

Convent of Mercy Nursery School Newsletter



May 2022

Bank Holidays Information

The Nursery will be closed for the first May Bank Holiday weekend.
(Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd May).

Then the second Bank Holiday (closed Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June.)
Reopening Monday 6th June

Notification for Nursery & P1 places

You can log into the EA Portal from 10.00am on Thursday 28th April to see which school placement has been allocated to your child.

We will be closed on Friday 17th June to allow the children starting Nursery in September 2022 to visit the Nursery.

Sports Day

As current guidance continues to restrict gatherings inside (as the weather is always unpredictable in June we previously held Sport's Day at the Patrician Youth Club) we plan to hold Sport's Day events for the children in June and will record the races to be shared with families on the school website.

Summer Weather

As the good weather arrives we hope to spend more time outside, on warm days please ensure that you put sun cream on your child & wear a sun hat each day!!!

Please ensure that your child wears appropriate clothes to protect them from the sun and the correct foot wear for climbing and running in the Nursery playground.

Treasure Hunt

The annual school Treasure Hunt in aid of school funds will take place on Thursday 19th May. The boys and girls will join together to follow a treasure map around the school grounds, searching for clues and hopefully we will find a box of treasure!!! We ask parents and friends of the Nursery school to please give as generously as possible. We ask that all sponsor money and sheets are returned by Thursday 4th June.



May Topic

The theme for the month of May will be the world around us and mini beasts.

The children will be learning about:

- animals around the garden,
- that insects have six legs and spiders have eight.
- that they live under stones or plant pots, the life cycle of flowers and animals.
- That the weather is warm in summer and we have to wear summer clothes and sun cream.

We will celebrate our mummies as it is the month of May.

Jumpers/ Spare Clothes

Please check that your child's jumpers are clearly labelled with their names as the weather is improving and the children are taking their jumpers off during the day. Children are able to wear summer dresses or shorts to school during the good weather but please ensure that their shoes will allow them to enjoy outdoor play safely.

Please check the labels on the jumpers as a number of jumpers have gone missing.

Please also return any outstanding items of clothing belonging to the school, which may have been used if your child had to be changed.

Preparing for Primary School

Now that the sun is shining and we have the longer days we are thinking of summer and after summer . . . comes P.1. Your children have been working so hard and given the unusual school year that we have had they have settled well and made their teachers proud.

Some children are continuing to develop their **grip and control of pencils and scissors**. These are important skills to practice in preparation for P.1.

We continue to support the boys and girls in developing their **number skills, counting skills and shape recognition.**

Numeral recognition: Can your child identify some numerals? Numbers are all around us - can they spot their age? Can they identify the number that comes next when it is their birthday?

Counting skills: Can your child count 1-10? Do they point to each thing as they count i.e. when counting 5 Lego bricks will they count 12?

Shape recognition: Take a shape and talk with your child about how it looks and how it feels e.g. a circle has a smooth edge, no jaggy bits or corners. A triangle has 3 jaggy points. A rectangle looks like a door!

What shapes can you find around the house or when you are out for a walk?

Name Awareness: Can they identify their name and are they starting to form the letters in their name. Why not use chalk outside on the ground or on a fence to write their name or letters - send them on a name hunt to find the letters in their name around the garden - then paint over them with a paint brush using a bucket of water.