

St Mary's Nursery School

February Newsletter



"Play is the highest form of research." – Albert Einstein

School Holidays

Our Mid Term break is
14th – 18th February



Photographer

The photographer shall be visiting us on **Monday 21st February** to take individual pictures! Please ensure your child is wearing their uniform. Thank you.



Bathing the Dog

A big "Thank You" to Cillian's Daddy for bring Donnie in to school to be bathed. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the fun!

Parent Workshops

The Wellbeing Workshop will commence this month and run for 6 weeks.

Contact Numbers

Please ensure you keep us notified of any changes to your contact number. This will ensure parents receive the messages from our text messaging service. Please email Mrs Gault if you need to check or amend your number – thank you!

Primary Movement

Mrs Hoy and Mrs Friel are trained in Primary Movements. We shall be spending ten minutes daily before dinner singing some action rhymes and following some movements. The activities are designed to stimulate a specific pattern of motor skill development and may help your child's overall development. The children are already enjoying participating in these simple action rhymes.

Curriculum Matters

Colours for the month

This month's colours are pink and red. The shape we are focussing on is the heart ♥. Please encourage your child to look out for these colours and shape in their environment.

Topic for the month/Shape for the month



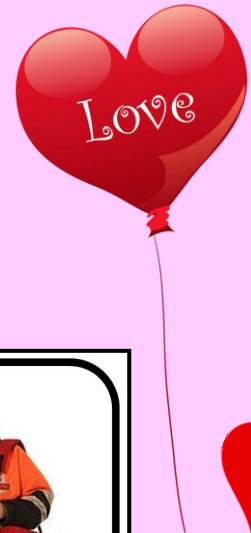
The topics for this month are Transport and People Who Help Us. The children will be exploring the concepts (at a basic level) of push, pull, forces – acceleration, deceleration, magnets, floating and

sinking. This will be encouraged throughout the play areas – magnets, planks, metal and non-metal transport vehicles in the sand and water. They will be encouraged to verbalise why sand slows down vehicles – how magnets work etc.

The children will be encouraged to predict which objects will float/sink after lots of exploratory play at the water with various shaped vegetables, boats, rocks, feathers, balls etc.



The children's awareness of people around us who help us will be heightened. We have requested a visit from the Fire Brigade, with a fully operational fire engine, an ambulance driver and the police! These visits will hopefully happen this month.



You can help your child at home by ...

- Encourage your child to set the table, counting out the place settings for the family members.
- Encourage your child to pour their own drink, praising their efforts.

Talking Tip

Help your child develop good language and communication skills with this tip:

Talk about things as they happen,
eg when you're both unpacking the shopping.