

## Hi All

Hi All,

Wow, what beautiful weather we've had the past couple of weeks. I hope you got to enjoy it as much as our children in Crèche did. The structural work in the Crèche has been completed and any additional work will be done over the next few Saturdays to minimise disruption.

We're very happy with all of the work completed and a great big thanks to local builder Mick O'Hehir and his team of experts.

On April 14th, we bid a sad farewell to our work colleague, chef and Crèche driver Mags. She will be sadly missed and we wish her the very best for the future.

Once again can I please remind parents/guardians to switch off their car engine when dropping /collecting children. This is a Health and Safety requirement to prevent accidents happening.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

Cathy x



## Happy Easter!

It's hard to believe we have reached the month of April already! Days filled with sun and laughter, the planning and decorating for the Easter Bunny has started and the excitement in the air is electric.

This month we are focusing on meaningful interactions with the children and with you their parents and guardians. With restrictions having been further lifted, more interaction between families, children and staff is a natural progression for us all. We still encourage safely distanced,

respectful and welcoming interactions at all times. Working in partnership together continues to support our children's learning and development. Some updates:

- Enrolment for afterschool 2022/2023 is now closed. Thanks to all of those who returned forms.
- Now that the building work has finished, morning drop offs are at the entrance in the courtyard as before. If no one is at the door please just ring the bell and someone will be out to you immediately.
- ECCE classes will operate on the following dates to make up for lost time; 11/04-14/04, and 07/06-10/06.
- We are currently on the lookout for childcare qualified (level 5/6) candidates interested in joining the Butterflies Team. If you know anyone who might be in the market for a new role, details of the available position can be found on our website

<https://www.butterfliescreche.com/>

Happy Easter!

Sarah





**Pre-Montessori Artwork**

## Pre-Montessori

First of all, from Louise and Tatiana, we want to thank the parents for their understanding during the period that we were closed for children attending the ECCE group. But we are extremely happy to have you with us again, and we are extremely excited to learn, explore together in the weeks to come. In the little time we spent together, a week, we hope we managed to pleasantly surprise you with the card and the bouquet of flowers made with so much love, dedication and gratitude, this was our way of thanking you for the titanic work of our miraculous and special Mammies.

We are fast approaching April, a month full of faith, light, blessing, as we learn with children about Easter. In addition to the series of planned artistic activities, we will try to talk more about the significance and importance of this holiday. Also, because it is April, it is the month when nature revives more and more, when everything around us grows, blooms, turns green and wakes up to life, we decided to participate together with children in a wonderful project-experiment, namely to plant and grow some flowers. We hope to be able to cultivate the gardener in us and towards the end to see at least a few blades of grass!

Another topic we would like to discuss is Recycling. The importance of preserving and conserving the planet for both us and our descendants. We believe that cultivating the civic sense during the childhood is welcome and making children responsible for reusing plastic, paper, metal, glass, etc. will implant in their souls a strong seed of love and care for the environment and for our common home - Planet Earth.

Regarding the study of shapes - we continue with the repetition of all plus we try to learn semicircle. We will enter the numbers 9 and 10 and we will try to count to 10 and back. Colours are the strong point of our children, most of them are already experts.

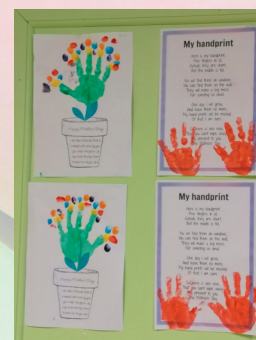
We hope we have intrigued you as much as possible and urge you to communicate with children, for sure you will discover interesting things there.

Regards,  
Tatiana and Louise

## Sam's Playschool

Well we are well into spring now and enjoying all the lovely daffodils and other flowers growing in the garden, we also had fun doing our mother's day art, we have loads more for next month so looking forward to it.

Sam



**Playschool Mother's day art**





**Montessori Solar System**

## Montessori

During this month the boys and girls will be busy learning all about our solar system, the importance of the sun and more.

We are also talking about the 3 elements (Land, water and Air) and having fun exploring animals and transportation in each element.

Easter is around the corner, so we will prepare for some fun festive crafts, an Easter egg hunt, baking and more.

Reminder: Montessori mid-term break is 18/04/2022 - 22/04/2022.

Charmaine and Eleni

## Meaningful Interactions

As stated by our National Quality Framework, SÍolta, Interactions, whether they are between children themselves, children and adults or between adults, intersect all areas of child development social, physical, emotional, intellectual and linguistic. They are a strategic means by which children's knowledge, skills, understanding and abilities

are exercised and extended, through both direct engagement with the child and the process of modelling.

Research shows that boosting children's thinking skills and knowledge through intentional, emotionally supportive, responsive interactions, and clear, respectful age-appropriate instruction is critical to children's learning.

We would encourage all parents to communicate with our staff members and help to shape relationships with the important people in our children's lives.

### Five Ways to Interact Meaningfully

- A friendly "Hello" in the morning to other passing parents or staff.
- Ask your children open questions about their day: "What did you most enjoy about your day?" Don't fret or force it if they say they don't know or remember!
- Take notice of and comment on any displays and activities occurring.
- Share your feelings and take the time to listen to any responses: "I felt proud of myself today because"
- Close the laptop and put away the phone. Approach your child at an unexpected moment to invite them to interact or be playful with you.



**Charmaine and the Montessori children**



## 2022 Easter Celebrations in Ireland

- Easter at Luggwoods, Dublin. Dates: April 9th to 18th.
- Easter Fun at Irish National Stud, Kildare. Dates: TBC
- Easter Trail at Fota House • Rathwood Easter Train, Carlow. Dates: April 9th to 19th.
- Easter Fun at Clonfert Pet Farm, Kildare. Dates: April 9th to 17th
- Fidget Feet Aerial Dance Theatre (HOUSE), Ennis. Dates: April 9th to 11th
- Children's Spring Festival at Slieve Aughty, Galway. Dates: April 9th to 24th
- Easter at Greenan Maze, Wicklow. Dates: April 9th to 24th
- Easter Trail at Belvedere House, Westmeath. Dates: April 15th to 17th
- Easter Weekend at Wells House & Gardens, Wexford. Dates: April 16th & 17th



## Baby Room

Hi all,

As the sun has been kind to us over the last week, the children are having lots of outdoor play which is great for their gross and fine motor skills, climbing, running and throwing etc

The children are progressing well with crawling and walking.

As we hope to spend a lot of time outdoors can you ensure your child has adequate clothing and foot wear, also can you apply sun cream before your child comes to crèche and we will top it up during the day? Thanks for your cooperation.

Maggie and Gillian