

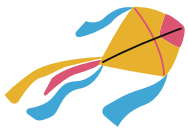
FEBRUARY NEWS FROM

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February was filled with excitement and learning as we explored a variety of themes. We kicked off the month celebrating Chinese New Year, followed by spreading love and friendship on Valentine's Day. Transitioning into spring, we delved into life cycles and the beauty of flowers. Pancake Tuesday brought delicious fun, and Heart Day emphasized compassion and empathy. February was a vibrant mix of celebration, learning, and connection at our school.



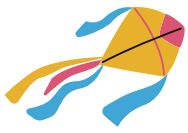


LILIES-WOBBLERS ROOM

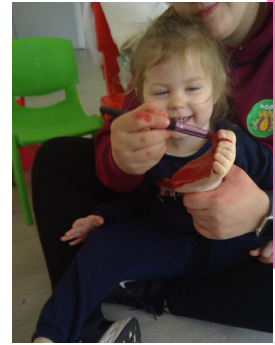


In February, our tiny Lilies continued their journey of discovery with a variety of engaging themes. We celebrated Chinese New Year, embraced love and kindness on Valentine's Day, and explored the wonders of spring, including life cycles and blooming flowers. Pancake Tuesday added a delicious twist to our month, while Heart Day emphasized empathy and compassion. February was a month of connection and learning, filled with memorable experiences that highlighted the magic of exploration and caring for each other and our world.





LOTUS- TODDLERS ROOM

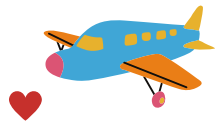
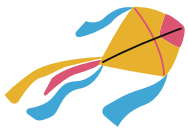


In February, our Lotus Class embarked on an enriching journey filled with diverse experiences. We kicked off the month with lively celebrations for Chinese New Year, immersing ourselves in vibrant traditions and joyful festivities. As Valentine's Day approached, our classroom became a hub of love and warmth, fostering a spirit of kindness and affection among our young learners.

Transitioning into the season of renewal, we explored the wonders of nature, diving into the captivating world of life cycles and the mesmerizing beauty of blossoming flowers. Pancake Tuesday added a delightful twist to our routine, with the tantalizing aroma of freshly cooked pancakes igniting excitement as we gathered together to enjoy this beloved tradition.

Heart Day provided a poignant opportunity to highlight empathy and compassion, nurturing a sense of caring within our close-knit community. February was indeed a month of connection, celebration, and continuous learning as we journeyed together, fostering growth and exploration among our remarkable Little Explorers.





ROSEBUDS-ECCE ROOM



After a thrilling January, our Rosebuds preschool class eagerly embarked on another month of exploration and discovery. This February, our focus shifted towards celebrating Chinese New Year, immersing ourselves in the vibrant traditions and cultural festivities.

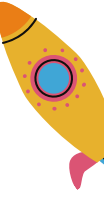
As Valentine's Day approached, love and kindness filled our classroom, fostering a warm and inclusive environment. Transitioning into the season of renewal, we explored the wonders of spring, including captivating discussions on life cycles and the beauty of blossoming flowers.

Pancake Tuesday brought a delightful twist to our month, as we savored the joy of flipping and feasting on pancakes together. Heart Day provided an opportunity to emphasize empathy and compassion, nurturing a culture of caring within our classroom community.





ORCHIDS- AFTERSCHOOL ROOM

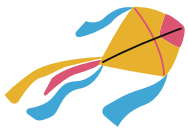


In our after-school class this February, we embarked on an exciting journey filled with celebration, exploration, and learning. Just as we embraced the vibrant traditions of Chinese New Year, we delved into the heartwarming spirit of Valentine's Day, celebrating love and friendship in our classroom.

Transitioning into the season of renewal, we explored the wonders of spring, discussing life cycles and the beauty of blooming flowers. Pancake Tuesday brought a delicious twist to our month, as we savored the joy of flipping and feasting on pancakes together.

Heart Day provided an opportunity to emphasize empathy and compassion, nurturing a culture of caring and inclusivity within our after-school community. February was indeed a month of connection, celebration, and growth, as we continued our journey of exploration and discovery together.





