

# Castlereagh Nursery School

'Hand in Hand We Learn Together'

## April 2021 Newsletter

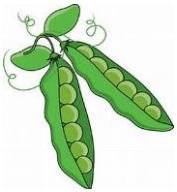
We can't believe we are into our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final term in nursery. It really feels like your little ones have been cheated out of so much this year. This is why we intend to make this final term as exciting and as fun-filled as possible.

### What are we learning in April?

The children will be learning all about the life cycles of many animals, including observing first hand that of a frog and butterfly. Outside we have a tank of tadpoles which were introduced as frog spawn before Easter. The children have already shown a keen interest in this topic. In the next week or two our caterpillars will arrive and again the children will observe these arriving as eggs, hatching to caterpillars, growing and forming their chrysalis and eventually changing into beautiful butterflies.

We will be planting out our allotment in the garden with peas, carrots, beetroot and potatoes. The children will be encouraged to look after this area themselves. We might even get to taste the peas before we end in June. We will be planting individual broad beans and sunflowers in school for your child to care for at home. Please help your child to re-pot these and they can look after them independently.

This is such an exciting topic for all the children and staff.



### Welly Walk Funding

We are absolutely delighted to receive the Wig-Wams and the Market stall that you all so generously raised the money for from the sponsored welly walk.





### Bubbles Outside

As we have now made so many enhancements to our outdoor area we feel it is important for all children to experience each of the resources as freely as possible. We have made the decision as a staff team to eliminate the bubble system outdoors from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. We feel as children are mixing regularly in the park, childcare etc that it poses more benefit for the children to engage with each area outdoors as they wish. Hands will be washed as soon as they come back indoors and also bubble systems will remain in place inside the building at all times. If you have any concerns regarding this latest change, please contact Mrs Morrow via the school e-mail or phone.

### School Money Payments

We have now ironed out the majority of issues we have been experiencing with the School Money App. As I'm sure many of you appreciate, not having to think about cash for a Monday morning is a great relief. Please, please ensure you put the funds into the school dinner money account **on or before Monday morning**.

This is important as each day Shelley checks off your child on the dinner register. There needs to be funds in your account for her to do this. If you are having problems with the App please give Shelley our secretary a ring (9-11.30 Mon-Fri).



### Lending Library




We will be starting our book library again this term. All book bags will be given out on a Monday and parents should return these on a Friday. This will give the books time to 'quarantine' over the weekend. Each child will receive the same book bag, we will place their name label in the pocket at the back. However, these still remain the property of the nursery and will be reused next year.

Please do not decorate/draw on these bags.

Each week the children will choose 3 books to borrow. 2 fiction and 1 non-fiction. Please look after these books, however if they do get damaged (we know accidents can happen) please do not worry. We know how difficult it is to use the local libraries at this time, so please enjoy these books with your child.

### Sonal Sports

We enjoyed a free taster session from Sonal Sports Football skills just before Easter and have now booked in for a 6 week course with them. The children really enjoyed it and hopefully it will help to develop skills like balance, concentration and listening.



## Diary Dates for April - June

<u>April</u>	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	School Development Day
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Children Back to school Staggered start and finish times apply.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Jo Jingles
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Sonal Sports - Football skills
<u>May</u>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Sonal Sports - Football Skills
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Sonal Sports - Football Skills
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Jo Jingles
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed (Staff Development)
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May - Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School Closed - Half Term
<u>June</u>	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Re-opens
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Sonal Sports - Football Skills
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sonal Sports - Football Skills
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	School Closed to current children This is an introduction day for all the new children starting in September 2021
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Teddybear's Picnic (Bring in a teddy)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Mr Hulabaloo Interactive Theatre Co.
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	End of year concert starts at 11am All parents welcome. School will close at 11.30am

### Parent Teacher Consultations

The parent/teacher consultations will take place Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Miss Presho's class on Monday and Mrs Morrow's class on Tuesday. Interview times will be sent home week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> May. These will be held either in the sunroom, or outdoors depending on the weather. Transition reports will be sent home at the beginning of June.

More dates and activities will be added to the calendar when they are confirmed. All the staff send you our sincere thanks for all the support you have given to us over this past 7 months, we really appreciate it.

## Songs and Rhymes

### The Farmer Plants the Seeds

(to the tune of the Farmer in the Dell)

The farmer plants the seeds  
The farmer plants the seeds  
Hi, Ho and Cherry O  
The farmer plants the seeds

(Further verses)  
The rain begins to fall

The sun begins to shine

The plants begin to grow

The buds all open up

The flowers smile at me



### Green Frog Song

(blink) ( stick out tongue)  
Went the little green frog one day  
(blink) ( tongue)  
Went the little green frog  
(blink) (tongue)  
Went the little green frog one day  
And they all went (blink) (blink) ( tongue)  
BUT  
We all know frogs go LAH ( clap) dee dah dee dah  
(wave hands to side like hula),  
lah ( clap) dee dah dee dah ( wave),  
lah ( clap) dee dah dee dah ( wave)  
We all know frogs go LAH (clap)  
DEE DAH DEE DAH (wave)  
They don't go (blink) (blink) (tongue)



### Little Green Frog

Little green frog, little green frog  
where's your tail so small?  
I swim in the river, I swim in the river  
I have no tail at all

[chorus]  
Koo a qwack qwack, koo a qwack qwack  
Koo a qwack qwack qwack  
Koo a qwack qwack,  
Koo a qwack qwack  
Koo a qwack qwack qwack

Little green frog, little green frog  
Where's your wings so small?  
I swim in the river, I swim in the river  
I have no wings at all

[chorus]  
Little green frog, little green frog  
where's your house so small?  
I swim in the river, I swim in the river  
I have no house at all  
[chorus]

### You are My Sunshine

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine  
You make me happy when skies are gray  
You'll never know dear, how much I love you  
you  
Please don't take my sunshine away

