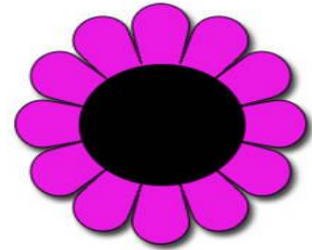




Parents' Letter

May 2022



Dear Parent,

As Summer approaches, we will hopefully continue to enjoy the good weather and go outside as much as possible to pursue our outdoor play. Please send sun hats and put on sun-cream as needed.

Our themes this month are “Gardens” and “Mini-beasts” and we will be looking at pastel colours in our environment.

Please note the following dates for the month of May:

- Nursery will be closed on **Monday 2nd May** for the May Day holiday.
- School photographs will be taken on **Tuesday 3rd May**. Please send your child dressed in their Nursery uniform as class photos will also be taken.
- Each **Wednesday** in May and June Nursery will join P3 in the Assembly Hall to take part in Shared Reading. In this activity, the older children are paired with a Nursery child and they read and look at books together. This activity is aimed at helping our Nursery children make an easy transition into the primary school as they become more familiar with the primary school building and the older children.
- Clough Primary and Nursery are closed on **Thursday 5th May** for the Assembly Elections.
- **Friday 6th May** is our Nursery trip to Portglenone Forest to see the bluebells. Liz from the Forestry Commission will guide us round the Forest, telling stories and leading in activities as we move around. We will leave Nursery at 9.00 and return at 12 noon. Break will be provided by Nursery.
- **Wednesday 25th May** we will be joined by Jo Jingles.
- **Friday 27th May** is Nursery Sports Day, when parents can join us for the event (more details to follow).
- Please note that school will be closed from **Monday 30th May until Friday 3rd June**.

In Nursery we encourage the children to be independent and learn self-help skills. Please encourage your child to learn to put on and take off his/her coat and school sweatshirt independently. Although it is often quicker to do it yourself, this skill will be a great help for P1.

Please continue to develop your child's scissor skills at home. Help them hold the scissors effectively and practise cutting simple lines, leading on to wavy lines and then shapes if they can.

RISE NI stands for the Regional Integrated Support for Education NI. The RISE teams are made up of Speech Therapists, Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists. They work with the staff in mainstream schools to help in the following areas:

- Social, emotional and/or behavioural development
- Speech, language and communication skills
- Gross and fine motor skill development.

RISE has a RISE NI Parent Website, which can be accessed as follows:

<https://view.pagetiger.com/RISENI/parents>

On the website you will find lots of useful information, leaflets, video demonstrations and training opportunities.

Nursery settings also receive help and ideas from Getting Ready to Learn. They also have set up new login area for parents of Nursery children. Look up the GRtL website, click [Sign In/Create account](#) (which is on the purple bar at the top of the page). The access code required for Parent Access is: P401hkeQ890. This should allow you access to ideas and resources useful to parents.

Rather than send you ideas to do with your child for this month, I would encourage you to look up these websites for ideas for activities to do at home. We don't want to drown you with too much information!!

We look forward to our new month and hope that your children will continue to enjoy their experiences and benefit from them.

J.Scott