



Tullygally Nursery Newsletter

October 2019

It is now October, and all 52 children have now started nursery. Thank you for all of your support over the last few weeks. As a staff, we reviewed last year's settling in period and reflected on the timescale involved. We have shortened our settling in time this year, and as many parents have commented, this year's process has been significantly quicker. This time of the year is very important, as children get to know the nursery staff and their new environment. This is why it is vital that children are given time to settle at their own pace.

Our Nursery Day

Some children are now staying for dinner. Please ensure that if you are sending in a packed lunch that no products contain nuts or peanuts due to children in our setting having allergies. As you will understand, allergies can be life threatening, and we take great care to ensure that children are safe and healthy at all times. If children do have food products containing nuts or peanuts in their lunch box, we will remove the item concerned. They can then take them home with them to eat.

As your child's time is extended in the nursery, they will be learning and following new routines. You can help your child develop new skills through reinforcing them at home. For example, at snack time, we encourage children to pour their own milk or water into their cup from a jug, and wash their own plates and cups. At dinner time, children are using forks for their dinner and spoons for their dessert.

As we move through the month of October, please ensure that your child has a coat in school everyday, as we make use of our outdoor learning space as much as possible.

Birthdays

As you are aware, we are a nut-free school. If you wish to send in a cake for your child's birthday, please ensure that it does not contain any nuts or peanuts. Please inform the class teacher the day before you intend to bring in the cake, so that the nursery can provide an alternative cake for any children with allergies or specific dietary requirements. We cannot accept homemade cakes due to the high number of allergies within the nursery, as we cannot guarantee their contents.



Reminder

We need:

- A full change of clothes (labelled) to be kept in school- you will find a bag on your child's peg. This stays in school. Please don't bring any other bags as we have limited space.
- A box of tissues

Snack and Dinner Money

Snack-£2.00 per week

Dinner-£2.50 per day

(£12.50 per week)

This is payable on a Monday

Things We Need

Can you help us by providing any of the following things?

- old rolls of wallpaper?
- old pots and pans, ladles, large slotted spoons etc.

Thank you!

Parent Interviews

Parent interviews will take place from Monday 21st– Friday 25th October.

Nursery will finish at 12.30pm throughout this week for all children staying a full day .

A date and time for your interview will follow soon– if this does not suit please inform the teacher as soon as possible so an alternative date can be arranged. This meeting lasts ten minutes, please ensure that you keep to the allocated time as we have 26 interviews to fit in.

Curriculum Information

As you will know from the nursery meeting, our pre-school curriculum follows the six different areas:

- The Arts
- Language Development
- Early Mathematical Experiences
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Physical Development and Movement
- The World Around Us



This month we will be focusing on the area of Personal, Social and Emotional development. This is very important, as it relates to children's emotional well-being, their understanding of themselves and how they relate to others and care for their environment. As a staff, we work hard to develop a sense of security and well-being. We do this by taking time to get to know your child, and giving them time to be listened to and valued.

One of the ways we foster this area is to encourage sharing and turn-taking. This is a major step for many children, as they transition from home to school and learn to share space and resources. They are also learning to share adult attention with other children and taking turns in conversations. This takes time, and we will work with you to ensure your child's progress.

Ideas for home– helping with simple jobs like washing up, cleaning the car, finding things from a shopping list in the supermarket. All these things build up confidence in children.

Lending Library

Our school lending library will start in November. We will be introducing the Big Bedtime Read, and focusing on the area of Language Development. More information to follow in our November newsletter.

Our Topics are Our Senses, Halloween and Autumn

As part of our topic, we will be making Halloween biscuits. Here is the recipe for you to try at home.

Halloween Biscuits

8 oz margarine
4 oz caster sugar
3 oz cornflour
1 ¼ oz semolina
12 ½ oz plain flour



Cream margarine and sugar together. Add in the dry ingredients. Mix together and roll out using a rolling pin. Cut out using Halloween cutters. Bake in the oven at 175 degrees for 10 mins. Allow to cool before decorating.

School Holidays 2019-2020

Dates for Diary—School Closures (Inclusive)

28th October– 1st November 2019

23rd December 2019– 6th January 2020

17th-21st February 2020

17th March 2020

6th-17th April 2020

8th May 2020

25th-26th May 2020



Dates for your Diary

- Monday 21st– Friday 25th October– Parent Teacher meetings. **Nursery finishes at 12.30pm all week**
- Friday 25th October– Nursery Halloween dress up and party. NO SCARY MASKS PLEASE!

October Nursery Rhymes

Autumn

Autumn winds begin to blow (blow)
Coloured leaves fall fast and slow
(falling motion with fingers)
Twirling, whirling, all around (turn
self around)
Til at last they touch the ground ((sit down)



Ten Little Apples

One little, two little, three little apples,
Four little, five little, six little apples,
Seven little, eight little, nine little apples,
Ten little apples hanging from the tree!



Fireworks Everywhere

(To the tune of row row row your
boat)
Bang, crash, pop they go
Whizzing through the air
Fizzing, spinning, hissing, sparkling
Fireworks everywhere



Five Little Leaves

Five little leaves on the tree next door,
One fell off and then there were four,
Four little leaves all over the tree,
A bird pulled one off and then there were
three.
Three little leaves, where the wind blew,
One fell off and then there were two,
Two little leaves, sitting in the sun,
A bug ate a leaf and now there is one,
One little leaf in the tree all alone,



The Colour Song

(To the tune of if you're happy and you know
it)

If your clothes have any red, any red,
If your clothes have any red, any red,
If your clothes have any red, any red, put
your finger on your head,
If your clothes have any red, any red.

Additional verses

Blue- finger on your shoe

Yellow-smile like a happy fellow

Brown- turn your smile into a frown



October

October's the month when the small-
est breeze,
Gives us a shower of autumn leaves
Fireworks and pumpkins,
Leaves falling down,
October is red and golden and brown

I'm An Orange Pumpkin

(Tune of I'm a Little Teapot)
I'm an orange pumpkin,
Fat and round.
Growing in a big field
On the ground.
I'll be a lantern
With two big eyes,
Or maybe I'll be baked