HOLYWOOD NURSERY SCHOOL

NURSERY NEWS



Dear Parent,

Welcome back! We all hope you enjoyed your well earned Halloween break and that your children are glad to be back in School. Our theme for the month of November is ‘Ourselves’. This theme gives the children the opportunity to explore a lot of things about their bodies and their feelings. The children will look at healthy eating, our dental and personal hygiene, our five senses and our emotions. For each of the next five weeks we will be exploring each of the five senses in detail. Keep an eye on your weekly sheets, these will keep you informed about which of the five senses we are looking at each week.

**HULLABALOO**

The Hullabaloo Theatre Company will be visiting the Nursery School on Tuesday 12th November. They will be treating the children to their latest production. As ever, parents are very welcome to attend. Nursery classes run as normal with Hullaballoo joining us at the following times. The performance will be held in the **main building**.

Mrs Henderson’s class – Hullabaloo’s performance will begin at 9.15 am.

Ms Majury’s Morning class – Hullabaloo’s performance will begin at 10.30 am;

Ms Majury’s Afternoon Class – Hullabaloo’s performance will begin at 12 noon.

Please ensure that you arrive promptly on this day as late arrivals interrupt the children’s enjoyment of the performance.



**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS (INDIVIDUAL & CLASS)**

Roy Clements, our photographer will be visiting the school on Tuesday 19th November. Individual and/or family groups are available.

**TEXTURE DISPLAYS**

****As part of our work on the senses, we will be exploring touch. We will be collecting and displaying items of different textures and would be grateful if your child could bring in items from home, that are interesting to touch. We will also be making a texture board and are looking for unusual (non-returnable) donations.

**GREAT ARTISTS**

****At Holywood Nursery School we regularly look at the work of some of the great artists with our children. This is something that the children really enjoy and the first of the great artists we will be learning about will be the pop artist Andy Warhol. During the first week in November we will be making our own versions of Andy Warhol’s repeating Marilyn Monroe screen print. Why not come into Nursery and see if you can find your child on our Andy Warhol display.

**PLAYING OUTSIDE**

As you know outdoor play is an important part of the day in Holywood Nursery School and we would like all our children to be able to take part in this. Please ensure that you send your child to School with an appropriate coat that they can put on independently to enable them to keep warm outside.

**CHILDREN’S SAFETY**

****Whilst Holywood Nursery School is a very safe place inside we need your help to make sure that our children remain safe when they are coming to and from school. Please remember that the Nursery School car park is for staff cars only, because of its restricted size it is extremely difficult when parents drive into the car park for them to drive out again safely and also our car park contains blind spots from which children can appear without warning. We appreciate that parking on the Church Road is extremely limited but please do not use the staff car park or entrance. We have had a near miss in October and would like to avoid this everhappening again in the future.

Can we also remind you that the Nursery Entrance should be kept clear at all times. Please do not park across the gate or in the entrance way. Also to make sure that our School remains as safe as possible for our children we would appreciate it if parents would close the main gate when they leave the School premises. Thank you for your help and support in this matter.

**APPLYING TO PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY SCHOOL**

An online portal will open on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 12noon for both Primary and Nursery School applications. The closing date will be on Thursday 30th January 2020 (online portal closes 12noon). Parents will still have to provide their supporting documentation for their application and this documentation should be sent by the parent directly to the first preference provider. As soon as we receive further information we will let you know.

**RECIPE TO TRY AT HOME!**

**Madeira Cake**

This is a Nursery regular. It was the base for Ms Majury’s Halloween spooky cake and we regularly add different flavours (citrus, chocolate, etc) to make different varieties. It’s fool proof and delicious!

