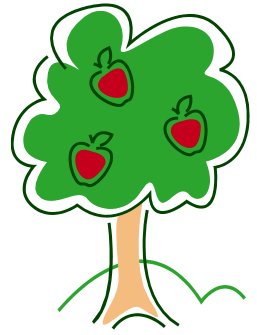




LISNAGELVIN NURSERY SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Looking Back

SETTLING IN PERIOD

Our new children are all coping well with their busy nursery day. Thanks to all our parents for your support and understanding during the September settling in period. Our small groups have now merged to whole class groups and the children are becoming familiar with all their new class friends.

Please enjoy the front hall display of our children learning all their new routines over the month of September. We are developing their independence as they continue to learn these new skills. Please support your child by promoting their independence at home too.

We have had some beautiful sunny days where the children have had fun exploring our outdoor areas, both the nursery garden and the secret garden. We hope you are enjoying the photos on Seesaw.

Moving Forward

We have 4 weeks in October before our Halloween break. We have a few exciting events coming up in these few weeks.

The children will start to take their library bags home over the next few weeks so you can share our nursery books together at home. Miss Devine and Mrs Taggart will read a bedtime story on Seesaw to launch our Big Bedtime Read initiative. More information to follow.

We are learning about Autumn and the farm this month so Kidz Farm will make a visit on **Thursday 6th October**.

The children will participate in a Harvest Thanksgiving Rhyme Time on Wednesday 25th October and we will finish off for half-term on Friday 27th October with our 'Halloween Dress Up Day' and Jo Jingles. Children can come to school in their own clothes or dressed up for Halloween.

WANTED!

If you are out and about on Autumn walks why don't you collect some chestnuts, acorns, sycamore seeds, Autumn coloured leaves or any other items of interest for our Autumn exploration table.



JO JINGLES



Jo Jingles (a music and movement programme) started on Friday 15th September with Mrs. Doreen Laird.

Doreen is also our Child Protection Governor on our Board of Governors and is very aware of all the Safeguarding and Health and Safety measures we have in place to keep all our children, staff and parents safe.

BACK TO SCHOOL SICKNESS

Thank you to all our parents who are keeping their children off school when they are sick. It is necessary to prevent, as far as possible, the spread of infection to the other children. This applies to heavy colds, coughs, flu and stomach upsets. It is imperative that we do all we can as staff and parents to minimize the spread of infection coming into the Winter months. **If your child needs Calpol they are not well enough to be at nursery.**

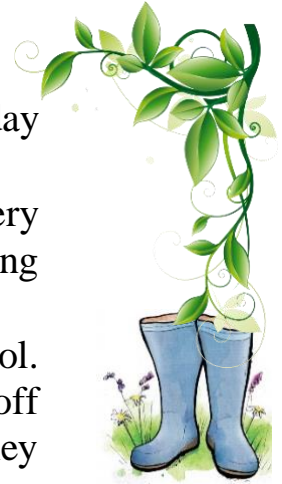
The children have coped so well learning the hand washing routine before coming into the classrooms to play. We are also continuing to support them to cough/sneeze into a tissue or their sleeve as opposed to their hands.

PARENT/TEACHER SETTLING IN MEETINGS

Our parent/teacher settling in meetings will be held during the last week in October. More information to follow shortly.

OUTDOOR PLAY

- Please send heavier coats or fleeces with the children every day as the weather turns more unsettled.
- Trainers with Velcro straps are ideal footwear for the nursery outdoor play area so children can climb safely on our climbing frame and learn to pedal the trikes around the cycle path.
- Thank you for providing wellies for your child to keep in school. We will soon be practising putting them on and taking them off to play in the secret garden. The children love the freedom they have to explore and run in the secret garden.



COOKSTOWN TEXTILE RECYCLERS (CTR) CASH FOR CLOBBER

Please support our textile recycling initiative by putting unwanted textiles in our recycling bin. This generates funds for our nursery and is also a great way to raise awareness of the environmental and social benefits of recycling with our children.

The textiles can be in any condition as those which can't be worn are used elsewhere e.g. as sound proofing in the car industry or as upholstery filling. Therefore, odd socks, trousers without knees, old blankets, worn sheets and curtains are acceptable.

