



Kathy b's Newsletter Halloween 2021



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

The first school term is almost over and we are delighted that all the children have settled so well. They are all used to and enjoying their daily school routine. The children have really enjoyed making new friends, completing lots of lessons, arts and crafts and lots of outdoor play since starting back in September.

A big thank you to all parents / minders for adhering to our guide-lines and keeping each other safe.

Please continue to;

- ♦ **Wear your mask when dropping and collecting your child.**
- ♦ **Ensure your child is dropped and collected on time.**
- ♦ **Socially distance from all other people when dropping and collecting.**
- ♦ **Keep your child at home if they are unwell, please adhere to our Illness & Exclusion policy.**
- ♦ **Keep up to date with and follow the latest public health guidance in relation to Covid-19.**



HALLOWEEN PARTY:

This year's Halloween Party will take place on Friday 22nd October. Children are invited to come to school in fancy dress (if they wish). We will be having lots of Halloween party games, songs and stories. As we are full every day only children who attend on a Friday may attend the party. After Schoolers will also enjoy some spooktakular party games, stories and music after school.

MID TERM BREAK:

We are closed from Monday 25th October until Friday 29th October inclusive. Have a great Mid Term everyone and a well-deserved rest.

TEACHER'S CORNER

Lisa's Classes

Hi all, this term we have spent a lot of time settling the children into the Kathy b's routine. They have all done so very well and are a great, happy, carefree bunch of kids. We have practised taking off and putting on our coats daily. Handwashing and sanitising our hands regularly have become a big part of our lessons. A lot of time is spent out in the garden playing chasing, chalking or on the slide and rocker. We have started some Montessori lessons and the children are enjoying taking part in the lessons and completing them by themselves after a little while. Halloween is fast approaching and our boys and girls are looking forward to dressing up and they have enjoyed making their Halloween craft and creating our Halloween scene for the window. It has been a very successful term and this is down to all of us working together and putting Health and Safety of each other first, so I would like to take this opportunity to say a BIG thank you to everyone.

Have a safe, healthy and fun Mid-term break. HAPPY HALLOWEEN.

Lisa 🧠👧👦🍁



Sarah & Christina's Classes:

The children have all settled really well into our classroom routines. We have done lots of lessons around the children being as independent as possible such as putting on their own coats, bringing their chairs to the table and taking out & putting away their lunches. Champion of the day is always a high point! This month we have been learning about Autumn, hibernation and of course Halloween 🎃 The children have enjoyed making some spooky spiders and colourful pumpkins for our Halloween window. Christina and I would like to say thank you to all the mums, dads, grandparents and minders for preparing the children so well for school and following all the Covid safety measures that are in place. We wish you all a spooky and (hopefully) relaxing Halloween break 🧛♀️🧛🎃





Catherine & Nicole's Class:

Everyone has settled in very well and are enjoying our daily routine 😊 we have learned lots of new songs and poems and have all taken turns working our weather chart daily.

Everyone has done some lovely art for our classroom and are working very hard on all our practical life lessons 🙌

We are all super excited getting ready for Halloween 🎃 and are looking forward to our Halloween party.

Catherine & Nicole xxx



Audrey, Shauna and Andrea's group:

A very warm welcome back to all our After Schoolers this year and to all our new children and parents, welcome. We have had great fun over the last couple of months planning, talking and listening to all our kids. We have been very busy planning our Halloween activities and talking about what costumes we will be wearing. We can't wait to see everyone dressed up and playing our Halloween games, we have a lovely group of kids again this year and we are really enjoying getting to know them all. Happy Halloween everyone xxx.

PARENTS' CORNER - From Aoife



"I recently signed Erin up to the new library in Castletymon. It's absolutely brilliant for kids, they have so many books and a gorgeous story time area. Erin loved it and was delighted picking out her two books to bring home. The kiddies get their own little library book tote bag to bring home and return their books which is a real little novelty for them. Great for a rainy Saturday morning!"

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.

Please get involved and share anything you feel may be of interest or relevant to other families by emailing me at kathybschool@gmail.com

Returning your child's forms:

Please return any outstanding forms for your child to their teacher for their file asap.

ECCE & NCS Forms will be handed out after the MTB. Please complete and return them to your child's teacher for Inspection & Regulation purposes.



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Registration opens 27 September 2021!

Our charity recipients:



National Pyjama Day - Fri 19th November 2021

PJ Day is the largest one-day fundraising event in the Early Learning and Care and School Age childcare sector in Ireland. Now in its 18th year, the event has to date raised over €3.5 million for charities that support children with additional needs.

All children and staff are invited to wear their pyjamas into Kathy b's on the day. The children will enjoy fun PJ activities and games, arts & crafts, story-telling, and lots more. Our Breakfast Club children will be invited to make breakfast for the teachers on this day too! The ethos of the day has always been 'children helping children and having fun.'

The three chosen recipient charities for 2021 are:

- Jack and Jill Children's Foundation
- Children in Hospital Ireland
- AsIAM



Partnership With Parent's Week

Mon 22nd Nov - Fri 26th Nov.

This year we are inviting parents to participate in our PWP week remotely:

- by sending a video on LV which we can play to your child's class of you reading a story / talking about a topic of interest, singing a song, playing an instrument, etc.
- by sending in a storybook with your child for us to read to their class, perhaps a story that they enjoy at night.
- Sending in a recipe for us to bake with your child's class that you have done at home with your child
- Sending in some pictures for your child's class to colour with some information / story to go with the photo.
- Any suggestions you may have for participating in PWP week remotely are very welcome.



Santa's visit to Kathy b's

This year Santa will be visiting the children in Kathy b's on Friday 17th December, times will be confirmed nearer the date.

Santa's visit will take place in our outdoor barn. Children who don't attend on a Friday are welcome to drop in with 1 parent / minder to meet him and will be allocated a 5 minute time slot in advance. These time slots must be booked by email with Katherine in advance.

Christmas Holidays

Kathy b's will close for the Christmas holidays Wednesday 22nd December 6pm and will reopen Thursday 6th January 8 am.