* 175g/6oz unsalted butter
* 175g/6oz caster sugar
* finely grated rind of 1 lemon
* 3 large eggs, beaten
* 115g/4oz plain flour
* 115g/4oz self raising flour
* 2-3 tbsp brandy or milk (we used milk)
* Preheat oven to 160©C/325©F/Gas Mark 3.
* Grease and line an 18cm/7 inch round deep cake tin.
* Cream together the butter and sugar until pale and fluffy.
* Add lemon rind and gradually beat in the eggs.
* Sift in the flours and fold in evenly, adding enough brandy to make a soft dropping consistency.
* Pour mixture into tin and bake in oven for 1 – 1¼ hours, or until well risen, golden brown and springy to the touch.

In Mrs Henderson’s class they made Egg Free Cookies. They were absolutely delicious.

**Egg Free Cookies**

* 125g butter or pure vegetable margarine, softened
* 125g caster sugar
* 1 tsp vanilla essence or extract
* 200g self-raising flour
* 1 tsp baking powder/soda
* 1 tbsp water
* Optional: 2 tbsp coco powder (to make it chocolate)
* Optional : milk chocolate chips or milk chocolate cut into chips or 2 oreos
* Preheat the oven to 180°C ,350°F or gas mark 4.
* Cream the butter and sugar together (with a wooden spoon) in a large bowl until light, fluffy and golden.
* Stir everything together (vanilla, flour, baking powder and chocolate chips or oreos, add the water and the Coco powder) to make the yummy dough.
* Sprinkle some flour onto a surface and the dough. Roll out the dough and with cookie cutters cut out the shapes and lay them out onto greased, lined baking sheets. Spacing them well apart.
* Bake for about 12 minutes or until golden brown.

**COMMUNITY PAGE**

**Tiger Tots Day Nursery – Seahill, Holywood**

Tiger Tots Day Nursery provides afterschool and after-Preschool care with collection from many of the local preschools and primary schools.

At After-Preschool & Afterschool Club, our main objective is to create a fun yet stimulating environment where the children can continue to develop their social, physical, intellectual and emotional skills. We endeavour to create a loving and caring environment where children can relax and feel comfortable after their day at preschool/school. In addition, our team are passionate about childcare and are fully committed to fulfilling the needs of the children in their care.

Our preschool children will receive a hot lunch (@ 12.00) and a hot Tea @ 15.30. In the Afterschool Room the children can enjoy a hot tea, chat with their friends and complete homework (with one to one support when needed).

Four reasons to choose Tiger Tots Afterschool.....

* Supervised homework support provided in a quiet, study-friendly environment.
* Delicious homemade food!
* A range of extracurricular structured activities such as baking, arts and crafts and outdoor play!
* Fun full-day provision throughout the school holidays with lots of fun excursions!

For further information or if you would like to have come and visit our setting call us on 028 9042 5316 or email adele@wearetigertots.com. 16A Old Seahill Road, Holywood, BT18 0EG

**ZUMBA FITNESS**

Classes on Wednesdays at Redburn Community Centre, Jacksons Road, Holywood from 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm, £5 per class. No need to book and no experience necessary. Contact Joanne for more details Telephone No: 07533 940935 or Email: joanne.hanna70@btinternet.com

**DANCE CLASSES**

Dance classes at First Holywood Presbyterian Church – Wednesdays.

Age 3-4 years: 4.00 pm – 4.45 pm – Pre-School Ballet

Age 5-8 years: 4.45 pm – 5.45 pm – Jazz & Tap

Fun classes in a friendly environment.

Contact Gillian on 07891889909, www.gillianjones-danceacademy.co.uk

**LEO MAGUIRE TAEKWON-DO SCHOOL**

Little Tiger Cubs – Fun and Safe Fitness Training Program for children 3 to 5 years old. Saturdays from 12.30 pm – 1.15 pm. Introducing Basic Martial Arts Skills through a mixture of games, fitness drills and Taekwon-Do training. For more information contact Leo Maguire on 07891191494.

