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September News

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Welcome to Bangor Integrated Nursery School!

The children are settling really well into Nursery School life.

This new school year is well under way! The children are all very busy getting to know the staff, making new friends, learning new routines and skills in Nursery. I'm sure you are enjoying hearing their stories when they come home and seeing the updates and photos through Seesaw.

Thank you for partnering with us through the settling in process, helping us make sure every child's start to school life is a successful and happy one!





Clothing Change Please send in a labelled change of clothes to be kept in school in case of accidents. This does <u>not</u> need to be uniform. We need a full change so please send - top, bottoms, pants, socks and old shoes.



Running Late? If you are going to be late to drop your child into school please bring them to the main, front door of the school (not their class gate) and ring the bell. A staff member will come collect them from the door.

Autumn Walk

Hedgehog Class 26th September leaving at 9.15am

Squirrel Class 27th September 9.30am leaving at 9am

Rabbit Class 29th September leaving at 12.30pm

Illness/Absence Guidance

We follow NHS choices guidance along with PHA advice in relation to illnesses and any absences needed from school. As children are mixing with others more now they are in school its likely that some of the more common childhood illnesses e.g. chicken pox, might spread during the school year. If you are in any doubt of if your child should be in school please phone the office and ask Miss Algie.

If your child vomits or has diarrhoea they can not attend Nursery for 48 hours after the last episode, this is a precaution recommended by the NHS and we ask that parents follow it strictly to prevent any tummy bugs circulating round the class.

We have an enhanced cleaning regime using the EA approved products and the toys and surfaces are cleaned after but if children attend school when unwell bugs can still easily spread.

Please let us know if your child is going to be absent from school by email or telephone, this helps us keep our school registers up to date. There is no need to send in a written note when your child returns to school.

We are officially an Integrated School!

As of the 1st September 2022 we became Bangor Integrated Nursery School. This has been a long journey for the school and we are delighted with our Integrated status. We have always been, and continue be, a school that celebrates the uniqueness of every child and the diversity of our wider school community.



The children will be learning our school song in class: (tune If You're Happy and you know it!)

We are Bangor Integrated Nursery School We are Bangor Integrated Nursery School There's a place for everyone, To learn together and have fun We are Bangor Integrated Nursery School

SCHOOL MONEY – SNACK FUND AND DINNER MONEY PAYMENTS

The School Money system is up and running and you should have received a text inviting you to create an account, this is our online payment system for the school/snack fund and for school dinners. We use this to try and keep the school as cashless as possible and for parents' convenience. All parents are asked to contribute £20 each month to cover the children's snack in school and any enrichment activities - baking, play dough, craft materials, seasonal items e.g. pumpkins and for visitors to the school like the Farm or Mr Hullaballoo theatre. The school's budget would not stretch to these items/visits without parent support. We do not ask for any separate payment for trips/visitors throughout the year from those



who pay monthly. Dinner money for the Full Time Class should also be paid weekly through School Money. This money is sent directly to the EA School Meals bank account. This account is not permitted to be in arrears so please pay this promptly at the start of each week. To ask any questions about School Money please contact Miss Algie.

SONGS

In Nursery we sing a lot of songs with the children. Every month we will send a selection of these home in the newsletter so that you can sing them at home too. Some of the favourites from this month are:

Wind the Bobbin up

Little Peter Rabbit has a fly upon his nose.



Twinkle Twinkle



Incy Wincy Spider



If you're happy and you know it.

A Partnership Between Home and School

At Bangor Integrated Nursery we strongly value the partnership between Parents and Staff as we work together for the best for each child.

All parents are members of our **Friends of Bangor Integrated Nursery School** group which helps with events and fundraising throughout the year, as well as being a good support for parents to get to know each other better. We plan to get back to holding in person parents events this year. The first will be on 13th September and will be about our Getting Ready to Learn Programme.

If you feel you could offer any skills or help either practically around the school e.g. gardening or have something to share that would be of interest to the children e.g. a musical instrument, interesting job/hobby, or would like to share an aspect of your culture or a religious festival please speak to your child's teacher.

Your Child's Learning Journey.

Over the last few years we started a approach to observations within Nursery School. We will always observe and work with all children every day in school, but a small group of children per week are our "focus children" in each class.

Every child will be a focus child three times throughout the year. As part of our partnership with parents, focus children's families will receive an information sheet to complete about their child - letting us know any special events or celebrations in their child's life and will be asked to email us a couple of recent photos of their child at home. They will also have the opportunity to ask their child's teacher any questions about their child's learning/development. At the end of the week a copy of the children's learning journeys will be sent home along with some ideas of how you can support your child's development at home.

It was very popular with our parents over the last few years! We hope that this approach will help you feel very involved in your child's learning. It will help you see what they are learning in Nursery school, what we are focusing on with them in school and give ideas of how you can support your child's development further at home.

When it is your child's turn to be a focus child, please return the sheet by the date requested and email the photos to <u>bangornurseryschool@yahoo.com</u> If you run into any difficulties with this please speak to your child's class teacher.

What your child needs for school.....

Nursery School is very different from Primary School. Your child will not really need to bring anything with them to school as we have almost everything that they will need.

Every child needs the following:

- A warm weatherproof coat EVERYDAY
- All uniform to be **clearly labelled** with their full name or first name and surname initial
- A full change of clothes to be kept in school in case they require a change e.g. from playing in the water tray/paint/outdoors or in case of toileting accidents.

Children should not bring:

- Any food or drinks to school (we provide a daily healthy snack and due to children with extreme allergies cannot permit other foodstuffs in the building)
- Any toys from home these can easily get lost/ broken in school. We have more than enough to keep everyone happy and busy. Our explanation is "home toys are for home and school toys are for school).

School Resources

Please don't worry if your child brings any school toys home in their pockets... some children are fascinated with our small toys and they can be very tempting especially as they may be very different to what they would have at home.

Please just return them to us the next day. I know you may feel embarrassed, but there is no need to be, no fuss will be made about it!

Autumn Walk

We will be going on an Autumn Walk to the library for a story telling session through Ward Park. Each child should be accompanied by an adult for this trip. Dates on First Page.

Safety on the Campus

The School Campus is closed to parent cars but it's still a busy site. Please always hold your child's hand and keep them close to you.

Please wait at the gate at drop off time, children will come into the school building independently where possible. At collection time please pick your child up from the classroom door (all classes use the front door of the school at home times)

Please make sure the front door to the school is always closed tightly and do not hook it open. Please also make sure the small green gate is barred when closed. This helps keep everyone safe - Thank you!

School Contact Details

We do not have a school secretary, so at times the phone will ring through to answering machine. Please leave a voicemail or email us and we will get back to you.

Please note that the school text messaging service and seesaw comments are not always monitored so should not be used to contact the teachers.

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