

March 2014



CASTLEROCK
PLAYGROUP

NEWSLETTER

Activities / Themes

This months activities are based around People Who Help Us & Celebrations - such as Mothers' Day & St. Patricks Day



World Book Day

THURSDAY 6TH MARCH

On this day the kids can bring in their favourite storybook and dress up as characters from their favourite stories.

We would like to invite parents to join us from 11 - 11.30am in the playroom for story time.

There will also be a display of books that are available through the Peter Thompson Hall lending library.

Garden & Play Park

We are very lucky to have great outdoor facilities for our children to use and enjoy, especially as the play park has re-opened.

Weather permitting we will try to have the kids outside as much as we can. As it's still quite cold can you please ensure that you send a coat and possibly a hat, scarf and gloves if you wish with your child everyday.

Dates for your diary:

Pancake Tuesday - 4th March

World Book Day - Thursday 6th March

St. Patricks Day - Monday 17th March (around this date we hope to have some Irish Dancers come and show us a dance or two)

Forest Trip - Thursday 20th March (All children welcome to attend)

Fire Drill - Friday 21st March

Parent Interviews (Jan. starts) - Monday 24th March

Mothers' Day - Sunday 30th March



Birthday Girl

Happy Birthday to Kahlen who was 4 on 26/2/14. How she's grown from a tiny 2lbs 5ozs!!

Last Months Recap...

Last month the kids thoroughly enjoyed playing Cafes / Chinese take-away and sampling and handling Chinese foods using chopsticks at snack time.

We watched dragon dances on the computer and then made up our own dragon dance using boxes for drums.

We had a visit from the Dentist who was both interesting but more importantly lots of fun. We discussed healthy and unhealthy foods for our teeth, the children interacted well and got to practice brushing the puppets teeth.

On top of all this, we also had the pleasure of visiting the newly refurbished play park. "This is the best day ever at playschool" one exclaimed.

Mid Term Reports

These are a little later than planned but are scheduled for Monday 24th March. If any parents have concerns or queries about their child please speak to Playgroup Leader - Fiona or their key worker directly, at the end of the session. Please be advised that staff are not permitted to discuss children's progress outside of the playgroup setting or work hours.



Media Initiative for Children

Kim was introduced last month after the Chinese New Year. Kim has shared with the kids her Chinese culture, celebrations and foods. Kim's granny still lives in China.

Lending Library

The kids have all been given a library book folder and all children can keep their book for a full week eg. Friday-Friday. Anyone who forgets their book will not receive a new book that week.

Fee Payments

Can you please ensure that all fees are paid promptly on the 10th of each month as this assists the treasurer in completing the banking and reporting. If you are experiencing difficulties in making payments then please do not hesitate to discuss the situation with Fiona. We assure you that all information will be dealt with confidentially.

The Magic Play Dough Recipe

The kids love the Play Dough at school and if you wish, you too can share in their enjoyment of it. If you decide to try this at home, please take pictures and encourage your child to share their experience with the others in playschool.

4 cups of flour
2 cups of salt
8 teaspoons of cream of tartar
1/4 cup of oil
4 cups of boiling water

Put all dry ingredients in a bowl and mix, add the oil and mix. Finally add the boiling water and mix quickly and thoroughly. Once mixed, turn out onto a floured surface and knead and let the fun begin!

One or two drops of food colouring can be added to change the colour and also glitter if you dare!

Song Time

TWINKLE TWINKLE



Twinkle, twinkle traffic light
Standing on the corner bright
When it's green it's time to go
When it's red, it's stop you know
Twinkle, twinkle traffic light
Standing on the corner bright.

I'M A MIGHTY DINOSAUR
(To the tune of I'm a little tea-pot)

I'm a stegosaurus brave and strong
See my spiky tail so long
Stomping through the jungle hear me roar
I'm a mighty dinosaur

I'm a meglosaurus dinosaur
I eat meat I'm a carnivore
Stomping through the jungle hear me roar
I'm a mighty dinosaur

I'm a diplodocus dinosaur
I eat plants I'm a herbivore
Stomping through the jungle hear me roar
I'm a mighty dinosaur

I'm a baby dinosaur I hatch from an egg
I start small and then grow big
Crawling through the jungle hear me cry
Someone sing a lullaby.



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Available Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 1.30pm and Friday 8.30am - 12.30pm