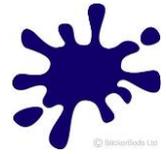
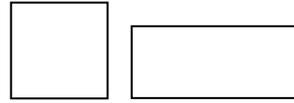


MATT TALBOT NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Themes: All about me Autumn **Shapes:** Square/Rectangle **Colour:** Blue

NOVEMBER: 2022

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Make a chatterbox with your child: get a box and decorate it. Place inside the box things that are special to your child encouraging them to talk to others about themselves. They can bring their box into school to show teachers and peers.
- Encourage your child to use a knife and fork at home when eating dinner.
- Encourage your child to put on and take off their own coat.
- App of the month: Maths 3-5. Free trial available to download. This app supports children as they develop their mathematical skills. This month we are concentrating on colour, shape, sorting and matching and have used this app as a teaching tool.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Mon 31st Oct - Fri 4th Nov: **SCHOOL CLOSED FOR MID TERM BREAK.**
- Mon 7th Nov: **SCHOOL REOPENS-full school day.**
- Every Tuesday: Mindful Explores with Leanne
- Every Wednesday: Music with Karen
- Wed 9th Nov: Wee Critters
- Fri 18th Nov: Autumn Walk to Falls Park

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tues 15th Nov: Carly
Fri 18th Nov: Nyla
Sun 27th Nov: Cassie



MINDFUL EXPLORERS

Mindful Explorers come into schools and nurseries and carry out a series of workshops which aim to promote mental well-being in parents and children. These workshops use multi-sensory play and a combination of fun mindfulness and yoga based activities.



MUSIC THERAPY

Karen Diamond, a music therapist, will be coming into the nursery on Wednesday mornings to work with some of the children. Music Therapy is a fun way for children to develop a range of skills which equip them as they move into primary school.

The skills include:

- Speech and language/communication e.g. encouraging vocal sounds
- Social skills through increased turn taking and improved listening
- Sensory development e.g. tolerance of sounds, touch and space
- Motor development e.g. movement and muscle control
- Cognitive development, especially attention and concentration skills



AUTUMN WALK FALLS PARK

On **Friday 18th November 2022** the children will be going on an Autumn walk to the Falls Park. This is a great opportunity for children to observe autumn changes in the natural environment which we have been talking about in the classroom.



WEE CRITTERS

Wee Critters will be visiting the nursery school on

Wednesday 9th November 2022.

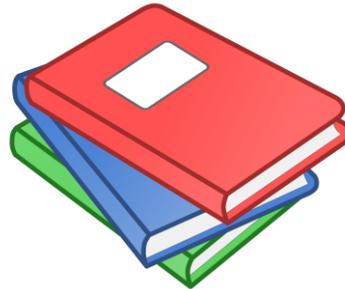
Wee Critters is a mobile interactive animal education service which operates on Northern Ireland. Allan the explorer will introduce the children to some amazing animals, and teach the children about the value of animal conservation.



HOME-SCHOOL BOOK BAGS

Matt Talbot Nursery School is taking part in a Government funded programme called "Getting Ready To Learn" there will be 3 books for you and your child to enjoy as part of your bedtime routine.

The home-school book bags, will be given out on a **Wednesday**, and **must be returned on a MONDAY**. Each bag must be returned in the condition it was received complete with all 3 books.



USING A KNIFE AND FORK AT DINNER TIME

In nursery all children need to be able to use a knife and fork independently at dinner time and are already pouring their own milk/water. Please encourage your child to sit at the table at meal times and to become independent with the use of a knife and fork.



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.



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.

