

Cooley Nursery Unit Newsletter



November Topic: *Autumn & Feelings*
December Topic: *Christmas*

Holidays and Closures

Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January
(Returning to nursery on Monday 4th January 2021)

(Nursery will close early at 11.00am on Friday 18th December)

Friday 29th January 2021

Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th February 2021

Health Visitor

Thank-you to all of our pre-school children who returned health questionnaire forms. The health visitor will be in touch in due course. Please note, this is only for children in their pre-school year.

Wrap Up Warm

I want to remind parents to **wrap children up warmly every morning** as we will be outside at nursery every day. Please remember to **send gloves**. Children's hands get cold very quickly!

Rhymes

Below are some of the rhymes which we will be learning this month. I'm sure your child would love to recite these popular rhymes with you at home.

- 'Teddy bear teddy bear'
- 'Round and round the garden'
- 'It's raining it's pouring'
- 'If you're happy and you know it'.

Santa Visit



Santa will be having a socially distanced visit to nursery during the last week of term. We can't wait!

Break the Rules

We are having a 'break the rules' day on - Friday 27th November.

For a donation of £1, nursery children may come to nursery in their own clothes.

Proceeds go to our school fund.

Anti-bullying Week

It is anti-bullying week here in Cooley from 16th - 20th November. Our theme "United Against Bullying".

Our recent "Odd Socks Days" was lots of fun! It was designed to be a fun opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their uniqueness. All donations were for - Northern Ireland Anti-Bullying Forum. Many thanks!



November/ December Birthdays

Amelia Armstrong 2nd November

Ellis Anderson 4th November

'Happy Birthday'



We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a

Merry Christmas and a **Happy New Year!**

From Mrs Byrne and nursery staff

Nursery Applications

There is a fairly new process in place to facilitate application forms for nursery. An online portal will be opening on 7th January 2021. Parents will be asked to apply online for their child's nursery place. Children who already attend **Cooley Nursery Unit** must **reapply** for their second year in nursery.

Please tell your friends! If you require any further information, please contact us.

Ideas for Parents



As stated, throughout November we are exploring the seasonal changes in 'Autumn'. We are also exploring our feelings and the mathematical theme 'size'. If you would like to follow up our topic at home here are some activities you might like to try.

- Share topic related stories with your child (fact and fiction).
- Continue to make observations about seasonal changes in autumn. Go for an Autumn walk and collect natural objects.
- Make autumn pictures with your natural objects. E.g. pine cones, twigs, moss, conkers, leaves...
- Encourage your child to try leaf rubbing and printing at home.
- Talk about feelings and caring for people/ animals, etc.
- Remind children to be kind and gentle to others.
- Encourage children to help others at home and let us know about it.
- Use language related to size - big, small, enormous, bigger than, smallest...

As December approaches we will also be exploring 'Christmas' and the use of 'positional' language. Here are some activities you might like to try.

- Share Christmas and winter stories with your child.
- Talk about Christmas events, e.g. receiving gifts, giving gifts...
- Continue to make observations about seasonal changes in winter.
- Use language related to position - in front, behind, beside, on top, under, between...
- Make Christmas decorations.

Please do send photos via Seesaw. We would love to see what you have been doing at home.

Christmas

This year, we plan to perform a Christmas song for our family and friends. Owing to the Covid-19 restrictions, this will not be a live performance. We will be sending our little video home via Seesaw.

We will be sending words home to learn in the coming weeks.

We plan to record the song on Friday 11th December. This coincides with our 'Elfie Day' so please remember to dress up festively.

Elfie Day

Friday 11th December

We are having a fund raising event on 11th December. Children may come to nursery either dressed as an elf or in festive wear, e.g. elf costume, Christmas jumper, sparkly dress.

Suggested donation £1 per child.

All proceeds to 'Action Mental Health'.



Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 18th December

We are encouraging the children to come to nursery in 'festive wear'.