BLUEBELLS- SWEETPEAS- DAFFODILS ASD ROOMS



In our ASD classes this February, we continued our journey of tailored learning experiences designed to nurture communication, interaction, play, and discovery for our unique learners. Embracing diverse themes, such as Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day, we created engaging activities that sparked curiosity and encouraged participation.

Transitioning into discussions on spring, life cycles, and blooming flowers, we celebrated the wonders of the season through sensory exploration and interactive play. Pancake Tuesday brought a delightful twist to our routine, as we engaged in hands-on activities centered around this delicious tradition.

Heart Day provided an opportunity to emphasize empathy and connection, fostering a supportive environment where meaningful communication and interaction flourished. As always, our individualized curriculum-based programs remained at the core of our approach, ensuring that each student's needs and interests were met.

February was a month of continued growth, exploration, and connection within the specialized framework of our ASD classes, reaffirming our commitment to providing holistic experiences that promote learning and development.

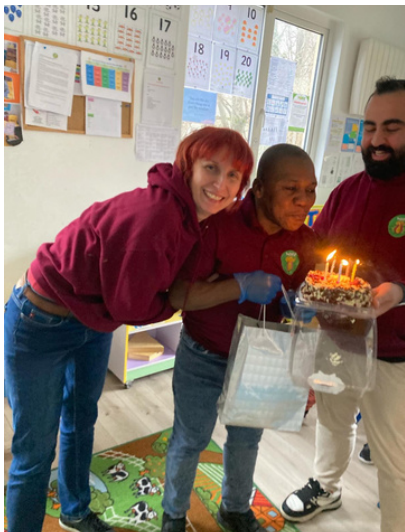


GREETINGS AND CELEBRATIONS CORNER



HAPPY BIRTHDAY KACEY and IRIE!

Hip, hip, hooray! It's time to celebrate Kacey and Irie's special day. Wishing both of them endless smiles, laughter, and all the toys a toddler's heart desires!



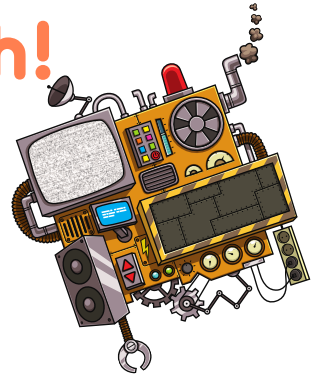
🎉🎂 HAPPY BIRTHDAY GABRIEL and EDYTA! 🎉🎂

Wishing a heartfelt birthday blessing to our dear ASD & Wobblers Class Teacher, Gabriel, and our lovely Center Leader, Edyta!



TIME MACHINE

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WORLD BOOK DAY

Get ready for a day filled with literary adventures! On March 7th, we'll be celebrating Book Day in Inchicore. Children will unleash their creativity by crafting their own books, dive into captivating stories during book time, and bring their favourite characters to life through a fun costume activity.



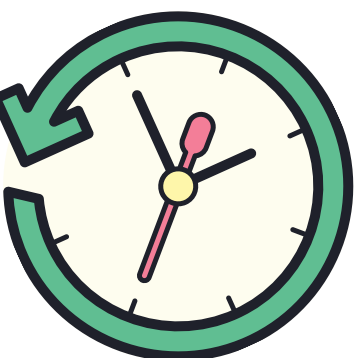
INT. WOMEN'S DAY

We can't wait to celebrate amazing women! On March 8th, we'll honor International Women's Day in Inchicore. With fun activities and stories, we'll learn about inspiring women who changed the world. Let's celebrate girls' power and dreams!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Are you ready for a shamrock-filled celebration! On March 17th, we'll be celebrating St. Patrick's Day in style. We'll be dressing up in green, getting our face painted with lucky charms, and organising a variety of festive activities. From leprechaun hunts to Irish dancing, it's going to be a day full of fun and Irish spirit!



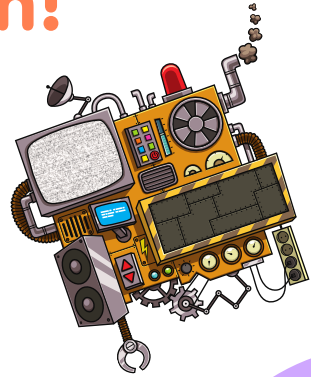
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MOTHER'S DAY

On March 10th, we'll be honouring Mother's Day at our centre. Children will have the opportunity to express their love and appreciation for their moms through special activities and crafts. It's a day to celebrate the love, care, and endless support that mothers provide each and every day.



