

September Newsletter

Issue 1



WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new students and parents, and a huge welcome back to all of our returning students and parents. It's been a busy first month here at Hope, with all of the children settling into their new routines so nicely. Our Dublin 8 Centre looks amazing after its mini makeover, Kids Cook has been a big success, and all of our staff are excitedly getting ready for Hope's annual ball taking place next month.



NEW DAILY ROUTINE

Each year, summer break is for us a chance to reflect on the previous school year and ask ourselves, "How can we improve our school and what else can we do to enable our kids to learn as much as possible?". One of the biggest improvements introduced this year is a new daily schedule for the kids in all three centres. This month we have introduced an extra 1:1 session for all pupils in order to maximise their chances to work on their individual programmes, and to give them more opportunities to generalize what they have learnt. We are sure that the kids will benefit greatly.



KIDS COOK

We are delighted to say that we have officially started our cooking lessons. We have the pleasure of having 'Kids Cook's coming to our schools once a week, Wednesday's in Inchicore, and Thursday's in Mountview and Fortlaw. Lisa

and Ann-Marie, our amazing instructors, take the time to bring appropriate cooking utensils and lovely recipes to our schools each week. The children are learning how to bake, and how to use the cooking utensils to improve on skills such as whisking and mixing. In addition to cooking skills, they are also learning about food hygiene, good table manners, taking turns, sharing and waiting. While waiting for our food to cook, the children are presented with the opportunity to practice their skills of cutting and chopping, and to taste vegetables and fruits. The children have become really excited about trying and exploring new foods. This month we have had so much fun making pancakes and preparing cookie dough. After it has been cooked, every child can taste what they have made, making learning fun ☐



hopefully make the centre an even nicer space for the children to learn. The children's artwork looks great against the walls too!



HOPE MASQUERADE BALL

We are very excited about our upcoming fundraising event, the Hope Masquerade Ball which will be held in the Castleknock hotel and Country Club on the 29th of October at 6pm. Guests will be treated to a champagne reception upon arrival followed by a delicious 3 course meal. There will also be music and entertainment on the night to keep guests entertained the whole night through. The event last year was a huge success with all proceeds going towards

MAKE-OVER IN DUBLIN 8

Our Dublin 8 centre was lucky enough to get a mini make-over at the beginning of this school year. All three classrooms, along with our play area, office and stairway, have been freshly painted for the new year. The new cream walls have really brightened the place up, and will

services provided by Hope. Tickets cost 100 pp, anyone interested in purchasing a ticket can contact Sherene at sherene@hmacc.com or Jennifer at jennifer.sheridan@hmacc.com.



MONTHLY CURRICULUM THEMES/LESSON PLANS

September

Themes: All about me, friends and family, my school and my five sense.

Maths: 1 and 2.

English: A and S.

SWIMMING

We are delighted to announce that after a very successful year last year, we will be restarting swimming lessons with all of our kids in the month of October. We are so excited to get all of our children into the water and have no doubt it will be a great success! We look forward to providing you with updates on these lessons once they begin!

SEPTEMBER

This month saw a very active and fun time in our schools in Inchicore and Mountview. The children are working well on their group and individual work and are enjoying playing outside before the colder weather starts, as well as learning new skills in cooking lessons. Please see below some photos from this month.

