

Nursery News September 2024

# Monthly Topic

Welcome to Ballyhenry Nursery School. Each month we have a newsletter, songs and rhyme sheet and home school links.

Monthly newsletters and home school links support your child's learning and development and these will be sent out to you monthly via Seesaw and will also be available on our website ... [www.ballyhenrynurseryschool.co.uk](https://www.ballyhenrynurseryschool.co.uk).

Our Monthly Topic will be Getting to Know You.

The children will be making new friends, be introduced to our routines, listening to stories, joining in with rhymes and enjoying our activities inside and outdoors.

We will be uploading information relating to your child and their class on Seesaw, please ensure you have accepted our link to join.

Please send us, via seesaw, a family photo that we can print and display in your child's classroom.



# We remind parents that if your child has a high temperature or has had diarrhea/vomiting, infectious diseases he/she must be kept at home for 48 hours to minimize the spread of infection within the nursery.  Your child will be sent home if they are unwell.

# Important Items to Note



* Birthdays - nursery will provide birthday treats for everyone.
* Please bring a pair of named Welly Boots and a change of clothing for your 'change bag' in the bathroom, in case your child gets wet or has a toilet accident.
* Name all items of clothing, especially sweatshirts and shoes. No laces on shoes please.
* Nursery Fund we will be using an online payment system - details to follow. This is used to pay for snack, birthday cards, birthday treats, photos, bulbs, cooking ingredients etc.. This can be paid £4 per week, £50 per term or £120 for the school year. More details will be sent via seesaw. If you prefer to pay snack via cash, this can be put in a named envelope and given to Michelle in the office.
* More information will be made available regarding school dinners in due course, however, please note these must be paid a week in advance. If you child is entitled to free school meals, please ensure you apply early, as your child's dinners will have to be paid for until we receive notification from the Education Authority. If you need assistance with applying, please speak with Michelle in the office.



Safeguarding Team

* Mrs Pollock Designated Teacher
* Miss Cowan Deputy Designated Teacher
* Mrs Ball Chair of Governors
* Mrs Magee Governor for Child Protection



* Thursday 12th September - Both morning and afternoon classes amalgamate.
* Friday 27th September - School Development Day .... Nursery is closed to all pupils

Welcome to Nursery



At Ballyhenry Nursery School we believe that children benefit most when teachers and parents work together and both are involved in the child’s learning.

We hope to strengthen this relationship by providing you with ideas on how to extend and develop learning with your child.

Children love to work with the play dough and it develops their fine motor skills.

Basic Dough

2 cups of plain flour

1 cup of salt

1 tbsp cooking oil

Add water gradually to dough consistency.

This dough can also be used for modelling and then place in a very low oven to dry for at least twelve hours.  This dough is firm, pliable and smooth.  May need a little flour to stop it sticking.

Microwave Dough

1 cup of plain flour

½ cup of salt2 tsp cream of tartar

1 tbsp oil

1 cup water

Food colouring (add to water)

Put all ingredients into a bowl suitable for the microwave.  Cook at full power for one minute.  Remove from microwave and stir well.  Put back into oven and cook for a further 1-1.5 minutes.  Remove from oven and scrape out with a wooden spoon and leave to cool.  Knead well, adding food colouring at this point.  Store in a polythene bag to remain soft.

# Washing Hands



Each day we are encouraging children to wash their hands carefully.  Talk with your child about times when he/she should wash their hands and the importance of hand washing.