

November Newsletter

Issue 3



WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to some of our new students which have joined our family at HOPE since the beginning of the school year.

We are well into the swing of our new term, with the children settling into work with their new teachers.

MONTHLY CURRICULUM, THEMES AND LESSON PLANS

November:

Our children have been working super hard this month on their individual programs, the Montessori themes, their communication skills and creatively through our arts and crafts monthly themes.



Montessori:

Practical life skills focused on this month include using pegs, dressing frames (velcro and snap buttons), and polishing mirrors and shoes. While sensorial life skills include experimenting temperature using thermic tablets and touch fabrics to enhance discrimination using tactile senses.

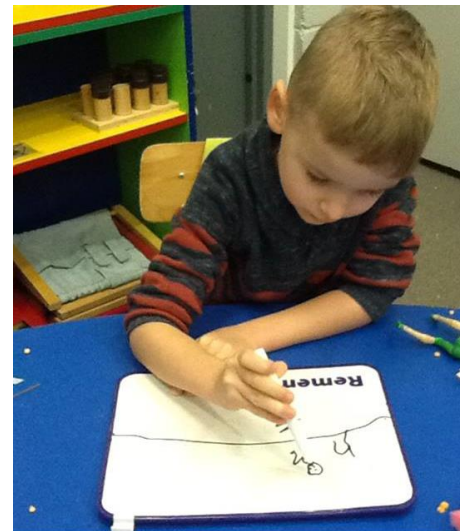


Themes: Under the Sea, Wild Animals, Polar Animals & Dinosaurs



Maths: Numbers 5 and 6

English: Letters P and N



November Activities

Kids Cook:

Kids Cook is proving to be a continued success. The children enjoy the opportunity to come together as a school to participate together. Those who were a bit shy at the beginning are engaging more enthusiastically, with a clearer idea of what's expected of them.



We were all very excited to make cookies again! The children enjoy using all the different shape cutters, an excellent opportunity to revise the shapes from our maths curriculum. While some may not enjoy all the vegetables, it is brilliant to see the children continue to develop confidence in exploring their tastes and make independent choices.



Swimming:

Since the second last Tuesday of November, we completed our swimming lessons for this term. As well as kicking, splashing and blowing bubbles, it has been marvellous to witness the indirect skills our children have developed during swimming, such as waiting patiently for their turn in the pool and happily understanding when the activity is finished and it's time to transition to the changing rooms. Engaging in this activity has been a fantastic achievement for many of our children and the teachers are all very proud of their success. Just

a preview to the progress which will be experienced throughout the rest of our year.

Football:

We are happy to announce that football training with our Professional Football Association of Ireland coaches, started on the last day of this month (Wednesday 30th)!



Lessons will be held in our Mountview Centre every Wednesday until the Christmas break. Prepare yourself for some adorable photos as the children will be kitted out in the football jerseys they received last month! At the end of the season the children will all receive an official football to help them continue to practise their rolling, catching and kicking skills, with an anticipated football match when we return in January.



Fundraising

We are awestruck at the hard work being carried out by the Hope families to raise money for our school! This month we would like to thank Suzanne Lynch, Susie Rojack and Eoin, Louise Riordan and all who helped her bag-packing in aid of Hope, and all those who took

part in or donated to the PFAI 5KM run.

Christmas Celebrations

We can all tell from the nip in the air, that Christmas is just around the corner!

We are happy to announce that we are hosting a Festive Fun Day on December 22nd in our Mountview Centre. It will be a magical day with bouncy castles, games and plenty of baked goods! We are fortunate to have the Lord Mayor of Dublin as our guest of honour, bringing with him the coveted Sam Maguire cup.

The more the merrier, so please join us on this special day. If you can help us out at all with the preparations or bring goods for our bake sale, please let us know!

Watch this space over the next few weeks as more plans for Christmas celebrations are confirmed.



