

# November News

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## November Update

### Industrial Action - Impact of Strikes, 15th and 16th November

The Education Authority have informed us of industrial action being held on 15th and 16th of November. This strike action affects school meal availability on Wednesday 15th and 16th November and staffing levels on the 16th November. After completing a risk assessment it is necessary for the Hedgehog class to go home at 12noon on Wednesday 15th November (no meals served) and for the school to **close to all children on Thursday 16th** November. Please see class seesaw pages for further information

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#### ABSENCES

If your child is off school please contact the office and let us know the reason.

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#### ILLNESS

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home. This helps us keep everyone healthy

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#### LATENESS

If you are running late to bring/collect your child please let the school office know



### Children in Need

We are celebrating Children in Need is on **Friday 17th Nov.** Children can wear normal clothes and should bring £1 as a donation

**School Photographs - 22nd November**



### World Nursery Rhyme Week

World Nursery Rhyme week is 13th - 17th November.

### Banyan Theatre Company

Banyan Theatre Company will be coming to school with their production of the Gingerbread Man on 28th November

## World Nursery Rhyme Week

We are taking part in World Nursery Rhyme week from 13th - 17th November. You can find out more about it on the website [www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com](http://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com) along with videos and resources for each of the specific rhymes. This year the key rhymes are:

Monday- Jack and Jill

Tuesday - Hickory Hickory Dock

Wednesday - Heads Shoulders Knees and Toes

Thursday - Row Row Row your Boat

Friday - The Wheels on the Bus

Nursery Rhymes are really important for children's development. Please make sure you sing some every day with your child.



## Calpol & Medication

If your child is unwell and needs to have Calpol or other similar medicine before coming to school, please let them stay at home. Children who are unwell are much better off at home where they can rest and recuperate instead of sitting in a busy classroom when they feel unwell. We ask that unwell children stay at home until they are better and are fully able to participate in all the areas of Nursery School again, for cases of vomiting/ diarrhoea / fever children should be 48 hours clear before they return. This also helps prevent any illnesses spreading through the class.

## Getting Ready to Learn

We are part of the Getting Ready to Learn Programme run by the Department of Education. We receive a small amount of funding each year to buy resources to lend to parents to help them support their child's learning at home. The first set of lending resources will be going home this half term. Book Bags contain three different books - usually from different genres but on a theme e.g. dinosaurs. Please look after these book bags and the books inside them as they are lent out to other families after you return them. Read the stories with your child, talk about the pictures and stories, maybe sing a song that goes along with them if you know one. Book Bags must be returned promptly on their due date so that we can lend them out to another family the following week.

## SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - WEDNESDAY 22ND NOV

The School Photographer will be in school on Wed 22nd November to take individual children's photos. Around a week later a proof pack will be sent home with your child. You can choose to pay for and keep the approval pack or return it unopened. Payments should be made through school money. This will go live when the packs go home. If you choose to also buy the digital copies please let us know your correct email address and we will pass this on to the photographer. It is also possible to order additional packs for Christmas gifts.



## SONGS

Try singing these songs with your child this month, if you aren't sure of the words/tune try looking for a video online to learn it.

Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Wind the Bobbin Up

Hickory Dickory Dock

Jack and Jill.

Miss Polly had a dolly.

The wheels on the bus

Twinkle Twinkle

I hear thunder

Humpty Dumpty

Row Row Row your boat

## Snack and Activity Fund

Our Snack and Activity Fund is vital for us to be able to provide the daily Healthy Snack for the children, as well as all the enrichment experiences throughout the year. These are not funded by the school's budget, which only covers staff costs and utilities for the building. The enrichment fund also is used for paper, paint, glue, craft materials, dough and baking ingredients for activities with the children.

This month we have a number of Enrichment activities taking place : Jump Jiggle and Jive will be taking movement sessions for the classes every Wednesday, World of Owls has already visited on 7th November and the Banyan Theatre Company will be visiting with their show The Gingerbread Man on 28th November.

These activities are covered in part by the Snack/Activity fund and then subsidised by the school. We ask for £20 per month for the snack/enrichment fund as the total costs for the visitors are split over the whole year. We do not like to ask for individual payments for activities to allow parents to budget rather than pay for multiple activities/events in one month.

The snack/enrichment fund is a voluntary contribution to the school, as explained at the start of the year, but we cannot afford to bring all the visitors in to school without this fund. Parents who do not pay the Snack/Activity Fund may be asked to make individual contributions for each enrichment activity e.g. this month would be £6.50 for Jump Jiggle and Jive, £5 for Banyan Theatre Company, £5 for World of Owls.

Thank you to any parents who have already paid their Snack/Activity Fund for the year/term and for those who have kept up to date with them. Miss Algie office can help with any questions about School Money. If you would prefer to pay snack/enrichment fund in cash please speak to your child's teacher.

If your financial situation has changed or you are finding things difficult please speak to Miss Algie in confidence as we do not want the Snack/Enrichment Fund

## Applications for 2024 - 2025

It seems as if the children are only settling in to Nursery School and we are thinking ahead to next year. Applications for Primary School will open in January along with applications for children for Nursery School for next year. Last year we sent children to ten different primary schools, so if you need any help with finding out more information about school applications please contact Miss Algie.

If you know of anyone with children due to start Nursery School next year please share our website and social media pages with them. **Our Open Day will be on Saturday 6th January 2024.** We will be posting lots of helpful information about the school and the application process as well as our school video over the next few months. One of the most helpful ways to support us in promoting the school is re-sharing our online content - Thank you!

## Upcoming Dates for your Diary...

**World of Owls** -Tuesday 7th November - Mike will be bringing some Owls to visit school and will talk to the children about how they are awake at night as well as where they live/what they eat/how they fly.

**Jump, Jiggle and Jive** -Every **Wednesday** - Lizi is coming in to run a fun movement and music session for each class. This is always a really fun, active experience for the child and they learn a lot through the sessions.

**Children in Need** -Friday 17th November - children should wear ordinary clothes to school (spots are encouraged but not necessary!) and bring a £1 donation for Children in Need.

**School Photographer** - The School Photographer will take individual photos on 22nd November.

**Banyan Theatre Co** - 28th Nov - The Story of the Gingerbread Man told through drama and puppets.

**Follow the Star** - The School will be visiting Bangor Methodist Church to find out about the Christmas Story on **Friday 1st December**.

**Christmas holidays** - The school will be closed from **Thursday 21st December** - **School will restart for all classes on Thursday 4th January 2024.**

This month we will also be hosting a group of trainee teachers from Stranmillis University College on study visits focused on learning through play, some overseas students visiting Northern Ireland through ERASMUS and a three week placement for an Early Childhood Studies student Mr Ballance in the part-time classes.

## School Contact Details

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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