

# St Mary's Nursery School



## Newsletter

"Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn." –  
O Fred Donaldson

### School Holidays

The school shall be closed on

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March

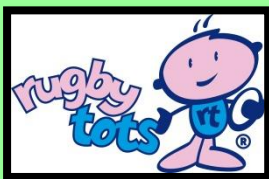
to celebrate St Patrick's Day –

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March is our GREEN DAY –

children are welcome to wear the colour green to school!!



### Activities



We are excited to be continuing our visits to our friends at Lowwood Nursery Unit alongside our friends from Seaview Nursery Unit. This month we will have joint sessions with Rugby Tots. Room 2 children will visit Lowwood Nursery Unit on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March and Room 1 children on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

We are also delighted to be able to have secured four sessions with Rugby Tots for ourselves at St Mary's Nursery. Our first date is Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, followed by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Photographs

The photographer visited on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Photographs and order forms should arrive shortly.



Whitehall Studios hope to have a Family Night on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April – more details will be available nearer the time.

### Family Yoga

Come and enjoy yoga together! Family yoga sessions are a fun and interactive way to experience yoga while taking some quality time with your child. Using postures, sound, self-massage and mindfulness, these sessions encourage children (and adults!) to develop their body and spatial awareness as well as develop strength, flexibility, confidence and social skills. No previous yoga experience is necessary!

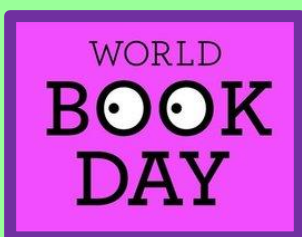
Half hour sessions will run for 3 weeks. We intend to offer 6.00-6.30pm and 6.30-7.00pm – starting Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. More details and booking slips will follow.

### Parents Monthly Meeting

Mrs Hoy shall be available in the Staff Room on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 1.00pm for anyone wishing to discuss the upcoming month's desirable learning outcomes, curriculum content, topics/themes for the month and/or to answer any general queries. All are welcome. Please inform Mrs Gault, our School Secretary, if you are attending.

### World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. To celebrate this day, which encourages the children to love language, stories and reading, we thought the children might like to come to school dressed-up as their favourite character!! (Dressing-up is optional). Lovely story sacks will be available to the children throughout the day and a £1 book token will be given to each child.

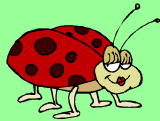


### Staff Development

The staff will have an opportunity over the next two months to visit other nursery schools to share good practice and ensure we are providing our children with the best possible learning experiences.

### Time to Talk Programme

The children continue to follow this programme to develop their oral and social interaction skills. The programme will be delivered in small groups of eight or nine children and is very worthwhile and enjoyed by the children!



### Maths for the month

This month's colour is green. The shape we shall be encouraging the children to recognise is the square ■. Encourage your child to look out for shades of green in their environment and squares. We will be developing their pattern making skills through beads, mosaics, pegs, threading etc.



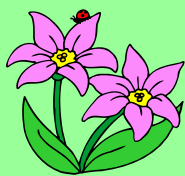
### Topics for the month



This month the topics are Spring and Growth! Children will observe the signs of Spring in their environment and have a Spring Walk around the Close.

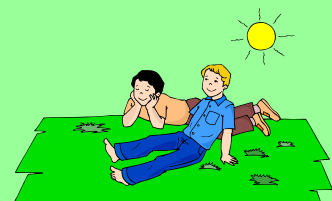
### Curriculum Matters

We will be planting seeds and discussing growth and new life. We will be developing their awareness of life cycles and developing their language alongside this - big, small, baby, adult, the names of animals, parts of plants etc. To heighten your children's observational skills signs of spring and growth around them should be discussed. They will also be enjoying lots of stories, rhymes and songs about spring.



### Road Safety Awareness topics

This month our topic is discussions on safe places to play like the garden and the park.



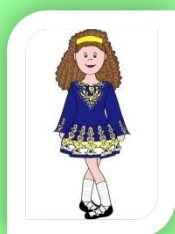
### Hairdressing Corner

If you have any broken light hair dryers, tongs, straighteners, shavers, rollers, shower heads, they would be greatly appreciated for our growth theme at the hairdressers.



### Travel Agents Corner

We are also having a Travel Agents Corner at the moment! If you have any old atlases or pictures of the world or any country we would appreciate the donation. Thank you.



### Old Irish Dancing Costumes

If anyone is wanting to donate any old Irish Dancing Costumes they no longer want we would be delighted to use them.

### Talking Tip

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

Listen carefully and give your child time to finish talking.

Take turns to speak.

### You can help your child at home by ...

- 1) Allowing them to help clear and wipe the table after eating.
- 2) Allowing them to help with laundry tasks - matching socks, filling and emptying the washing machine.