

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'
 - We will also commence our PATHs programme designed to help develop your child's thinking skills and encourage responsible behaviour - detail to follow
- 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 14th 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 16th 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.

The school entrance and grounds are much brighter now and we will enjoy watching the beautiful growth throughout the winter.



New Outdoor Facilities

Work has begun on the new 'Tractor' climbing frame and surrounding safe play surface. We are delighted to see this investment following the grant aid received by our nursery.



St Maria Goretti NS was recently awarded the **Bryson House Recycling 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. Although not the overall winners, we were also shortlisted for an Aisling Award. 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 19th 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 posted in the School Hall.

Our **Stay and Play** session will begin on Wednesday 7th November in the School Hall. Please see attached sheet.

Dates for your Diary

<p>Wednesday 7th 9:15 - 10:15am</p>	<p>Stay and Play Session for parents and toddlers in the School Hall.</p> 
<p>Monday 12th</p>	<p>Fitness Freddy will be back in the nursery to encourage fun exercises with the children.</p> 
<p>Tuesday 13th & Tuesday 20th</p>	<p>Parent Workshop Seana Kerr (Speech & Language Therapist) will give a presentation to parents on the importance of developing early communication skills. This includes important help and tips for parents.</p>
<p>Wednesday 14th (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 16th</p>	<p> Children in Need day of fun in the Nursery - remember to bring in your favourite teddy and dress in your PJs!</p>
<p>Monday 19th</p>	<p>Parent / Teacher interviews will be held this week. Parents may book a preferred time on the sheet outside your child's classroom.</p>
<p>Tuesday 20th</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 22nd</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 McAlea's class will leave the nursery at 10.15 a.m. and Miss Keown's class will leave at 10.45.</p>