

NURSERY NEWS NOVEMBER

Our themes for this month are Dinosaurs and Teddy Bears. We will be reading stories, singing songs and playing with dinosaur toys. Please talk to your child about dinosaurs/bears and find out what they are learning. See attached sheet for some songs and poems that we are learning in the Nursery.

- This month the children will become familiar with the **Emotion** 'sadness'.
- In **Numeracy** we are focusing on counting activities 1-5. It would be helpful if you could reinforce counting items up to 5 at home
- As part of our **Self-help Independence** programme we are encouraging all children to become more independent during dinner and snack routines. Please give your child the opportunity to become more confident by encouraging them to feed themselves, use the correct cutlery and taste new foods.

The Big Bedtime Read - Wednesday 15th November 6.00pm or 7.00pm

All children and their parents are invited to come to the nursery in the evening for the launch of The Big Bedtime Read. Children can wear their pyjamas and Liz Weir will be here to tell exciting stories. You can come to the session that suits you best. At the end of the session, all children will receive their Library Bag and can choose three lovely books to take home and read

Children in Need Friday 17th November

We are having a Pyjama Party in school to raise money for Children in Need. Every child is invited to wear their pjs to school and bring their teddies to help raise money for Pudsey Bear. The storyteller Steve Lally will be in nursery to read some special stories to the children. Every child is asked to bring a £1 donation for this worthy cause.



We will be starting to send home **Teaching packs** in red rucksacks every Thursday. They are valuable learning resources to encourage you to work and play at home with your child. We would appreciate it if you could record some comments in your child's individual little book each week so we can see how you are enjoying playing with your child. Please return the **Teaching Pack every Wednesday morning** so we can have a new one ready for you on Thursday morning.

Our Garden Club

Thank you to all the **Green Fingered** parents, grannies, grandads and children who helped tidy up our grounds, plant flowers in our tubs, baskets and gardens. We got a great crop of potatoes, onions and herbs from our raised beds this year and we hope you enjoyed the organic flavours at home. The school entrance and grounds are much brighter now and we will enjoy watching the beautiful growth throughout the winter.



St Maria Goretti NS was recently awarded the **Environment Education Award** from the West Belfast Partnership Board. We are so proud of our school and the outdoor grounds. It is lovely achievement to be shortlisted and named the overall winners. Thank you to our children and families for all your help and support. Look out for us in the local newspapers over the next few weeks and for our certificates and plaques which will be on display in the nursery!

Remember to check out our Nursery website which will keep you updated with photos and a calendar of events.

<http://www.stmariagorettinursery.co.uk>

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During the week beginning Monday 20th November we will be meeting parents individually to discuss how each child is settling in to the nursery and ways of supporting your child at home. Times of interviews will be arranged after the mid-term break.

Our **Parent Workshops** begin again on Tuesday 7th November in the School Hall.
Please see attached sheet.

Dates for your Diary

<p>Wednesday 8th</p>	<p>Jump Jiggle and Jive Session Lizzie will be coming to St John's Hall (Neighbouring GAA club) to help us enjoy a very lively physical movement and dance lesson</p>	
<p>Tuesday 14th 9.15 - 10.00am</p>	<p>'Big Bedtime Read' information session for all parents. This is an introduction meeting for the very valuable reading initiative which will involve you and your child.</p>	
<p>Wednesday 15th (evening)</p>	<p>Big Bedtime Read Launch Liz Weir is coming to the nursery in the evening for a lovely storytelling session for all children and parents. There will be two sessions at 6.00pm and 7.00pm and all families are welcome for this fun evening.</p>	
<p>Friday 17th</p>	<p>Children in Need day of fun in the Nursery - remember to bring in your favourite teddy!</p>	
<p>Monday 20th</p>	<p>Fitness Freddy will be back in the nursery to encourage fun exercises with the children.</p>	
<p>Tuesday 21st</p>	<p>Continuing our Big Bedtime Read Programme we invite parents to come to the nursery anytime between 1.00pm and 1.30pm every Tuesday from today to help choose three books with your child.</p>	
<p>Thursday 23rd</p>	<p>Trip to Whiterock Library. One parent/guardian is asked to accompany each child as we walk up to the library for a storytelling session. There will be an opportunity to join the library. Mrs Murray's class will leave the nursery at 10.15 a.m. and Miss Heaney's class will leave at 10.45.</p>	
<p>Monday 27th</p>	<p>School Photographs will be taken of all the children by Roy Clements. Family Groups can also be taken if you arrive in school around 9.00am</p>	