**YOGA SUNSHINE**

New Children’s Yoga Class in Holywood! Yoga Classes for 2½ - 4 year. Classes will run in Holywood Old School, Church Road every Friday morning from 9.45 am – 10.45 am.
Pre-booking is essential – contact Claire on 07779626366 or email: Claire.mykindofyoga@gmail.com.

**HOLYWOOD LIBRARY**

Storytime is held on the first Saturday of the month from 11.30 am to noon. Children aged from 4 to 6 years very welcome.

**ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES PRE-SCHOOL PRAISE GROUP**

**Every Thursday from 10.00am – 12 noon**

Come along and enjoy a friendly chat, crafts to do with your toddlers and sing-a-long time. Coffee, scones and snacks for the kids will be provided.

**REDBURN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Kids Church – Every Sunday from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm – Ages 4-11 years welcome.**

**1ST HOLYWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Mother and Toddlers meets every Tuesday – 10.00 am – 11.30 am**

**HOLYWOOD METHODIST CHURCH**

Baby and Toddlers meets at 10.00 am every Wednesday morning during term time in the Holywood Methodist Church Hall.

Girls’ Brigade Explorers meets from 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm every Wednesday in the Holywood Methodist Church Cedar Hall.

Sunday School meets at 11.00 am every Sunday morning.

**1ST HOLYWOOD SCOUT GROUP, HEASLEY HALL, CHURCH VIEW**

We have sections for ages 4-18 years – Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. For details phone the Group Scout Leader, Liz Ballard at 90424570.

**BALLYGILBERT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Mothers and Toddlers meets every Thursday morning from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Everyone welcome.**

**HOLYWOOD PLAY COMPANY – The Scout Hall, 22-30 Ean Hill, Holywood - 07837598691**

Are you looking for a childcare solution? Look no further … Holywood Play Company is Holywood’s newest and exciting child care provider. We do pick-ups from local primary schools, we offer a relaxed home from home atmosphere meeting children’s individual needs. We encourage a range of activities including arts and crafts, outdoor play, x box, laptop computer, baking weekly and lots of other games and toys. Our session runs each day until 5.45 pm (and we cater for the P1 September/October early pick-ups). Visits are always welcome so feel free to come and meet our team and see the after school at work! Tel- 07837598691, The Scout Hall, 22-30 Ean Hill, Holywood, BT18 9LQ, e-mail - holywoodplayco@hotmail.co.uk.

**HOLYWOOD AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

* An integrated after school club for P1 – Y8;
* Quality assured day care;
* Social Services Registered;
* Wrap around childcare and holiday club;
* Safe and Stimulating Environment.

For further information and registration form contact

Holywood After School Club

108/110 High Street

Holywood BT18 9HW

Tel: 02890 427842 or nadia@holywoodafterschool.co.uk

**FOUNDATIONS FIRST**

Foundations First is a small, independent and professional child therapy centre based in Holywood, Co Down. The developmental journey for any child is individual. It involves acquiring many skills as they learn to engage, interact, and participate with the world around them. As a parent, you know your child best, understand their individual ways and recognise their skills. If you have concerns that your child’s development is different from that of other children the same age, then seeking early intervention is recommended.

**Who We Are** The team at Foundations First was established by two therapists from different professional backgrounds. Anne McCullough is an occupational therapist and Liz Borland is a speech and language therapist. With over thirty year’s experience in child development, they collaborate to use their acquired skills and expertise to support children and their families. We are passionate about the beneﬁts that **joint multidisciplinary** working can provide for such children and at Foundations First, we value the joint therapy approach. This allows us to draw on the specialist knowledge from both professional ﬁelds, to fully appreciate your child’s strengths and challenges and understand how they function holistically.

**What We Offer**

Helping children achieve their potential and develop skills for lifelong learning:

•Consultations; •Assessments; •Multidisciplinary Intervention; •Therapy Reports

•Liaison with Other Support Services; •Advice - Resources - Home Programmes

If you would like further information, have a look at our website. You can use the contact form to request more information.