

# St Maria Goretti Nursery School

## Newsletter - April

This month we will be learning all about Spring and the Life cycles of frogs and butterflies. We will also begin our theme of investigating Mini-beasts and we will be learning about creatures that live outdoors. Our beautiful digging and small garden area is ready to give homes to some of our favourite mini-beasts. At home you could carry out your own bug hunt in the house or garden! Please get involved by singing along to the songs on our attached sheet.

- This month the children will become familiar with the **Emotion** 'Jealousy/disappointment'.
- In **Numeracy** we are continuing to sort and make sets, recognising the numerals 1 - 10. It would be helpful if you could reinforce numbers 1 to 10 with the children at home looking at the numbers and where we see them in daily life.
- As part of our **Self-help Independence** programme we are encouraging children to become more confident putting on coats, jumpers and shoes by themselves. Take extra time at home by reinforcing independence while dressing/undressing. This will help children prepare for outdoor activities in the nursery setting and for the transition to P. 1.



### Happy Healthy Kids

Thank you to all the parents and relations who attended our Jump Jiggle and Jive and Fitness Freddy sessions in St John's Hall. They were a lot of fun and the children loved keeping fit alongside the adults.

The Stay and Play Outdoor Play sessions were also very well attended, and we hope you are enjoying staying active with the packs sent home

Now that 'spring has finally sprung' we are planning on inviting all our **Green Fingered** Mums, Dads, Grannies, Grandas and children to help tidy up our grounds and plant in our tubs and baskets again. See attached Garden club handout for dates and times. We will look forward to watching our plants and flowers blossom and the potatoes, vegetables, and strawberries growing in our raised beds.



We will continue to promote a healthy lifestyle in the nursery this term. We will dance with "Fitness Freddy" and have fun with "Jump, Jiggle and Jive."

The Sponsored Cycle was a great success and we raised £879!!

We donated £500 to Trocaire and £379 to the NI hospice.



Thank you so much for your generosity

## Events in the Nursery

April 2018

Remember to check out our school website for news and beautiful photographs of all our events in the nursery.

[www.stmariagorettinursery.co.uk](http://www.stmariagorettinursery.co.uk)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

Fitness Freddy returns to teach us some new dance moves to our favourite pop tunes

Tuesday 17 & 24<sup>th</sup>

Garden Club - All parents and children invited to stay and help plant around our school grounds

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

We continue to keep active and healthy with Jump Jiggle and Jive in the nursery

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

Fitness Freddy keeps us dancing in the school hall.