

Convent of Mercy Nursery School's Newsletter



January 2022

Christmas Shows

We hope you enjoyed the Christmas shows and Christmas songs on the school website site and we would like to thank you for all the gifts, cards and good wishes we received at Christmas - they were greatly appreciated.

Nursery & Primary 1 Application Forms 2022-2023

It is now time to apply for a Nursery or Primary 1 place for September 2022.

The application portal opened on 10th January 2022 at 12noon (GMT) & will close on 28th January 2022 at 12noon. You can log onto the EA Admissions Portal using your email and password from when you applied for your Nursery place. If you don't already have an account it is very easy - follow this link to start applying.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/primary-admissions-guide>

Upcoming Visitors to the Nursery

Fran Duff the school photographer will be visiting the Nursery on Thursday 10th February to take individual photographs.

Mr Hullabaloo will be visiting the Nursery on Tuesday 22nd February to perform their Winter Show.

January Topics

The themes for the month of January will be winter and night and day. The children will be learning about signs of winter, how we need lights to see in the dark and looking for signs of spring.

We will be asking the children to lookout for frost in the morning and for you to show them how you defrost the car or put down salt to make the paths safer.

PANTS Rule

In January we aim to teach the children the following safety skills without giving explicit information. Teaching them how to stay safe by learning the PANTS rules, which the NSPCC have developed to be like the Green Cross Code for staying safe.

P: Privates are private

A: Always remember your body belongs to you

N: No means no

T: Talks about secrets that upset you

S: Speak up, someone can help



Discussions will be age-appropriate.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Songs and Rhymes

Five Hungry Penguins

(tune of 10 green bottles)

5 hungry penguins standing by the sea

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And if one hungry penguin should catch a fish for tea

There'll be 4 hungry penguins standing by the sea

4 hungry penguins standing by the sea

3 hungry penguins standing by the sea

2 hungry penguins standing by the sea

1 hungry penguin standing by the sea

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And if one hungry penguin should catch a fish for tea

There'll be no hungry penguins standing by the sea

(Tune of row, row, your boat)

Cold, cold, freezing cold

On a winter's day

We wear our hats & wear our gloves

And in the snow we play

A chubby little snowman

A chubby little snowman

Had a carrot nose;

Along came a rabbit

And what do you suppose?

That hungry little bunny,

Looking for his lunch,

ATE the snowman's carrot nose

February Half Term

The Nursery will be close on Friday 11th February for staff training and then Monday 14th- Friday 18th February for half term break.

We reopen on Monday 21st February

Big Bedtime Read

We would normally hold a Big Bedtime Read at the local library yet are planning to move this online via a Zoom or Teams session. If you would be interested in attending an online session we wanted to gather awareness of those using Zoom or Teams and what time would suit you.

Possible Times: 4.30 or 6.00.

Please reply via the Newsletter website message, please let us know before Friday 21st January & what time would suit you best.

Vodafone

Vodafone provides guidance on staying safe online via their Digital Parenting Guidance Magazine which is available online.

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>