



***Easter Newsletter***  
**2022**

## TEACHER'S CORNER

Hi everyone!

Heading into our new term we are all getting ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day by learning about St. Patrick and Ireland. The two classes will continue working with the Sandpaper Letters & Numbers and the Practical Life & Sensorial equipment. We are hoping to enjoy some more trips out to the playground and the park - fingers crossed the weather will be good!

Finally, I would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of you for getting on board with all the changes. These changes have enabled Kathy b's to remain open and to be a safe, fun and healthy place for all the children to attend.

Take care of yourselves and each other. Lisa 😊



## Sarah & Christina's classes

Hi everyone!

This term the children have enjoyed a lot of outdoor play in the garden, storytelling, colouring, and dancing. We have also had lots of interesting lessons on topics such as *Our Senses, Colours, Feelings, Asia, Antarctica* and explored the *Montessori Practical Life, Sensorial and Culture* materials. We have a lot of celebrations approaching - *St. Patrick's Day, Mother's Day & Easter*, the children will be very busy learning about and making arts & crafts for these celebrations. Before we know it we will be starting to rehearse for *Graduation Day* and practising our songs. Sarah and I would like to say thank you for all your co-operation this year. It is a credit to you all how well the children have adjusted so calmly to all the changes. We both look forward to lots of fun times ahead with all the boys and girls.

Take care, Christina & Sarah xx



## Catherine & Nicole's Class:

This term we have been working as a team to plan our lessons. The children are really loving the experience of our different approaches to learning.

The children have been having so much fun from learning about their favourite animals to their favourite colours.

We have been working so hard on all our art-work and the children love bringing their art home. We are looking forward to making lots more!

Nicole & Catherine xx



Audrey, Shauna and Andrea's group:

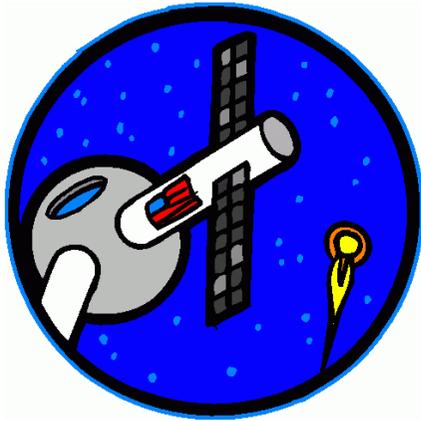
Hi everyone, the children have really enjoyed Afterschool since returning after Christmas. They have enjoyed lots of arts and crafts and all our outdoor activities. We are looking forward to the good weather coming back to enjoy even more outdoor walks, visits to the playground and other outdoor activities.

"Afterschooler of Month" has been a big hit!

We are very busy planning our arts and crafts for the upcoming events which we are excited about. We wish you all a Happy Easter 😊  
Shauna, Audrey & Andrea xxx



## PARENTS' CORNER - From Louise



"We have signed up for alerts of when the International Space Station (ISS) is visible in the sky over our house <https://spotthestation.nasa.gov/signup.cfm> You will get a message with the time and direction when it is due to fly over that evening/night. If the sky is clear it looks a bit like a plane but one very bright light and it travels quite fast. It's really exciting to see and we've seen it lots over the past few years. There are lots of videos on YouTube showing what it is like inside for the astronauts."

Thanks Louise!

## Parent's Corner:

This is your corner to share ideas and information with us and other families. This can be anything from fun places you visited, games / books / recipes / arts & crafts your child enjoyed, news from the local community, upcoming local events which may be of interest to other families, etc.



As Shamrock Rovers supporters I am delighted to let you know that Kathy b's will have complimentary tickets for our home match v Finn Harps on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, kick off at 8pm. 2 adults and 4 kids tickets complimentary per family. If you would like to avail of these free tickets please email me by Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April.



## Mud Kitchen / Sandpits

We are creating two exciting new areas in our front garden, and we would love you to get involved. We will shortly be installing two sandpits and a mud kitchen / messy play area, which all the children will have access to.

They will have so much fun using their imaginations to explore different textures & make marvellous mud creations!!

We would be delighted to accept donations of any of the following you may have at home:

- Seeds / Bulbs / Plants
- Fairy Doors
- Small Garden Tools / Small Garden Decorations
- Baking Trays / Bun Tins
- Kitchen Utensils
- Pots / Pans / Jugs
- Measuring Cups / Spoons



On Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> Kathy b's will be taking part in the Great Irish Bake for sick children. By joining The Great Irish Bake we will be raising vital funds for sick children in CHI at Crumlin, Temple Street, Tallaght, and Connolly.

For more information, please visit <https://www.childrenshealth.ie/greatirishbake/>

All children and staff are invited to bake something at home with their families and bring it in for our fundraiser. We would also gratefully accept any shop bought cakes, buns, breads, or biscuits. The children will set up a cake stall and parents are encouraged to buy something when collecting their child.

