we look forward to having a fun filled day with lots of birthday treats.**

Cindy xxx



From Nikki & Joanne

We hope everyone had a lovely Easter break, all the children and staff have returned refreshed and ready for Spring, although our **weather hasn't decided to play ball** with the time of year it is yet!! However on the dry sunnyish days that we have had the staff have been making the most of it and the children have enjoyed getting out into the playground and going out for walks.

All the boards throughout the nursery look great with Spring crafts made especially by your little ones who always have so much fun getting messy, so remember to have a quick look at their masterful creations.

Last month seen our Cool For School Photographer make her annual visit and everyone who had their pictures taken looked very smart (including the staff watch out for their pictures appearing on

the doors shortly!!!) and I'm sure you'll agree on the return of the proofs the photographs are beautiful, please remember to return the proof's by Friday 4th May should you wish to purchase your child's photograph, they can be given to a member or staff or left with us in the office at anytime.

We are still collecting our Tesco Vouchers in the foyer, however the **Sainsbury's Vouchers have now finished** we have had a really good response and appreciate the continued support in collecting these vouchers so if you have any at home or in the back of your purse **don't forget to post them in the box so we can send them away shortly.**

Could we please ask that everyone **keep an eye on the children's information** outside their individual rooms with regards to when nappies and cream are required, the staff

put this information up when there **is only 3 or 4 nappies left so it's important that new packets are brought to stock up again and also to check that your child has a spare set of clothes hanging on their pegs just in-case of any little accidents or while toilet training!!**

As we all know the Queen's Jubilee is on Tuesday 5th June we plan to have a nice Tea Party with the children on that day serving Finger Sandwiches, Tea Cakes and other **exciting things, we'll also have it set as Regal Theme so we look forward to seeing the children in their Princess and Princes outfits.** Watch out for further information going up in May for this.

Nikki & Joanne xx



Happy Birthday to:

1st

Ava, James

2nd

Sarah, Lucy, Faith,
James, Zack, Shannon

3rd

Caitlyn, Zac H,
Austin, Jack, Lee,
Katy, Scott & Charlotte

4th

Annie, Jamie M,
Adam F

6th

Josh

7th

Ronan, Samantha

8th

Lachlan

9th

Clodagh



Hello everyone well here we are again for our newsletter

to fill you in on what we've been up to and what we'll be doing over the next few months. Firstly we'd like to welcome Adam to the Baby Room who is settling in really well. Then we would like to wish Happy 1st Birthday to Ava and James hope you have lots of fun with everyone celebrating your first birthday.

The babies have been very busy over the last couple of months with our Themes Easter and Spring and have

Baby Room News

been doing lots of painting for our boards, have a look around the room and **you'll discover our Easter Eggs, Chicks, Bunnies and Buzzy Bee's.** Then we have our colourful Rainbows and beautiful spring Daffodils. Watch out in June when we change to do summer craft with lots of messy play.

Recently the babies have been enjoying themselves trying out new activities, having fun splashing in the water especially Mandy and Victoria!! and then playing with the sand getting to experience the feeling of the different

textures. Have a look on our door and see the pictures and how much fun we had.

Now we've seen a bit better weather in the last few weeks we've been out for a few walks in the buggies, they all love our walks and get so excited when the buggies come out

Melissa and Team xxx



Young Toddler News

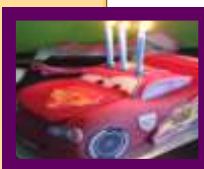
Toddlers big and small!!! xxxxxx

As the weather has started to pick up ever so slightly!! We have been able to get outside more which the children absolutely love. They really enjoy when we take the sit-on cars and trikes outside, the hula hoops, seesaws and especially the footballs!! All the children have great fun.

On days where we haven't been able to get outside we have been loving messy play time! From water play to sand play, to playing with different foods including pasta, rice, peas, porridge **oats and flour it's been a huge hit with all the Young Toddlers who love it.**

Don't forget to have a look on our boards in and out of the room to see our photos of messy play in action!!

Lynn and Team xxx



Hi to everyone, we hope you all had a lovely Easter, I know all the children enjoyed doing their Easter craft for all **their mummy's and daddy's** and they all loved their little Easter treats too yummy Easter cake and buns!!

We would like to wish Mollie, Luke and Rosabelle all the best now they have moved to the big Toddlers! It was a pleasure to look after you all and have fun with your new friends.

