



The Academy Nursery School

Important Dates

February
2019

The Nursery School will be closed on the following dates. All dates are inclusive.

Mid—Term Break



Monday 18th February —
Friday 22nd February

Please note these days
have changed due to
staff development days
being added.

Saint Patrick's Day



Monday 18th March

Easter Holidays



Thursday 18th April —
Friday 26th April

Special points of interest:

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- ☺ Come Dine & Play with me
- ☺ Loose Parts
- ☺ Curriculum
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School Fund

School fund for
Term 2 is now due.
It can be paid as £30
for the term or £90
for the full year.
Thank you
to everyone who
has already paid.



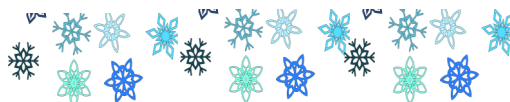
People We Love



We would be very grateful if everyone could bring in a picture of their child with their families i.e. parents/guardians, siblings, grandparents etc. Please give these to your child's class teacher.



Window Art Work



We would like to say a big thank you to Beth McLaughlin's mum from the afternoon class who kindly volunteered to paint the windows throughout the nursery with a beautiful winter display. I am sure you all agree it looks beautiful. Thank you Eimear McLaughlin.

School Dinners

Just a reminder that school dinners cost £12.50 per week (£2.50 per day) and it is very important that we receive this payment on a Monday morning for the week ahead. Thank you for your help with this.

Brooke Park



We hope to revisit Brooke Park now in Winter and will be looking for volunteers to help. Date will be confirmed closer to the time. Permission has already been sought from parents at the start of the year however if you have any concerns or wish to withdraw your consent please speak to your child's teacher.

Photographer



A reminder that the photographer will be coming to the Nursery School on Wednesday 6th February 2019. If you wish to get a family photograph please arrive at school 15 minutes before your child's class starts.

Come Play and Come Dine With Me



We will be beginning Come Play With Me & Come Dine With Me sessions on Thursdays in February and these will continue until May.

During Come Play with me, parents/guardians will have the opportunity to come to school and join in playing with their child in the classroom. Each session will last approx 45 minutes and begin at the start of each class. This is a wonderful opportunity to see how your child spends their time at school. During Come Dine with me, parents/guardians of the Full Time class will join their children at dinner time and will experience the dinner routine with their child. Dinner lasts from 11.40 - 12.15 (approx).

The sign up sheets for both will be displayed outside the classroom doors and there will be an opportunity for every parent/guardian to have a chance to experience these sessions up

Loose Parts

We have lots of ideas to develop our outdoor play and provision for our children and need some help. Do you have any of the following items which you no longer need and could donate to the school:

- old saucepans, lids, frying pans, baking and bun trays, metal drying racks
- metal boxes or bins (anything that makes a noise when it is struck)
- metal or plastic pipes
- old kitchen utensils such as wooden spoons, potato mashers
- tyres, plastic guttering
- old microwaves, kettles, old dial up phones
- wicker baskets, wooden bowls and containers
- pegs, curtain hooks, small/medium mirrors, buttons & beads
- polar animals, toy soldiers, cars
- for dress up—colourful scarves, men's hats & waistcoats, ladies' hats and shoes, real life tools



Your junk is our treasure :)

We really appreciate all you help and continued support, thank you.

Curriculum—Theme Love and Friendship

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- To talk about our families/people we love and how we show our love;
- Valuing, appreciating and caring for friends;
- To show friendship by helping our friends to make snack by buttering bread etc;
- Opportunity to explore and discuss our feelings/emotions e.g. playing with friends makes us happy;
- To extend our awareness of friends and feelings through exploring the area of our own personal safety e.g. what to do if we do not like what someone is doing;

Physical Development

- To introduce more paired games i.e. working with a friend and partner e.g. throwing and catching;
- To further develop use of painting tools through using finer paint brushes to paint our friends;
- To develop physical skills through helping friends e.g. buttering bread for snack or putting on our coats, aprons etc;
- To develop fine manipulative skills through use of counters/dice at board games which we play with our friends;

Mathematical Development

- To explore the heart shape;
- To develop ordinal number through games e.g. first, second etc;
- To develop counting, shape, sorting skills through a variety of games we can play with friends;
- To explore concepts of comparison biggest, smallest etc through observing and describing, measuring our friends;

- To discuss how we show friendship i.e. share /take turns etc;

Language Development

- To read and provide books related to the themes;
- To continue fostering a sense of writing for a purpose e.g. writing letters and cards to our families e.g. valentines day, birthdays etc;
- Observing and describing our friends
- To discuss themes through use of posters e.g. sharing/taking turns with friends;
- To develop an awareness of print

The Arts

- Making cards for friends e.g. valentines day, get well soon cards
- Painting friends - encouraging observation and discussion;
- To extend creative area through providing collage materials that we can make pictures etc of our friends e.g. wool for hair, paper plates;
- To learn songs and rhymes related to theme;

- To develop an awareness of time through talking about celebrations with friends e.g. our birthdays and when they occur;

conveying meaning through making valentines cards reading rhymes inside cards;

- Recall of past experiences related to theme e.g. times we celebrated friendship i.e. birthdays, parties etc;

The World Around Us

- To discuss activities we do with our friends;
- To explore health and safety when we are cooking, playing with our friends;
- To work together with our friends to make models e.g. helping with nuts and bolts;
- To make heart shape biscuits and extend cookery to use of oven;

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Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555
Email: xyz@microsoft.com

Your business tag line here.



This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

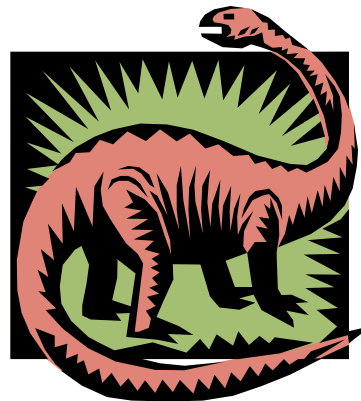
A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good

place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



Caption describing picture or graphic.