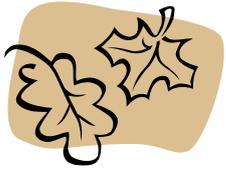


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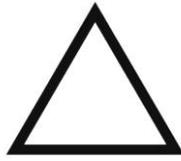
October 2022 Theme



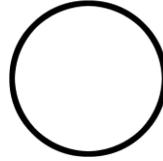
Autumn



Halloween



Triangle



Circle



Orange



Brown



Black

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Encourage your child to become independent by being able to take off and put on their own shoes and coat.
- Encourage your child to recognise their own photograph and self-register.
- Go on an autumn walk encouraging your child to look for signs of autumn - leaves changing from green to orange and brown, leaves falling from trees etc. You could collect leaves and make a collage.
- Encourage your child to become aware of colours in the world around them especially orange and brown.
- Encourage your child to become aware of shapes in the world around them especially triangle and circle.
- Busy Beavers colour/number & shape - Click on the hyperlinks below to download songs from you tube to your phone/tablet or computer. The children are familiar with these from school and they are an enjoyable way to teach & learn early mathematical concepts.

Colour: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BGa3AqegRy0>

Number: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=glkQwKA5_PU

Shape: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XU3PsRNNypc>



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Every Thursday: Jump Jiggle & Jive with Melissa
- Fri 7th Oct: Welcome Coffee Morning
- Mon 10th Oct: **SCHOOL CLOSED** - Staff Training Day
- Wed 12th Oct: Gathering Drums with Joe
- Fri 14th Oct: Belfast City Council Cleanup Talk
- Wed 19th Oct: Mrs Magee - Parent Teacher Meeting
- Tues 25th Oct: School Photographer
- Wed 26th Oct: Mrs Mc Stravick - Parent Teacher Meeting
- Thur 27th Oct: Halloween Fancy Dress
- Fri 28th Oct: Pumpkin Patch Picking Sponsored Walk
- Sun 30th Oct: **CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR**
- Mon 31st-Fri 4th Nov: **SCHOOL CLOSED** - Mid-Term
- Mon 7th Nov: School reopen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Thur 6th Amelia
- Sat 8th Leo
- Thur 14th Archie



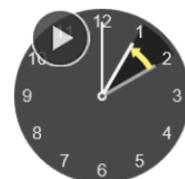
WELCOME

We would like to welcome all your children, to Matt Talbot Nursery School and we hope you enjoy the coming year. If at any time you need to speak to the class teacher or principal please feel free to call before 8.45am and after 1.30pm, or telephone and make an appointment.



SPRING FORWARD FALL BACK

Remember to put your clocks back by 1 hour from 2.00am on Sunday 30th October 2022 to 1.00am.



JUMP JIGGLE & JIVE

Jump Jiggle and Jive is an interactive dance programme that is aimed at young children. Jemma or Melissa the instructors will be visiting our nursery and delivering this fun programme. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed appropriately on Thursdays.



GATHERING DRUMS NI

Joe works with children to create and share a powerful and energizing experience through the medium of drums and percussion. The children will have fun, develop confidence, learn a new skill and build a sense of teamwork. Gathering Drums will be visiting the nursery at various times over this academic year.



HALLOWEEN DRESS UP

The children are welcome to come to school in fancy dress on **Thursday 27th October 2022.**



AUTUMN WALK SPONSORED MILE

On **Friday 28th October 2022** we are going on a trip to Laganvale Farm Lisburn. This should be a fun event, the children will pick their own pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, take part in a farm walk to see all the animals and possibly even visit a Haunted House.

Please ensure all children arrive promptly to school as the bus is leaving at 9.15am. A packed lunch will be provided and we will be back at school for normal pick up time.

