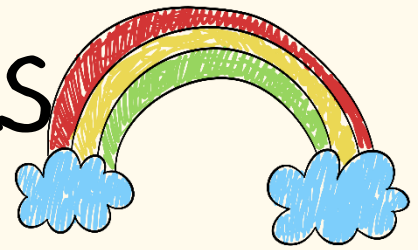


# TWECHAR EARLY YEARS CENTRE



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DATE : APRIL 2024

## WELCOME

We hope everyone had a lovely time over Easter.

A warm welcome to a familiar face Deborah, who has rejoined us as Acting Senior Early Year's Worker and a warm welcome to Rhonda, who has been appointed as Housekeeping Assistant. Our very own Tracy is delighted to be supporting our team as Acting Depute Head of Centre.

Well-being week is in full swing and we are having so much fun!

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who bought Easter raffle tickets. We raised £239 and really appreciate your continued support. Some of this money was used to buy Easter eggs and snacks for our Easter parties. Thank you to the parents who also donated some eggs for our children and for the guest of honour Easter Bunny.

## BOOKBUG

Helen from William Patrick Library visited our nursery to deliver a bookbug session which was very successful. Thank you to everyone who took part in a variety of singing, rhymes and stories. Photos are in the foyer for you all to see. You can also check out your local library for further sessions available.

## LENDING LIBRARY

You will find our lending library at the front door of the Nursery. Please feel free to choose a book with your child to take home and sign the book in/out.

## ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent, can parents/carers please ensure that they contact the nursery/Kerry in the office by 9.30am/1.30pm. If we do not hear from you by these times, we will begin to follow the absence procedure. More information about this can be found on our handbook online.

## TREAT FUND

We use this for snacks, baking, outings and for special events and parties.

E.g. Easter/Graduation/Summer Trip/Halloween/Christmas.

We are looking to develop certain areas of our Nursery to enhance the children's learning. Also possibly getting someone in to do a football and dancing class.

We kindly ask that you continue to contribute towards our Treat Fund, £2 per week, to allow us to extend and develop these experiences.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Please let us know if you have changed your phone number or home address recently. It is very important we have working contact details in case your child becomes unwell or we need to contact you urgently.

## SAFETY FIRST

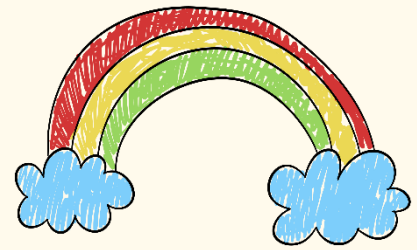
If someone else is collecting your child, please let us know and we can add them to the list of authorised people to do so. It is important that whoever collects your child, has the password given at enrolment and I.D.

Please see the table as you enter the main cloakroom and sign your child in and out at the start and end of each session.


Remember to close the black gates in the playground as you enter and exit.



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## WHAT IS ON/ DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Families Connect
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Learning (Walk through the glen, planting, den building)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Garden Party
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Graduation
(To Be Discussed)	Summer Trip
TBC – during summer	Stay and Play

## PRE-SCHOOL DATES

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Come Dine with Me 11am-12pm (lunch in school dining hall)
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Meet my Teacher and Buddy/Parent welcome session 1.30-2.30pm



## NURSERY CLOSED

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	In-service Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> and Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	May Weekend
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Fair Monday



## CLOTHING

We kindly ask that belongings are clearly labelled to ensure items can be found with ease. To ensure your child is comfortable, soft shoes should be worn indoors. We ask that these shoes are not slippers as they can become loose easily and/or children can slide in them. We play outdoors in all weathers, so we recommend clothing for all seasons. We often explore the local area, and wellies and a jacket are essential throughout the year.

## LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property box in the foyer if your child is missing any clothing.

\*We are short on trousers, if anyone has any they would like to donate\*

## NO BREAKFAST CLUB

For your information, we do not have a breakfast club at Nursery. Children should have their breakfast before attending.

## TIME-KEEPING

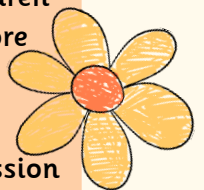
Please be aware of your child's session times as this can have an impact on the running of the Nursery day.

## BIRTHDAY CAKES

You may hand a shop bought cake in for your child's birthday, if you wish. This must not contain nuts (traces are OK).

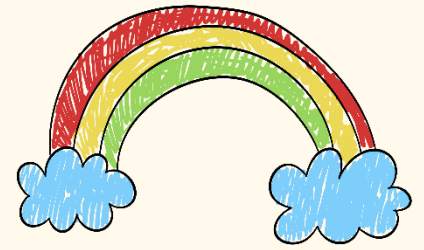
## SCRAPBOOKS

A reminder that your child's scrapbook is in the cloakroom, please ask a member of staff should you wish to have a look.





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## LITERACY FOCUS

The children voted for our most recent Talk4Writing story, and the winner was.....Jack and the Beanstalk. They participated in a number of learning experiences across the Curriculum such as building the giant's castle out of different resources, counting magic beans and using small world resources to act out the story. The children also became authors and illustrators as they created their own story maps using Jack and the Beanstalk as a structure.

We hope you have been enjoying our Rhyme of the Week sheets, and supporting your child to take part in some of the suggested activities. There is lots of evidence showing the importance of rhyming as a tool for developing pre-reading & spelling skills in young children, so get rhyming! 😊

We have recently introduced "Big Story Time" on a Wednesday, where every child is given the opportunity to sit together and listen to our Story of the Week. Different literacy activities are then on offer relating to the story, throughout the week.

## NUMERACY FOCUS

The children have been taking part in lots of different subitising activities, such as making different finger patterns, working with dice patterns and using 5 & 10 frames. These activities have proved very popular 😊. Subitising is learning to look at a group of objects and realise how many objects there are without counting. This helps with the development of early number sense. We have also been learning about money including why we need money and what different coins look and feel like.



## TRANSITION PROGRAMME

As part of getting ready for school in August, the pre school children will be taking part in weekly transition activities such as teaching sessions within the P1 classroom, having lunch with the school children in the dining hall, joining the P1 children in the playground for morning break and going to assembly. By taking part in all these experiences it will help your child to become familiar with the routines of the school day and support your child to feel safe and secure as they move into P1.

