



Butterflies

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Goodbyes

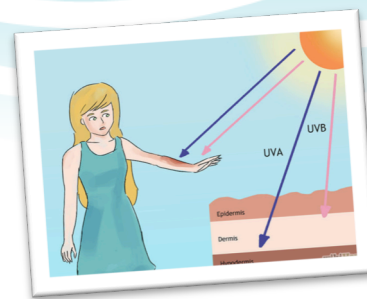
It's hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another school year. In two weeks time we'll say a fond farewell to our Montessori students. However, don't forget that we remain open all through July and August so if you fancy a morning or two to yourself please drop your child in to us. Fees are €15 per morning and hours are from 9am to 12pm Monday to Friday.

We said a sad goodbye to Lisa this week. She came to Butterflies as an intern almost three years ago and remained as part of our team until now. She has decided on a change of career. We will all miss her at Butterflies, as will parents and children.

On a happier note we welcome Lisa's sister, Shannen, to Butterflies Crèche. She will be assisting Maggie in the baby room.



Wishing you all a lovely sunny summer.



Get Out & Cover Up!

Summer has arrived at last and with it, hopefully, some warm weather. Sunshine provides us with Vitamin D, which is absorbed through the skin and benefits our bones and teeth as well as providing protection against many diseases. We would recommend your child wear a sun cream SPF of at least 30 to protect their skin against damaging UVA and UVB rays. Once protected, we believe that the benefits of playing outside are multifaceted. Using climbing frames, slides, cars and general running about develops gross motor skills. Cognitive development also gets a good workout, as children use their imaginations in game play and also to think up new games and rules. Their social and emotional wellbeing, as well as linguistic skills also are supported by interactions with other children, learning how to take turns, having patience and playing fairly and with kindness towards each other.

Our ECCE pre-school/Montessori children will be graduating on June 25th and it has been a very rewarding, yet speedy number of months since they started on their pre-school journey last September. They have been wonderful students who worked hard and had a lot of fun on the way too. Please see the letter that went home with the children for more details of the graduation ceremony. We look forward to seeing you all then.

Reminders

- Thursday June 25th - Montessori Graduation Day.
- Friday June 26th - Montessori Open Day

What's Going On?



Maggie

Baby Room

Summer is finally here hopefully and we hope to make the most of every minute with lots of outdoor activities. This is a great way for children to develop physically and cognitively by exploring their environment, getting lots of fresh air and getting messy with water, sand, glup as well as climbing crawling and getting steadier on our feet. Please pack sun hats, sun creams, old clothes and shoes for our outdoor activities.

Early Learning/Toddler Room

Our lovely weather has prevented us from spending as much time in the playground as we would like, however we did make the most of any clear spells. When we couldn't get outside we did some nice arts and crafts. I will be sad to say goodbye at the end of the month when they will be moving on to pre-Montessori, but they are all ready ;(



Louise Stewart



Hazel & Louise

Pre-Montessori Room

It's our last month before summer and what a year we have had in the pre-Montessori room. We look back and see how each child has grown and progressed. Our social development has reached a new level; we are now confident and independent explorers. Looking forward to the big move to Montessori.

Montessori Room

WOW! What a quick year, our little butterflies will be leaving us soon and spreading their wings and moving onto "big school". Our Montessori curriculum is just finished, so we are going to enjoy the little time we have left at butterflies and have some fun. (Pyjama Day, Sports Day etc.)!!!



Mairead & Charmaine

From The Pantry – Summer Applebugs



Rachel & Mags

For once kids can play with their food!

Ingredients

- 2 red apples
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1 tablespoon peanut butter
- 8 thin pretzel sticks

1. Slice apples in half from top to bottom and scoop out the cores using a knife or melon baller. If you have an apple corer, core them first, then slice. Place each apple half flat side down on a small plate.

2. Dab peanut butter on to the back of the 'lady bug', then stick raisins onto the dabs for spots. Use this method to make eyes too. Stick one end of each pretzel stick into a raisin, then press the other end into the apples to make antennae.

