



The Academy Nursery School

Important Points

November 2018

General Information

It is important that parents keep the school up to date with regard to addresses, contact telephone numbers and changes in people with permission to collect their child. This can be done by talking with your child's class teacher or sending a note to school.

Banyan Theatre

The Banyan Theatre Company will be performing a puppet show of Goldilocks and The Three Bears for the children. This will take place on Thursday 22nd November. This will take place during normal school hours and at no cost to yourselves.



Christmas Shows

This year's Christmas Show is called 'The Christmas Story'

There will be performances by each class on the following dates and times:

Full Time Class 12th December — starting at 10am

Morning Class 14th December — starting at 10am

Afternoon Class 17th December — starting at 1pm

Due to the size of our classrooms there will only be room for 2 family members per child. Each show will last approximately 20 minutes.

We have attached the songs so please practice them with your child. Your child's costume will be provided by the school.

Unfortunately not all parents have agreed for videos and photos to be taken so we would ask that you would respect their wishes.

Special Points of Interest

- ☺ Important Dates
- ☺ Christmas Shows
- ☺ Banyan Theatre
- ☺ Daisy Dander
- ☺ Evening Presentations
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Please note to facilitate our school shows the following changes will take place:

Afternoon class will be off school on Friday 14th December.

Morning class will be off school on Monday 17th December.

Full Time class will go home early at 12.30pm after dinner on Friday 14th December and Monday 17th December.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Autumn Walk—Daisy Dander

The children have been observing and talking about Autumn. We will be taking the children on an Autumn Walk to Brooke Park as part of a Daisy Dander to raise funds for Cancer Fund for Children. There will be a box in the hallway to make a contribution. We would also welcome any volunteers so please let your class teacher know if you are available to help. Date will be confirmed closer to the time and a full risk assessment will be carried out by the staff prior to the visit. Please ensure that the children come to school dressed in appropriate clothing and footwear. Permission has already been sought from parents at the start of the year but please let your class teacher know if you have any concerns or wish to withdraw your consent.



Evening Presentations — Tuesday 20th November

We will be holding an evening of presentations for parents on Tuesday 20th November at 6pm which will last approximately 45 minutes. Our Speech and Language therapist Dearbhail Doherty will be speaking about our Language Enrichment Program that Dearbhail delivers to the children in the nursery. The talk will provide you with some tips that you can use at home to improve your child's ability to listen, communicate and also improve their self esteem.

Our teachers, Miss Quinn and Miss Donaghy will also be giving talks on Promoting Numeracy and Language through Play and the NSPCC's campaign PANTS which is a simple way to talk to your child about staying safe from abuse. All talks are very important and we would encourage everyone to attend.

Curriculum

During the month of November we will be looking at the theme of night and day.

Personal, social and Emotional Development.

- To discuss our own safety in darker autumnal evenings e.g. wearing reflective clothing;
- To discuss the importance of sleep;
- To explore fears of the dark through discussion and stories e.g. Owl Babies, Can't you Sleep Little Bear;
- To develop an awareness of personal hygiene routines in the morning and evening;
- To discuss the importance of breakfast;

Language Development

- Opportunities to listen to stories related to the theme in small and large groups as well as at individual book browsing;
- Opportunities to learn songs and rhymes related to the theme - Wee Willie Winkie, Activity songs such as I get up In The Morning (Sticky Kids), Sleeping Bunnies;
- To introduce information books related to theme;
- To learn new vocabulary related to the theme night and day, moon, stars, bedtime, late, early, morning;
- To recall past experiences of

night and day;

- Opportunities to read bedtime stories to our friends;

Mathematical Development

- To learn early language related to time ;
- To develop an awareness of the pattern of our day e.g. getting up in morning, bedtime routine, meals;
- To sort and match pyjamas by colour and pattern, top and bottom;
- To explore day and night shapes e.g. circle, crescent moon, star;
- To sort objects by night and day;

Curriculum (contd)

The World Around Us

- To plant our winter bulbs and discuss how they need to be kept in the dark to start to grow;
- To discuss clothes that help us to be seen in the dark;
- To discuss nocturnal animals and sounds;
- To develop an awareness of safety with regard to darkening nights;
- To discuss different occupations that involve day and night shifts e.g. nurse, fireman;
To listen to and create bedtime music;

The Arts

- Opportunity to dress up/take on roles with regard to bed-time;
- To choose appropriate clothing for dolls day time and night-time and opportunity to develop imaginary scenarios;
- To explore the different rooms in the house;
- To explore the theme through art/craft activities e.g. fire-works, light and dark paper;
- Opportunity to explore light and dark colours;

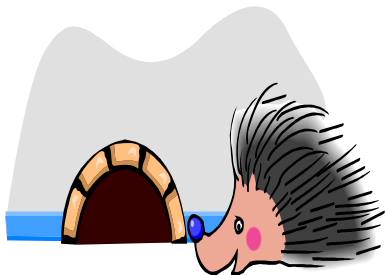
Physical Development

- To develop large motor and fine manipulative skills through dressing and undressing bed-time clothes at house area;
- To develop physical skills e.g. movement, spatial awareness-through the use of action songs related to theme;
- To develop fine manipulative skills by dressing and undressing dolls in autumnal clothes;
- To continue developing cutting skills and extend to cutting around circular shape for more experienced child

Songs and Rhymes for Autumn

Hollie the Hedgehog

Hollie the hedgehog, Hollie the hedgehog
Nobody wants to dance with her
She's got prickles, how they tickle
All the other animals all have fur.



Five Autumn Leaves

Five Autumn Leaves so bright and gay
Dancing about on a tree one day
The wind came howling through the trees

OOH OOH ,OOH OOH

And one little leaf came tumbling down
(continue for 4,3,2,1, leaves)



Pick Up A Leaf

Pick up a leaf and put it in your basket
Pick up a leaf and put it in your basket
Pick up a leaf and put it in your basket
Yellow orange brown.

I had a leaf and I put it in my basket
I had a leaf and I put it in my basket
I had a leaf and I put it in my basket
Orange, yellow brown

How many leaves do I have in my basket
How many leaves do I have in my basket
How many leaves do I have in my basket
1,2,3,4,5,



Songs and Rhymes for Day and Night

Please find below a few of the rhymes we are doing for day and night.

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle, twinkle little star how I wonder what you are.

Wee Willie Winkie

Wee Willie Winkie
Runs through the town,
Upstairs and downstairs
In his nightgown.
Rapping at the windows,
Crying through the lock,
"Are the children all in bed?
For it's now eight o'clock."

Hey Diddle Diddle

Hey diddle diddle the cat and the fiddle
The cow jumped over the moon
The little dog laughed to see such fun
and the dish ran away with the spoon.



Nursery and Primary Applications

NURSERY APPLICATIONS

If you have a child who was born between 2nd July 2015 and 1st July 2016 then it will soon be time to apply for nursery school for next year.

Applications are changing this year and must be completed online. Applications will be available online from Wednesday 2nd January 2019 at 10am. The closing date will be 12 midnight on Thursday 31st January 2019.

More information will follow closer to the time however if you would like to speak to us feel free to call into the school office where our secretary, Denise, will be happy to help you.

Applications can also be made for children born between 2nd July 2016 and 1st July 2017. Places for this age group do not be allocated to June 2019 but applications must be received before the closing date of Thursday 31st January 2019 otherwise they will be considered late.

PRIMARY APPLICATIONS

If your child is eligible to move to primary school next year then it is important that you make contact with the primary school that you are thinking of sending your child to so that they can provide you more details on how to apply online for your child's P1 place.