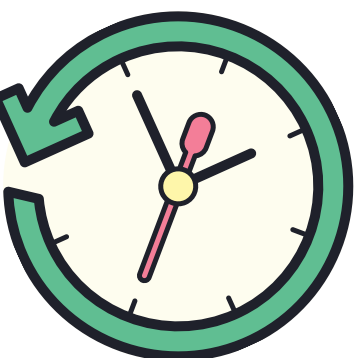
WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

We are coming together to shine a light on autism awareness! On March 22nd, we'll be commemorating World Autism Awareness Day at our Dublin 15 centre. Children and parents alike will engage in a range of activities throughout the day, fostering understanding and acceptance of autism. We, as team, will be there to support and participate in these meaningful endeavours. It's a day to celebrate neurodiversity, promote inclusion, and show support for individuals with autism and their families. Let's come together to raise awareness and create a more inclusive world for all!



EASTER CAMP

Get ready for our Easter Camp starting in the last week of March! Our classrooms will be transformed into hubs of excitement with a variety of activities. From thrilling Easter egg hunts to creative arts and crafts projects, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Children will engage in interactive games, storytelling sessions, and learn about Easter traditions. Get in touch for more details about the camp!

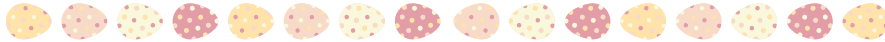


RETROSPECTIVE- SPECIAL DAYS OF FEBRUARY



PANCAKE TUESDAY

Pancake Tuesday was a blast at our center! We cooked up pancakes, learned about its history, and got creative with drama activities. The highlight? Decorating our pancakes with all sorts of toppings. It was a day filled with delicious fun and learning!



HEART DAY

Heart Day was a meaningful and educational experience for all at our center. We dedicated the day to raising awareness about heart disease and promoting heart health and healthy habits. Through tailored activities, we celebrated individual differences and highlighted the importance of taking care of our hearts. It was a day filled with empathy, learning, and a shared commitment to living healthier lives.



ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

-Toilet Training Tips for Parents-

Toilet training, also known as nappy or potty training, is a big step in your child's development. At Hope Childcare, we're here to support both you and your child through this journey. Whether you are considering toileting, in the process, or need further assistance, here are some helpful tips and advice to make toilet training a smooth process.

****When to Start****

Every child is different, so there's no set age to start toilet training. Generally, children show signs of readiness around 2 years old, but some may be ready earlier. We follow your child's cues and readiness before starting. Having said that, toilet training is based on the child's developmental level and their own readiness to start, rather than their age.

****Signs of Readiness****

If your child shows interest in using the toilet or talks about it, they might be ready. Other signs include showing discomfort in wet or soiled nappies or asking to be changed. Follow your child's lead and make toilet time fun!

****Skip the Potty****

It is best practice to go straight to using the toilet instead of using a potty. This helps avoid confusion for your child. To help avoid any delays and help your child with independence skills, the toilet should be easily accessible with a stool or toilet insert for safety. To help your child sit for a couple of minutes on the toilet, you can read a wipeable book, play "I spy", etc.

****Dealing with Setbacks and Toileting Accidents****

Toilet training isn't always smooth sailing. Setbacks and accidents are expected, so be patient and supportive. Changes in routine or life events such as getting a new sibling can cause regressions, but with time and encouragement, your child will get there.

****Helpful Tips for Children with Special Needs:****

- 1) Familiarize with the Bathroom: Introduce the bathroom gradually using books, videos, or practice runs fully clothed to make it familiar and comfortable. It may take longer for some children to be comfortable with it, but we shall give them this opportunity.
- 2) Use Visual Aids: Utilize picture charts, demonstration with dolls, or books to explain the process visually and encourage understanding.
- 3) Encourage Communication: Support your child in expressing their bathroom needs through words, signs, or pictures to facilitate effective communication.
- 4) Offer Reinforcers: Motivate your child with reinforcers like stickers, toys, or praise for attempting to use the toilet, reinforcing positive behaviour.

Remember, toilet training is a journey, and every child is unique. By being patient, consistent, and supportive, you can help your child master this milestone with confidence. Happy toilet training!

