



Tullygally Nursery Newsletter

September 2020

We would like to welcome you and your child / children to Tullygally Nursery, and for those returning for a second year, welcome back. It has been fantastic to finally meet all of you, and we would like to thank you for your patience over what has been a challenging Summer! We hope that you will enjoy your time with us, and we are looking forward to a productive year. During the month of September, we will be settling 52 children into our 2 nursery units. This is a very important process, and we appreciate your support as your child settles. We will keep you informed of your child's progress, and as your child is able to cope with rules and routines their time will be extended– each child settles at their own pace. As a staff, this is proving a challenging term, with all the new rules and regulations which we are having to adapt to with little advance notice, so we thank you for your continuing support.

Our Nursery Day

Please ensure a responsible adult brings your child to and from school. Any adult who collects your child must be named on the forms you received at the nursery meeting– you can add names to the list at any-time. Please also notify us if for any reason you wish to remove a name from the list. You will be given a time to drop off your child in the mornings before your child starts, please note that we are operating staggered drop off and pick up times to ensure that we do not have large numbers of people on the school grounds at any time. If your child is going to be late, please inform the school secretary by 9.00a.m. Likewise, you have been given a delegated pick up time– the gate will not be opened before this time for security reasons. If it is an exceptional circumstance and you need to collect your child earlier, please speak to the class teacher.

We provide hand sanitiser at the door of each nursery, this is used by each child as they arrive and leave the nursery buildings.

In nursery, children engage in a large amount of messy play. We do provide aprons and use washable paint, but sometimes children do get some paint on their clothes. If your child does get paint on their clothes, one of the best ways to remove it is to use a small amount of washing up liquid on the stain before washing as normal.

Please do not bring toys or any other resources from home to school– we know how important these are, and in a busy environment like the nursery it is impossible to keep track of them. If your child accidentally takes a toy or puzzle piece home from the nursery, please return them.



Reminder

We need:

- A full change of clothes (labelled) to be kept in school– we keep this in a bag on your child's peg. This stays in school. Please don't bring any other bags.
- £5 school fund
- A pair of wellies
- Completed nursery forms

The Nursery Team

Nursery 1- Miss Redpath (Head Of Nursery), Mrs Mooney and Miss Branyan
Nursery 2- Mrs Haughian, Mrs McAleese and Mrs Rathore

Snack and Dinner

Each week we ask for a contribution of £2 per child– this covers the cost of their snack. Snack is usually fruit, crackers and cheese, toast, and cereal. Any money left over is then used for resources or treats for the children.

Dinners will start later on in September for children who are staying a full day– you will be informed when your child is ready to start. **For the month of September, school meals will only be provided for children who are eligible for free school meals– if your child is not eligible, you will be asked to provide them with a packed lunch** . If your child is bringing a packed lunch, please inform a member of staff as we have some children with allergies and certain products are not allowed, e.g. those containing nuts.

If Your Child Is Sick

If your child is sick at all, please do not send him / her to school. A sick child needs peace and quiet, and this is not possible with 25 other children around. There is also a risk of infection being spread and our concern is for all children in our care.

If your child or anyone in your household has any of the following symptoms– high temperature, new continuous cough (e.g. coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more episodes in 24 hours., loss of or change in sense of smell or taste

DO NOT SEND THEM TO SCHOOL! Contact the PHA for advice immediately. Information is also available on our school website and through the app.



Children who have suffered from vomiting or diarrhea must be kept off for 48 hours from their last bout of illness as they are contagious during this period of time.

We do have children with underlying health conditions in the nursery, so please be mindful of this when considering if your child is well enough to attend school.

If your child is going to be absent, please notify the school secretary before 9.00a.m. When your child returns to school after an absence, you will be asked to fill in an absence slip.

