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Happy St. Patrick's Day

Spring is in the air and it is so great to see those beautiful clear blue skies. Let's hope it lasts for a while. I spent some time dusting down and hanging up the St. Patrick's Day decorations over the weekend. I love the bright colours and the forty shades of green. We try to put up as many shamrocks and leprechauns as we can! Last week we had inspection visits from both POBAL and HSE. I'm happy to say we passed both with flying colours.

Wishing everyone a Very Happy St. Patrick's Day.



Cathy

A Day For The Little People

Now that St. Patrick's Day has morphed into St. Patrick's Week, there is plenty to do with kids in the city. Check out: The Festival Céilí (St. Stephen's Green, Friday 4.30pm), Festival Treasure Hunt (Saturday) and Festival Big Day Out (Sunday) and if you're brave, the Festival Parade on Monday the 17th at 12pm. Also this year is the St. Patrick's Festival 5K Road Race & Family Fun Run (Sunday 16th March). See <http://www.dublinkids.ie/Family.html> for more fun things to do over the coming week. Play responsibly ☺

Food For Thought *by Joan*

Recipe for sugar free scones

8 oz self raising flour	1 oz margarine
1/4 pint buttermilk	2 oz sultanas

Combine all ingredients and roll out to 1/2 inch thickness on a floured board. Cut with a scone cutter & brush the top of them with beaten egg. Bake in a hot oven, 190 deg, for 10 mins or until golden colour on top. The scones are naturally sweetened from the dried fruit. Serve with butter and jam if desired. Enjoy!



What's Going On?



Baby Room

As spring brings new growth so too does it unfold here in the baby room. Our motor skills are developing at a fast pace. We are busy colouring, sticking and gluing our St. Patrick's Day and Mother's Day art for you to enjoy. And like spring lambs, we leap and bound.



Maggie & Lisa



Louise Stewart

Early Learning/Toddler Room

It has been a great month. We have been outside a good bit. We continue to exercise to music twice a week. If you hear strange sounds from your little person don't worry, they are just practicing their animal sounds. Our art and crafts are all about St Patrick's Day and Mother's Day, so mums, enjoy your special day!

Pre-Montessori

March has started off as a busy month preparing for St. Patrick's Day. We are learning the tales behind the day itself and creating wonderful art. We are also starting some crafts for Mother's Day. Spring is finally upon us and each day we do our best to play in the garden. We see a new change with flowers blossoming and new buds on the trees. We discuss these changes in circle time each day.



Hazel



Louise Hurley & Charmaine

Montessori

Art & crafts are at the fore this month for St. Patrick's Day, Spring & Mother's Day. Not forgetting our geography, Africa is a great hit! Watch out for our little scientists as we prepare for our science day full of fun & experiments.

Busy Bees

With St. Patrick's Day just around the corner, through art, stories, circle time and work time, we are concentrating on developing the children's sense of identity and belonging, to a community and also as a citizen of Ireland. We will discuss St. Patrick, his story and also what the St. Patrick's Day parade means to the children. Maybe you could recount your childhood experiences of St. Patrick's Day to your children or if you are from across the globe, childhood experiences of your own National Day.



Mairead