



# December Newsletter 2024





# Our Activities





*It has been a very busy and productive term since returning in September. The children have all settled fantastically, particularly the children who were starting in Kathy b's for the first time.*

*The Montessori classes have enjoyed lots of varied lessons from invisible handprints and colour changing flowers during Science Week to learning our planets song on Space week. They have enjoyed working with the Montessori materials – the pink tower, broad stairs and the sandpaper letters & numbers. They have also created some fantastic arts & crafts – spooky spiders for Halloween, Autumn hedgehogs, leaf shading and space rockets & astronaut for Space Week. There has been lots of opportunities to get out into the fresh air and enjoy the local playground.*

*The Afterschool children have also settled in brilliantly again and we have welcomed lots of new boys and girls. They have enjoyed getting to know each other, making new friends, making Halloween ghosts & spiders and regular trips to the playground.*



## ***Our Window Displays***



## Charity Days

On the last day before mid-term break, we hosted our first charity day for this year. The children all enjoyed dressing up in their costumes and had a fantastic time at our "Halloween Community Give-Back Day" party.

Thanks to your amazing generosity we raised €615 for our local Senior Citizens Groups, and we will be hosting a Christmas Party for them on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December from 11am -12pm in the local community centre, providing refreshments, spot prizes and entertainment on this special day.

All the Montessori children will attend this special event and will entertain everyone with some lovely Christmas songs. Parents are invited to attend the party so keep an eye on Little Vista this week as your child's teacher will be sending out important details for the day.



Last year, thanks to the generosity of our children and their families we raised a phenomenal amount of money for two amazing charities:

Our Denim Day for Dementia in March '24 raised €1,420 for the Alzheimer Society of Ireland.

Our Trick or Treat for Sick Children fundraiser in October '23 raised €1,042

Thank you so much to all our families for your continued generosity.

# Meet the Teachers



**Name:** *Katherine Lynch*

**Role:** *Owner / Manager*

**Length of time in Kathy b's:** *16 years, 10 months, and 1 week! Since day 1!*

**Favourite thing about working in Kathy b's:** *The boss!!!*

**Hobbies & Interests:** *I love supporting Shamrock Rovers, jogging, going to live gigs and doing crosswords.*

**Name:** *Christina Perry*

**Role:** *Early Years Educator / AIM Support / Safety Officer*

**Length of time in Kathy b's:** *6.5 years*

**Favourite thing about working in Kathy b's:** *I love working with children, they are hilarious! I also love that Kathy b's is a busy pace environment there is always something new and exciting going on, no 2 weeks are ever the same....also all the staff are a great bunch.*

**Hobbies & Interests:** *In my free time I like socialising and going away. I love to travel and go to nice restaurants....I LOVE food! I also enjoy walking and going to the gym.*





**Name:** *Jenny Perry*

**Role:** *Afterschool Leader*

**Length of time in Kathy b's:** *3 years*

**Favourite thing about working in Kathy b's:** *Everyday is an adventure in afterschool at Kathy b's with our trips to the parks and playgrounds. The children bring lots of fun and laughter to my day which I love. The team here are amazing and always willing to help one another.*

**Hobbies & Interests:** *At the weekends, I like to relax and read, spend time with family and make happy memories 😊*

# *The Voice of the Children*

**What is your favourite time at Kathy b's:** *Lunchtime!!*

**What is the best thing about Kathy b's:** *All the toys 😊*

*Zachary, age 4*

**What is your favourite time at Kathy b's:** *playing with my friends.*

**What is the best thing about Kathy b's:** *the see-saw in the garden.*

*Frankie, age 3*

**What is your favourite time at Kathy b's:** *playtime.*

**What is the best thing about Kathy b's:** *Frankie 😊*

*Grace, age 3*

**What is your favourite memory in Kathy b's:** *Going to Eddie Rockets with all the afterschoolers.*

**What is the best thing about Kathy b's:** *my friends, going out to the playground and doing the art.*

*Chloe, age 10*





### Easter Camp

Our annual Easter Camp will run from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

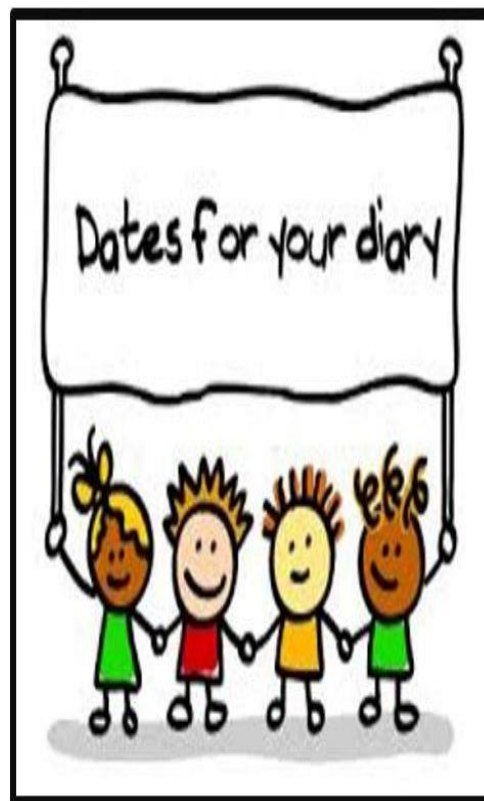
There will be lots of Easter themed arts & crafts and a trip off site.

Price per child: €100 (€85 for additional siblings)

Application forms will be available from January from your child's teacher or by emailing: [kathybschool@gmail.com](mailto:kathybschool@gmail.com)



We have recently launched our new look website. Please click on the below link to access lots of useful information about Kathy b's including the school calendar, our curriculum and our team [Kathy B's Montessori and After School – Childcare in Kingswood, Tallaght](#)



**Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> @ 11am -**  
Community Giveback Day &  
Montessori Children's Christmas  
Concert at Kingswood  
Community Centre.

Christmas Holidays – Kathy b's  
will close for Christmas on  
**Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** and  
reopen at 8am on Monday,  
**January 6<sup>th</sup> 2025.**

**Easter Camp – Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**April – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2025**



We would like to wish all our  
children and their families a  
very Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year.

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