



Tullygally Nursery Newsletter

October 2020

It is now October, and all 52 children have now started nursery. Thank you for all of your support over the last few weeks. 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. If your child is taking a little longer to settle, please be reassured that we will work with you to help them make progress.

Our Nursery Day

Some children are now staying for dinner. Due to Covid-19 and the need to limit the transition of items between home and school, we would ask that you send packed lunches in a disposable bag that can be thrown out once your child has eaten. 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.

Please ensure that you have downloaded the school app– we have sent information out via email about this. We will no longer be accepting cash payments, so please make sure that all snack fund and any dinner money is paid through the app.

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.



Reminder

We need:

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

Snack and Dinner Money

Snack-£2.00 per week

Dinner-£2.50 per day
(£12.50 per week)

This is payable via the school app



Reminder to all parents / guardians. Please use the car park to right of the main school drive for drop offs and pick ups. The car park after the grey gates is for staff use only. Can you please let anyone know who may be bringing your child to school or collecting them.

Covid-19

If your child or anyone in your house or social bubble develop any of the symptoms of Covid-19, please do not send your child to school. You should contact your GP and / or the PHA for advice.

If your child is generally unwell, please keep them at home until they are better.

If your child is going to be off sick, you must notify the school office on the morning of their first day of absence.

Update on your Child's Progress

We will not be holding face to face parent interviews this term due to current Covid-19 restrictions.

Instead, in November we will be emailing out a brief update on your child's progress. We will also email out your child's observations and photos to date, so please ensure that your email address is kept up to date.

If upon receiving this information you wish to discuss your child's progress, we will arrange a date and time for a discussion over the telephone.

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. This is particularly important in the current climate, where children are getting used to being back amongst their peers after a long period of time at home.

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.

Getting Ready to Learn

We are currently ordering resources for this year's children– you will receive a pack which you can keep. More information to follow in November

Our Topics are Our Senses, Halloween and Autumn

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

Halloween Buns

Ingredients

110g softened butter
110g caster sugar
2 large eggs
½ tsp vanilla extract
110g self-raising flour

For the buttercream
150g softened butter
300g icing sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
3 tbsp milk

food colouring paste of your choice (optional)



Cream margarine and sugar together. Whisk in the eggs. Add in the dry ingredients and vanilla extract. Spoon the mixture into bun cases. Bake in the oven at 180 degrees for 15 mins. Allow to cool before decorating.

Mix the ingredients for the buttercream together. Make it Halloween colours!!

School Holidays 2020

Dates for Diary—School Closures (Inclusive)

Term 1

26th -30th October 2020

18th December- School finishes at 12pm for Christmas— There will be no dinners on that day.



October Nursery Rhymes

The prickly little hedgehog

The prickly little hedgehog
goes slowly on his way.
He wakes up in the evening
and often sleeps by day.

He is a gentle little fellow
who does no harm at all.
But if you try to hurt him
he will curl up in a ball.



My Turn your turn

My turn, your turn we can share
My turn, your turn then it's fair.
Make a jigsaw, fun to do
Then it's time for someone new



Autumn Leaves (tune of wheels on the bus)

The leaves on the trees turn orange and red,
Orange and red,
Orange and red,
The leaves on the trees turn orange and red
Everywhere.

The leaves on the trees come tumbling down,
Tumbling down,
Tumbling down
The leaves in the trees come tumbling down
Everywhere.

The leaves on the trees go crunch, crunch, crunch,
Crunch, crunch, crunch,
Crunch, crunch, crunch
The leaves on the trees go crunch, crunch crunch,
Everywhere.

Dingle Dangle Scarecrow

When all the cows were sleeping,
And the sun had gone to be.
Up jumped the scarecrow and this is what
he said!
I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow
With a floppy floppy hat,
I can shake my hands like this,
And shake my feet like that.



When I feel sad

If you smile at me when I feel sad,
Perhaps I won't feel quite so bad,
If you smile at me when I feel sad,
Then you'll be a friend to me.

Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate
The first one said "Oh my, it's getting late!"
The second one said "There are witches in the air!"
The third one said "but we don't care!"
The fourth one said "let's run and run and run!"
The fifth one said "Isn't Halloween fun!"
Then Ooo ooo went the wind, and out went the light
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight