



Butterflies

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Goodbyes

It's really hard to believe that another pre-school year is about to finish and our little Butterflies are getting ready to fly the nest. Charmaine & Louise have done great work in preparing the children for Primary School and so the transition to "Big School" is not the trauma it used to be. Let's hope the Department of Children continue to fund this pre-school year for a long time to come. Along with our goodbyes to the Montessori class we will also be saying a very 'Sad Goodbye' to some children who have been with us almost since the beginning of Butterflies. Rian and his brother Finn and twins Mia & Ava, are going to schools outside the area. We will miss you.

Cathy
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Transitions

Making the transition to *big* school is a *big* occasion. In fact, everything is bigger. Bigger building, bigger classrooms and bigger kids on the playground. Some children make the transition painlessly, others...not so much. Whether you are the parent of a lion or the parent of a sparrow, there are some things you can do to help your child settle in to their new routine!

- Be positive. They take their cue from you.
- Visit the school with your child beforehand so they are not fretting about the unfamiliar.
- Chat about school and new opportunities over Summer.
- Get to your school booklist early to avoid disappointment.
- Avoid stress on their first day by arriving early, but once the bell sounds, hand over the reins and leave quickly.

Whatever you do, have a *big* summer filled with fun, and our newsletter will be back in September.

Reminders

- 26th & 27th June is Montessori Graduation Day.
- Classes are almost full for September, so contact us as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!



Maggie & Lisa

Baby Room

Developmental milestones are all very important and this lets us know how quickly we are growing. We are becoming very independent and love doing things by ourselves, like feeding, climbing, playing with sand and water, chasing and catching bubbles. We use our communication skills by putting words together. All of these things are a way of preparing us for moving on from the "Baby Room" to the "Toddler room" next month to make way for this year's new arrivals.

Early Learning/Toddler Room

It has been a brilliant year. It has been great watching each child's personality and abilities develop, bringing with it increased confidence in themselves. It is so rewarding watching them develop from egocentric individuals into social bodies, actively seeking out friends. All this came to pass through play, art, crafts and music. It's so much fun being a child ☺



Louise Stewart

Pre-Montessori Room



Hazel

The end of the school year is a very important time. It is a time we look back to show how much each child has grown and progressed throughout the year. We are all prepared for the big move to Montessori. We have become very independent over the last few months, e.g putting our coats on, helping others and also cleaning up after activities. We will continue to get plenty of fresh air over the summer months and start lots of outdoor activities such as sports days, sand and water play, teddy bear picnics and a lot more.

Montessori Room

This month we are making our dad's lovely father's day art and crafts. We will also be having loads of fun days (DVD, pyjama day etc.) leading up to our Graduation Day on the 26th and 27th of June. We will be sad to see our little butterflies spread their wings and move onto big school. We are going to miss you all so much and we wish you all the best of luck in your new adventure at big school.



Louise Hurley & Charmaine

Busy Bees



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Our last month, before summer, of being busy bees has arrived and what a year it has been. It was great to see the children grow and learn since September last year, in their preparation for the transition from pre-school to school. They have grown not only in height and intellect, but they have also grown emotionally, socially and gained great confidence. It will be a bittersweet day at the end of June when we part company and I wish them all the best. Your active little learners will absolutely thrive in big school.