Health and Welfare

The school is committed to promoting the health and welfare, and if staff see signs that suggest that one of the pupils may have been the victim of abuse (or is at risk of abuse) they will follow the procedures laid down by the EA Child Protection Policy and Guidelines. N.B Such action in no way infers that any parent / carer is being accused of wrongdoing. All parents have signed to say they agree and support the Child Protection Policy. The designated teacher responsible for child protection in the nursery is Miss Redpath. In the main school it is Mrs Devlin, and the deputy designated teachers are Mrs Andrews and Mr Guy. If you have any concerns about your child please feel free to make an appointment to speak to Miss Redpath.

The Nursery Building

You will enter and leave the nursery premises through the gate at the carpark. After leaving your child off or collecting them, please leave the playground promptly to ensure that social distancing is maintained. Please also ensure that children hold your hand when walking through the carpark– it is very busy, and there is a lot of traffic at drop off and pick up times.

There will be no access to the nursery building for parents or guardians unless it is an emergency. This is in line with the guidance issued by the Department of Education.

Our Newsletters

We are an Eco School, and as part of this commitment we try where possible to limit the use of paper in school. Instead, these will be available online on our school website www.tullygallyps.com. We also wish to limit the amount of items transferring between home and school to reduce the risk of infection.

Birthdays

We have decided that due to the current Covid-19 regulations and also the number of food allergies / dietary requirements we will not be accepting birthday cakes. Instead, on a Friday of the week of your child's birthday, we will make buns as a class and have them as snack as a special treat.

Our Topics are Settling In and All About Me

During the month of September, we will be focusing on meeting the staff and children. We will also be learning the nursery rules and linking these to our senses. In the nursery, we love to cook and bake. As part of our topic, we will be making dough. Here is the recipe for you to try at home.

Microwave Dough

1 cup (200g) plain flour
1/2 cup (100g) salt
2 tsp cream of tartar
1 tbsp oil
1 cup (300ml) water
Food colouring (add to water)



Put all ingredients into a bowl suitable for the microwave. Cook at full power for 1 minute. Remove and stir well. Put back in and cook for further 1-1 and a half minutes. Remove, scrape out with a wooden spoon and leave to cool.

School Holidays 2020-2021

**Dates for Diary—School Closures
(Inclusive)**

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October



How Can You Help Your Child To Settle?

Every child is different. They all settle at different paces. If your child is having difficulty settling into the nursery, we will work with you to help your child / children to become more confident.

On the next page, you will find a copy of the rhymes we will be learning in September. You can have fun learning these at home with your child / children.

September Nursery Rhymes

Where is?

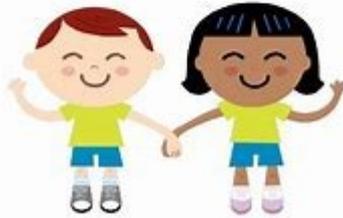
Where is (child's name)
Where is (child's name)
Here they are!
Here they are!
We're so glad to see you
We're so glad to see you
At our school
At our school

All of Me

My hands are for clapping
My arms can hug tight,
My fingers can snap
And turn out the light

My legs are for jumping
My eyes help me see,
This is my body
And I love all of me

**ALL
ABOUT
ME!**



Everybody has a Name

Everybody has a name,
Some are different,
Some are the same.
Some are short,
Some are long,
All are right,
None are wrong.
I like my name,
It's special to me,
It's exactly
Who I want to be!

If You're Happy and You Know It

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.
If you're happy and you know it and you really
want to show it,
If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.

If you're happy and you know it stomp your feet.
If you're happy and you know it stop your feet.
If you're happy and you know it and you really
want to show it,
If you're happy and you know it stop your feet.

If you're happy and you know it shout "Hooray!"
If you're happy and you know it shout "Hooray!"
If you're happy and you know it and you really
want to show it,
If you're happy and you know it shout "Hooray!"

If you're happy and you know it do all three.
If you're happy and you know it do all three.
If you're happy and you know it and you really
want to show it,
If you're happy and you know it do all three!

Happy to Be Me

(Colour) is my hair
(Colour) are my eyes
I am _____ years old
And just the right size.

My name is _____
And as you can see,
I'm very happy to be....

ME!!!!!!!