Our theme for April/May is **"Springtime" it's been so much fun making boards so bright**



and colourful! We painted our daffodils and butterflies, coloured our calves and got messy sticking feathers on our chicks and cotton wool on the little lambs!! Have a look around the room at our boards **and I'm sure you'll agree your little one's work is looking great!!**

Everyone looked great earlier in the month when we got our **photo's taken, everyone got dressed in their best clothes and said a big "Cheese" for the lady,** it was a great day everyone looked lovely and gave beautiful big smiles!!

Happy 2nd Birthday to Sarah and Lucy in April, Faith and James in May and Zack and Shannon in June, we wish you all a very Happy 2nd Birthday from all your friends in Young





Firstly **we'd** like to welcome

Luke, Mollie and Rosabelle to the Toddler room hope you have lots of fun with us and trust you all feel part of our Big Toddler family.

We say good bye to Austin and Caitlyn as they make the move to Pre-School you have been a joy to look after and have lots of fun in Pre-School.

After the success of our Asia Continent project we have swiftly moved on to learning about the Continent of Oceania. We have enjoyed learning new things about this area including the types of animals, sports and flags.

Toddler News

We have also had lots of fun making gifts for Easter **I think you'll agree that** Toddlers are very talented and very hard working indeed.

We continue to enjoy taking part in messy play including body painting, water play, gloop and the favourite playing with jelly, custard and flour!!! While creating a mess (for us to clean) in fact children are learning early mathematical and scientific knowledge such as shape, form, volume and texture. They also enhance their ability to work in a group situation and build on their hand eye co-ordination when filling containers etc. But most importantly the children enjoy this time and

use it as an outlet to engage with their friends.

We would like to wish a Happy 3rd Birthday to Caitlyn, Austin, Zac H, Jack, Lee, Katy, Scott and Charlotte, hope you all have a lovely birthday.

Last but not least a huge welcome back to Hannah and Claire as they have returned from their travels, everyone is excited to see them back for some fun.

From JoJo and team
xx



Pre School News



I'll start by saying I hope that everyone had a nice Easter and enjoyed a few days holidays. The weather will hopefully start to get a bit better soon so if you would like to leave in some sun cream and we can keep our fingers crossed we will use **it.....**
Lots!!!

We have had a couple of boys and girls move up to our room,

we'd like to say a big welcome to Pre-School and hope you have lots of fun with your new friends and the different things we get up to. Mums and dads if you have any queries about the

moves please give myself or Jenny a **shout and we'll be happy to have a** chat anytime.

As you may have seen we've put up all the photo's for our "make believe" theme you can see that we all had great fun. The children enjoyed our cardboard creations and dressing up day was brilliant. Our next theme starts in May and June and we will be **learning all about "Different People"** And this themes special day will be Fathers Day.

We would like to say Happy Birthday to some of our boys and girls who have or will be celebrating soon. Happy 4th Birthday to Annie, Jamie and Adam F, have a lovely day and lots of fun with your friends.

I'm sure by now you all know Jenny and have seen how well she has settled into working with us al in Pre-School **she's lots of fun and next month see's** Michelle return from maternity.

We've been enjoying our playground time on the bikes and scooters recently and hopefully the weather will pick up again shortly and we can get back into the garden to play!

Monkeynastiks has started again this month the children love taking part in the physical activities and games with Claire who comes in every Monday, watch out for some pictures being put up on display at the end of May to see the things the children do.

At the minute we are trying to encourage our older children who will be heading to school in September to try and do a few things themselves like put on and fasten their coats and put on their shoes.

Ask your little ones and then have a **look in the room to see that we've** changed our home corner into a gym!!! **It's lot's of fun, we have soft mats** and equipment in it and love doing our exercises to the funky music.

Denise & Jenny xxx



After School News

Hello from Afterschool's well spring is here and we thought we would throw our hands to gardening. We have been busy planting carrots and potatoes in our vegetable boxes and we made some smaller plant pots for around the fences as well as planting some lovely window boxes for around the nursery which I'm sure you've seen around on the windowsills.

Spring also means Easter which in means Holidays and what a busy 2 weeks we had. We got out on a trip and walks, had some fun experiments with food colouring and white flowers and we made a grass head garden in the room, you should pop in in some evening and see the wacky hairstyles of all kinds as well as some crazy costumes to suit. We think the grass heads reflect their owners!!!

It's back to school for now though but we're still busy and having loads of fun and looking forward to the summer activities ahead Yippee...

We would like to give a big shout out and wish Happy Birthday to Ronan, Clodagh, Samantha, Lachlan, make sure you all have lots of fun with your friends and have a lovely birthday!!

Heather and Lesley xxx



Queen's Jubilee Tea Party!

Tuesday 5th June

More details to follow



Sunshine weather is hopefully going to be upon us soon so remember to bring hats and send a bottle of sun-cream into nursery for your little one's!!