## ***ECCE Eligibility***

***September 2022 - June 2023***

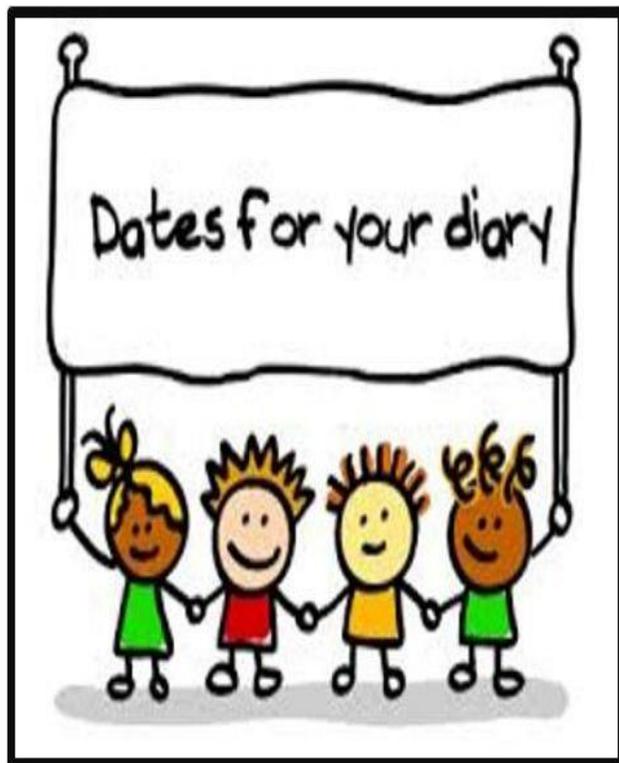


All children born between 01<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 will be eligible for the ECCE Scheme from September 2022. All ECCE classes and waiting lists are full. If your child is already attending Kathy b's and will be eligible for ECCE from September 2022 you do not need to do anything. There is no option to switch from an afternoon to a morning place. I will email you any forms you need to complete.

I am finalising class times, teachers, and sessions for 2022/23. Once St. Kilian's N.S. confirm their school calendar I will be in touch with details of our back-to-school date, your child's class time and teacher for September 2022.

## ***After School September 2022***

Our Breakfast Club & Afterschool and our waiting list is full for September 2022. If you no longer need a place for September, please let me know as soon as possible. I will email you a September 2022 After School Registration Form shortly. You will need to complete and return this along with your child's deposit for September 2022. A deposit of €100 will be required per family which will be refunded 4 weeks after each After School child starts back in September.



**Easter Holidays** - all classes will finish for Easter on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. We reopen on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.



**Easter Camp** - April 11<sup>th</sup> - April 14<sup>th</sup> (fully booked)

**May Bank Holiday** - closed Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**June Bank Holiday** - closed Monday June 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>. Ka



**Summer Holidays** - Kathy b's closes for summer holidays on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Only children who are graduating and Afterschool children attend on this day. All other children finish on June 29<sup>th</sup>.



**Summer Camp** - August 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> (details to be announced)

**Parent Teacher Meetings:** Our annual parent teacher meetings will take place w/c Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are happy to offer in person or telephone meetings to parents. Meetings will be strictly 15 minutes to facilitate all families and will take place on the following dates:

Lisa's classes - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Sarah & Christina's classes - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Catherine & Nicole's classes - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> & Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May

You will be able to book a time through your child's teacher after the Easter holidays.

We look forward to having this opportunity to discuss your child's progress with you.



Graduation for Montessori children will take place on Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup>. We are delighted to be able to invite families of graduating children to join us for our celebration this year. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this special occasion with your child, their friends, and their teacher. There will be lots of photo opportunities of the children in their graduation caps and gowns.

We will record the graduation songs with the children in the week before and this recording will be played on Graduation Day for all families to enjoy. It will also be emailed to families of graduating children to keep as a special memory.

Further details, including timings will be confirmed closer to the date.

To facilitate Graduation Day please note there will be NO MONTESSORI CLASSES on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. The only children attending this day will be children who are graduating from Kathy b's who will attend for their allotted Graduation Party time only.

This means that all non-Graduating children will finish up for Summer on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2022. This is something we do every year to facilitate Graduation Day and each child's turn will come around when they get to attend the final day and have their Graduation Party.

Please note Breakfast Club (for After School children only) and After School will run as usual this day and we will collect our After Schoolers at the earlier times from St. Kilian's N.S.

If your child usually attends After School on a Thursday, please email me to confirm if they will be attending on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June and what time they will need to be picked up at from St. Kilian's.



### **Healthy Ireland Smart Start (HISS) Birth - 3 Years Programme.**

Nicole recently started this programme which has been developed by HSE Health & Wellbeing and the National Childhood Network (NCN)

"As part of the Healthy Ireland course I have been learning about how important it is to promote health in an early childcare setting and how important our job is as care givers to create a supportive and healthy environment. I have also been learning about how important it is to promote and practise self-care. I am looking forward to learning more about this and will be happy to answer any questions you may have" 😊

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This will be our last newsletter for this school year. All the team at Kathy b's would like to say a big thank you to you all for your support and co-operation this year. Thank you for a wonderful year.

From, Katherine, Lisa, Sarah, Christina, Catherine, Nicole, Audrey, Shauna, Andrea, and Jenny.

