



Butterflies

Spring Is In The Air



Our new staff room is almost complete and our building work will soon come to an end. The new layout has greatly alleviated the traffic problem and drop offs and collections are running more smoothly.

Also, the work to the playground is finished and all we need now are plenty of sunny days to enjoy some outdoor fun.

We have added a small petting farm with ducks and geese and in the next couple of weeks some hens and pot bellied pigs will be joining them.



Cathy

Words of Wisdom

Words, speech, and language are an essential part of a child's development but it seems that more and more children today are immersed in a culture that doesn't value language anymore. Specifically in Irish culture, bad language seems to be part of the vernacular, but it is an ineffective and often disrespectful way to communicate. Don't underestimate the effect that swearing in front of children can have on them as they grow. What you say is interpreted (or misinterpreted) and repeated by little mouths!

Tips

- **Don't.** Never use bad language in front of children—no excuses.
- **Don't permit double-standards.** Let children know that there is only one standard for bad language for parents and children alike. It won't work if your children aren't allowed to say bad words but you as the parent are.
- **Talk about it.** If you do use bad language, tell children why you used the word and apologize.

In the end, you are the best role model for your children. Whatever rules you decide to set are up to you, but you have to take responsibility for the things your children might mimic from hearing and watching you, good & bad!

Baby Room

We are making great strides in our hand/eye co-ordination with block building, Lego, turning pages of our books and of course, our ongoing arts & crafts department! Our younger children seem to be using any prop available to pull themselves up and are learning lots of new words.



Maggie & Lisa



Louise Stewart

Early Learning/Toddler Room

We were busy beavers up until Easter. Hope you enjoyed our Easter art and craft work. Thank goodness we've had some nice days over the last few weeks which meant that we could get out into the fresh air. There has been great excitement over the arrival of the ducks and geese which we visit most days. It's taking time for the birds to get used to us as we are a very vocal group when we are excited. We are now learning to identify more colours so please use every opportunity for your child to demonstrate their new knowledge. The new colours are purple, brown, black, gold and silver.

Pre-Montessori Room

This month in the Pre-Montessori room we are focusing on Spring. Our arts & crafts are all about animals and flowers, growth and beginnings. We are still talking about manners in class (we hope you are hearing them at home) and we have mastered our numbers 1 – 10 so we will be moving up to 20. Keep counting at home too!



Louise Hurley & Susan

Montessori Room

In the Montessori room we are having great discussions about Spring and continue our topics in Arts & Crafts. We are studying the North American continent, looking at photos of people and wildlife, talking about the different States and rivers and we will also be starting our North American project. This month we will have a Science Day so listen for your little scientist talking about our experiments.



Charmaine & Rachel