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Happy Valentine's Day

Although it is officially spring, you would think we were still in the middle of winter with the harsh weather we've been experiencing these past few weeks. Having said that we are so lucky not to have the awful flooding that has hit other parts of the country. The usual rounds of coughs and colds are circling the Crèche and these are part of everyday life but please parents, if your child has any kind of infection, do not bring them to Crèche. Infections are passed on very quickly to other children and as careful as we are with spraying and washing down surfaces, soft toys, hands, bed linen etc. with anti-bacterial products, the infections spread like wildfire. I know it's difficult for working parents to take time off when your child is sick but it is the policy of all Crèches, including Butterflies, that the child/children must be kept away, as otherwise these germs and bacteria will continue to infect both children and staff.



Cathy

Crumpled Hearts & Kind Words



A pre-school teacher was concerned about how some children were being unkind to others without realising how much their words hurt. So she asked each child to draw a heart on a smooth piece of paper. They coloured it in in glorious shades of red and she pointed out how nice their hearts looked, unblemished and smooth. She then asked them to crumple them up tight and then slowly and carefully unwrap them. Again she pointed out how the heart, once unwrapped still looked the same, was still red, was still the same shape, but it had a lot of creases and didn't look quite as pretty. She equated each crease to a mark left every time the heart experienced an unkind word or deed. The kids, as young as they were, got the connection. So treat each other well and be kind to all hearts! Happy Valentine's Day.



Food For Thought *by Joan*



The children's favourite food for dinner is pasta which they would eat every day if permitted. I've noticed the days that they get to go outside really does whet their appetite and it's a pleasure to see them eat their dinner with relish, so bring on the good weather! In between dinners and snacks and driving to and from the school I'm busy baking birthday cakes, cupcakes, banana bread scones brown bread etc. One of the parents asked for my brown bread recipe and as he himself is a chef, it's a great compliment. Birthday cakes this week are for Matthew who is celebrating his 2nd Birthday and Jashan who is celebrating his 4th Birthday. Happy Birthday Boys!

Baby Room

February has arrived and this gives us the opportunity to get creative with lots of coloured paper, glue, glitter and finger painting to show you how much we love you on Valentine's Day ☺



Louise Stewart



Maggie & Lisa

Early Learning/Toddler Room

We have a new Disney CD that we do our exercise sessions to. We haven't got a favourite tune yet but it won't be long! Our arts and crafts are all about Valentine's Day. Hearts and flowers are on their way to mam and dad and once Friday has come and gone, we will set about our spring crafts. As ever we are practicing our colours daily.

Pre-Montessori

This month we are learning how to hold our pencils. Our fine motor skills are improving daily as we practice tracing our shapes and numbers. We have also been busy preparing our Valentine's Day arts and crafts. Watch out for the wonderful artwork coming your way



Hazel



Louise Hurley & Charmaine

Montessori

During the month of February we will be looking at the North American continent, learning about indigenous animals, food & culture. We will be showing how big our hearts are in the Montessori room by making Valentine's art & crafts. We are doing a great job of minding our daffodils, which are really starting to grow. Our 'This Is Me' family tree project will begin soon and we are excited about that! In the meantime, we are continuing to learn how to match our phonetic sounds to pictures.

Busy Bees

We began work on our Valentine's Day art this week, incorporating hand prints so we can capture a moment in time for you and the children to look back on in years to come when they have grown. They really enjoy being creative and are super little artists. They enjoy free style art using markers, crayons, paint and pencils. This encourages them to use their imaginations and you will see the results of their work in another week when their folders go home with them. Please return these folders to us empty. Thank you!



Mairead