PRINCIPAL RELEASE DAYS

Mrs. Taggart will be taking release days in the office. Mrs. Michelle McKenna will be the Sub Teacher for these days.

HOME TIME

Now that most children are in for a longer session time it would be appreciated if you can collect your child promptly at home time. Some children do get anxious if they are the last one remaining and staff need time for planning and preparation. There is a 15 minute staggered drop-off time and also a 15 minute staggered collection time. Mrs. Taggart and Miss Devine will continue to liaise with you via Seesaw when session times are changing.

In addition to the Newsletter each month you will receive:

- ‘Curriculum News’ – what we are learning in Nursery and how you can help at home
- Safety Tips
- Rhymes and Songs we are learning in Nursery.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Thursday 6th October** Kidz Farm visit
- Wednesday 25th October Harvest Thanksgiving Rhyme Time
- Friday 27th October Halloween Fun Day
- Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November Half term / Halloween Holiday
Pupils return Monday 6th November
- **Thursday 16th November** Photographer comes to nursery





Curriculum News: October



Autumn

We are talking about Autumn and going for Autumn walks. We are learning the colours of the Autumn leaves. Why not go for an Autumn walk at home to see what you can find? We have lovely chocolate and clove smells in our play dough.

Colours:

Orange
Brown
Black

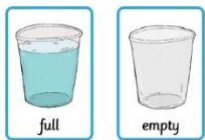
look for these colours over the next few weeks



Soon we will send home a photograph on Seesaw of our "Owl Babies" display in the classroom.



Circle - Look out for circles in your home, in your garden or when you are out and about.



Concepts

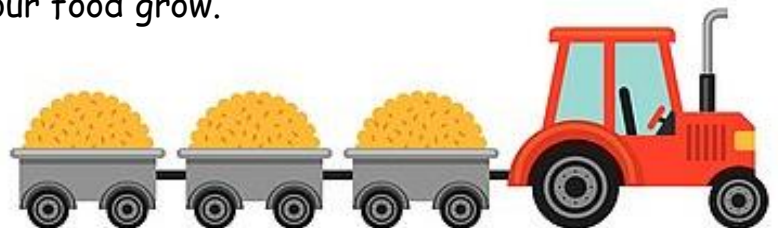
We are learning about empty and full at the water

Lots of Autumn songs and rhymes! Please help at home.



Farming and Harvest

We are playing with farm toys and talking about farming and harvest time. We will have a Harvest Thanksgiving with rhymes and songs to thank God for sending sun and rain to make our food grow.



Art & Craft

We are using glue, the Sellotape dispenser and scissors. Please practise at home.



Keep safe at Halloween

October

Child safety tips



Go to an organised bonfire or fireworks display and stay safe



Children under 5 years should not hold sparklers as they burn hotter than a barbeque



Keep matches and lighters out of reach of young children

It is Autumn

(Sung to "If you're happy and you know it")
It is Autumn and it's time to rake the leaves!
It is Autumn and it's time to rake the leaves!
It is Autumn that's the season
We don't need a better reason
It is Autumn and it's time to rake the leaves!



Monster Rhyme

(For Halloween)

I'm a hairy monster
Creeping up on you
Soon I'm going to catch
you and pop you in my stew!



Oh when the leaves

(Sung to 'Oh when the saints')

Oh, when the leaves, fall off the trees
Oh, when the leaves, fall off the trees
We know that it must be Autumn
When the leaves fall off the trees



The Hedgehog

Holly the Hedgehog
Holly the Hedgehog
Nobody wants to dance with her
She's got prickles
How they tickle
All the other animals have fur



Dingle Dangle Scarecrow

When all the cows are sleeping
And the sun has gone to bed
Up jumped the scarecrow
And this is what he said
I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow
With a flippy, floppy hat
I can shake my hands like this
And shake my feet like that



Mrs White

Mrs White had a fright
In the middle of the night
Saw a ghost eating toast
Half-way up a football post

Circle

I'm Suzy Circle
I'm happy as can be
I go round and round
Can you draw me!