We will be using this walk as a sponsored 'WALK A MILE' event. This is to raise much needed funds to buy new school resources. Please send back the sponsored form and any money raised by

Thursday 27th October 2022

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

Parents meetings will be held via phone call on the following dates:

Mrs Magee Wednesday 19th Oct

Mrs McStravick Wednesday 26th Oct

Please see class teacher to arrange a time that suits you. Remember to take note of the time you have selected.

During this meeting the class teacher will discuss the progress your child has made during the settling in period and share any observations or assessments.



SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN

The safety of the children within our school is paramount. Punctuality is important and we ask parents to respect this. If arriving late please be patient when ringing the bell as all teachers are busy with your children and teaching has to be interrupted in order to answer the door.

Mrs Magee's Class:

School Day starts at 8.45am. When collecting children the door will be opened from 1.00pm to 1.10pm unless prior arrangements have been made. This is to avoid congestion and make home time more manageable.

Mrs McStravick's Class:

School Day starts at 9.00am. When collecting children the door will be opened from 1.15pm to 1.25pm unless prior arrangements have been made. This is to avoid congestion and make home time more manageable.



HEALTHY EATING

Parents are asked as part of our Healthy Eating Policy **not** to send in birthday cakes or party snacks to celebrate their child's birthday. The school will provide a birthday present for the birthday boy or girl.



COFFEE MORNING

We would like to invite you to our first Coffee Morning on Friday 7th October 2022. Throughout this month we will be having a parents group each Wednesday.

We hope you got the list of dates on seesaw, if you are interested in this please see Mrs Smith.



NUT FREE ZONE

Matt Talbot Nursery School is a nut free zone.



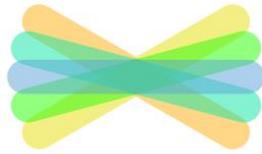
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The School Photographer will visit the nursery to take individual and class photographs of the children in their first year at nursery on **Tuesday 25th October 2022**. Please ensure your child is in school on this date dressed in full school uniform.



SEESAW APP

Thank you to everyone who has joined up to the new seesaw app. We hope you are enjoying seeing your child have fun while learning the N.I Curriculum in the Nursery School. Please remember if you get a new phone you need to reconnect to Seesaw using your login and password.



PARENT

Please note that Seesaw is used as a communication tool between the school and parents. Under no circumstances should photos or information be forwarded to any other social media sites.

REMOVAL OF BOTTLE AND DUMMY

Evidence shows that prolonged use of dummies and bottles prevent the proper development of gums and teeth and may result in speech problems. As a result of this, we would encourage all parents to work hard at weaning their child off their bottle and dummy.



NO SMOKING

Matt Talbot Nursery School is a smoke-free environment. This means that there should be no smoking within the school grounds. We would appreciate your co-operation in this matter.



MAKING LIFE EASIER

We understand that children are excited when they get new bikes/toys/books etc and want to bring them to school to show friends and teachers. Sometimes however, this causes distress when the child has to give the toy back to their parent to take home until school is finished. Therefore we would ask parents to leave the toys behind when bringing their child to school each morning.



SCHOOL MONEY

Matt Talbot Nursery School's cashless system is now live. We would like to thank everyone for signing up to this and hope that it will make payments easier for parents. If you have not done so yet can you please log in and try to make a payment. If you need any help Miss Claxton will be available to help you. Reminders about money outstanding and payments will be sent out weekly from the banking system, via email and text.

NAMES ON UNIFORMS & SHOES

Please ensure that names are on **ALL** items of clothing. The children are now taking shoes off at the outdoor sandpit and changing into wellies. Please write their names on the inside of shoes and encourage children to put on/off shoes and coats independently at home.



CHILDREN WHO ARE UNWELL OR ON ANTI-BIOTICS

Children who are unwell should be kept at home especially if they have been given Calpol or Nurofen. If they are sick enough to be medicated then they are too sick for school. Please be aware that if your child has had vomiting/diarrhoea they must stay out of school for 48 hours after they have last been sick or passed a loose bowel movement. These measures are in place to stop the spread of disease amongst other children and staff. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



