

Christmas Newsletter Kathy L's 2022



Hi everyone,

I hope you and your families are all keeping well and looking forward to the Christmas holidays. We have had a fabulous, few months with the children since reopening after the Summer and their teachers have outlined below what they have been up to.

I would personally like to thank you all for continuing to follow our Illness Policy and ask that you continue to keep your child at home if they are unwell. That way we can all look out for each other and keep each other safe and well.

I hope you all have a wonderful, happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Nollaig Shona Daoibh,

Katherine & all the team at Kathy b's

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### Teacher's Corner

### Lisa's classes:

Hello folks and welcome to our Christmas newsletter!

The girls and boys have all settled in so well since we started back in September. The children from the morning session are loving the new class upstairs and the afternoon session love being outdoors in the garden and the barn.

Both groups have been learning how to care for themselves and their environment. They have enjoyed working with the Sensorial materials and the Practical Life materials. Everyone had great fun coming in dressed up for the Halloween party and taking part in all the games.

At the moment it's all about Christmas and the children are busy creating some fantastic crafts for you all to treasure.

I would like to thank you all for your support, because of it both sessions run smoothly, and the children enjoy their time spent here at Kathy b's. I will you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Lisa x

## Christina's class:

Hello everyone!

All the children are well settled in now and are following the daily routine. The boys and girls have enjoyed making their "All About Me" books and family wall. It has been a great way for us to get to know the children and their families even better.

Our lessons have been all about taking care of ourselves taking care of our environment and caring for others. We are all excited getting ready for Christmas. The children have been very busy making lovely arts & crafts to take home with them over the Christmas period.

I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout this year. I wish you all a lovely Christmas and the most wonderful new year.

Christina x

### Catherine's class:

Hey everyone!

All the children our loving our daily routine and have settled in so well. Our family tree and birthday walls look great with all the children's pictures.

Thanks for all your help and support. Everyone is super excited about Christmas and have been very busy getting all our Christmas art ready.

I hope you all enjoy the newsletter, and everyone has a lovely Christmas.

### Sarah's class:

Hi everyone, 😌

It has been wonderful to see all the children's happy faces returning to Kathy b's this term. They have all settled back into our routine well and our new classroom upstairs is a proving to be a big hit!

The children have been working hard with our Montessori lessons which have included the broad stairs, red rods, and spindle box to name just a few. There has been plenty of opportunities to develop their friendships through play both indoors and outdoors and all the experiments we conducted in Science Week were a huge success!! Now the children are busy creating some beautiful Christmas crafts to bring home to you.

Thank you everyone for all your support in getting the children settled in so seamlessly, it is greatly appreciated. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and every good wish for the New Year. See you in 2023!

Sarah x

## Nicole's class:

Hey everyone!

All the children have settled in so well. I can't believe it's Christmas season already. Since starting in September, the children have enjoyed getting to know each other. We have been working on our social skills, learning our songs, exploring different textures and working on our lessons. The children have really enjoyed the garden and all the outdoor play.

At the moment we are so busy getting ready for Christmas. We are learning our Christmas songs and all the children are working really hard to get our crafts finished.

We would like to take this time to say a huge thank you for all your continued support and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe & happy new year.

Nicole & Jenny xx



A huge thank you to you all for supporting our Halloween fundraiser – Trick or Treat for Sick Children.

The children had so much fun dressing up in their costumes and enjoyed a day full of fun and laugher, some tricks and lots of treats!!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our children & their families we raised an amazing

€1, 536





# Santa Claus is coming to Kathy b's















Santa Claus has been in touch to let us know that he will visit Kathy b's with one of his elves on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December. He has heard that all the children in Kathy b's have been so good this year and he is looking forward to meeting them all.

To facilitate all the children meeting Santa Claus, Sessional classes will run for 2 hours only this day.

Please see class times below:

Wednesday 21st December 2022:

9.30 am - 11.30 am - Nicole, Lisa, Catherine, Christina's classes (i.e. all morning classes)

11.40 am - 1.40 pm Sarah & Lisa's afternoon classes (2 classes)

Full Time Children should attend their usual hours this day.

# Santa Claus is coming to Kathy b's contd....















## After School:

We will collect the After School children at the earlier time of 12 pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December and there is no additional charge for this early collection. The After School children will then meet Santa and his elf from 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm.

Any children who don't usually attend Wednesdays are welcome to come and meet Santa with a parent / guardian between 12.30 pm - 1 pm.

# Christmas Holidays:

Kathy b's will close on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December and reopen on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

# Other Upcoming Holidays:

Kathy b's will be closed Monday 6<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023.

# NCS Subsidies: (National Childcare Scheme)

The minimum NCS subsidy is increasing from €0.50 p/hr to €1.40 p/hr from 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2023. I will notify all families that avail of this subsidy of your revised fees from January 2023 and will be issuing new / revised parental agreements over the next few weeks. For more information please visit: https://www.ncs.gov



PWP Week: (Partnership with Parent's Week)

30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2023

Montessori / After School Parents are invited to come into Kathy b's to do an activity with their child's class. You might like to read a story, colour a picture, bake, play an instrument, outdoor sports or games, etc. Please contact your child's teacher on LV to arrange a suitable date and time.

# Easter Camps 2023

We will run a 4-day Easter Camp from 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Registration Forms will be available in the New Year. Camp will run from 9.30 am - 2 pm daily, cost €90 per child / €85 for 2<sup>nd</sup> / additional siblings.

