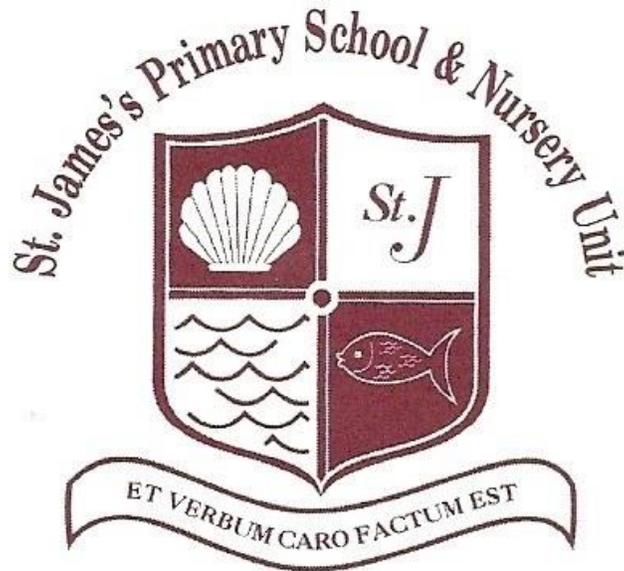


# St James's Nursery News



## April 2024

Welcome to April at St James's Nursery Unit. We hope you had a restful Easter break. As the world blooms with new life and possibilities, our nursery is buzzing with excitement for the month ahead. This month, we are diving into the exciting theme of 'People Who Help Us'. From brave firefighters to friendly doctors, we'll be exploring the diverse roles of community helpers who make our world a better place. Through interactive activities, stories, and hands-on experiences, our little learners will discover the importance of teamwork, kindness, and gratitude. Join us on this empowering journey as we inspire curiosity and celebrate the everyday heroes in our lives.

You can continue to help your child at home by helping them to recognise their name and continue to notice numbers in their environment. To nurture their awareness of the environment, encourage your child to help in the garden with planting and raking the grass cuttings etc. Talk about how you use your recycling bin. To develop their finger muscles in preparation for writing you could allow your child to help with the laundry and peg the clothes/socks up. If you have child-safe scissors at home get creative and have-a-go at practicing some scissor skills.

## April Learning Focus



**Theme:** People Who Help Us

**Colours:** Red, Blue, Purple, White

**Shape:** Diamond

In April we will spend time learning about people who help us. Children will have the opportunity to explore and dramatise the roles of people who help us in our role play area which will turn into a hospital and a fire station, and our mark making area which will become a post office. In the home corner the children will be learning about how we can care for each other when we are unwell and also what to do in an emergency if something happens at home.

We hope to have some special visitors come to Nursery to speak to the children about their roles. If you would be happy to come into your child's class and talk to the children about your job please let us know!

## Dates For Your Diary



### APRIL

- **Monday 8th April** - School returns after Easter Holidays
- **Tuesday 16th April** - School photographer in to take whole class photo
- **Friday 19th April** - Jo Jingles
- **Monday 22nd April** - Earth Day
- **Wednesday 24th April** - Beep! Beep! Day
- **Thursday 25th April** - Notification of outcome for Nursery and Primary 1 applications

### MAY

- **Friday 3rd May** - Nursery fund due
- **Monday 6th May** - School is closed to children
- **Friday 17th May** - Jo Jingles
- **Wednesday 22nd May** - Wee Critters
- **Monday 27th May** - School closed to children
- **Tuesday 28th May** - School closed to children
- **Wednesday 29th May** - School closed to children

### JUNE

- **Thursday 20th June** - Nursery End of Year Celebration

## Nursery Fund



Thank you for your continued support towards our Nursery fund. Your contribution towards our Nursery Fund goes a long way towards enhancing the experiences and opportunities we provide for our Nursery children.

This half term your contribution has meant that we have been able to provide:

- Daily snack
- Our monthly birthday cupcakes & birthday bubbles
- Replenishable resources for play such as playdough etc.
- Monthly Jo Jingles sessions
- Mr Hullabaloo show for World Book Day

Our next Nursery Fund payment for those paying half-termly is due on **Friday 3rd May**. We hope you are able to continue to support our Nursery Fund. We have lots of exciting things planned for Term 3 which are only possible with these contributions.

If you are unsure how to pay for Nursery Fund please don't hesitate to approach the Nursery staff or Mrs Brown for assistance.

## Can you help us?



In Nursery, we love to see the children fully embracing all the play experiences on offer. Sometimes this might mean they get a little wet or messy. We don't mind! In fact we love to see it as it shows us they are having a great time. We are now running very low on our spare clothes for such times. This month we

are asking that if anyone has any Nursery spare clothes at home, could these be returned. Also if you have any spare children's clothes which you no longer need we would welcome these donations for our spare clothes reserves. We would be grateful for any Items such as t-shirts, joggers/leggings, socks & plimssoles/welly boots etc.

## St James's Primary School & Nursery Unit Value of the Month



In St James's Primary School and Nursery Unit we focus on a different value every month. This month we are focusing on patience. At the end of the month one child from each class will be awarded a special certificate for showing patience. You may want to talk with your child about patience and what being patient is.

Patience in Nursery can be ... taking your time with an activity or task and waiting for your turn .

WE WANT OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO

# THRIVE

RATHCOOLE & MONKSTOWN

Our partnership with THRIVE aims to promote aspiration, achievement, wellbeing and collaboration.

This month in Nursery we would like to celebrate how:

**We can learn.** This month we hope to encourage the children to think about their dreams and aspirations for their future, as we explore different jobs and roles people have in our local community.

**We can be healthy and well.** We will be learning about the jobs of those people who help us to stay healthy and well, including doctors, nurses, dentists and paramedics. We will also be exploring key safety messages for fire safety, road safety and what to do in an emergency. To mark Earth Day we will be exploring simple ways which our Nursery children can help the environment, including recycling, reducing waste and planting trees.

**We can be connected.** Throughout this month we hope to connect with local 'People Who Help Us' heroes. We hope to welcome some of these individuals into Nursery to talk to our children about their jobs and roles in the community. Through our partnership with THRIVE we are excited to begin a collaboration with our local Men's Shed who are going to support us with the creation of a garden in our outdoor play area - watch this space!

## April Songs, Poems and Rhymes

**I'm a little firefighter** (To tune of I'm a little teapot)

I'm a little firefighter,

Brave and strong.

Climb up the ladders,  
They're so long!  
When I see the fire,  
Hear me shout!  
Use the hose and put it out!



### **Miss Polly Had a Dolly**

Miss Polly had a dolly who was sick, sick, sick  
And she called for the doctor to come quick, quick, quick  
The doctor came with his bag and his hat  
And he knocked at the door with a rat-a-tat-tat  
He looked at the dolly and he shook his head  
And he said, "Miss Polly, put her straight to bed"  
He wrote on a paper for a pill, pill, pill  
I'll be back in the morning with my bill, bill, bill



### **Doctor Foster**

Doctor Foster went to Gloucester

In a shower of rain,

He stepped in a puddle,

Right up to his middle,

And never went there again.

