

St James's Nursery News



October 2023

Welcome to St. James's Nursery Unit. Our children are gradually settling into Nursery. We are spending lots of time reinforcing rules, routines and key phrases. As your child is now staying for a full session please continue to ensure that your child is toilet trained and independent in their bathroom / cloakroom routine.

October Learning Focus



Theme: Amazing Autumn - We will be exploring Autumn and Hallowe'en

Colours: Orange, Red and Yellow

Shape: Triangle

In Nursery we are learning about some of the animals who live in our local woods e.g. squirrels, hedgehogs and owls. We are learning about how some of these animals are preparing for the winter e.g. squirrels gathering nuts, hedgehogs building nests and some birds flying to warmer countries. As it is autumn we will also be drawing the children's attention to seasonal changes taking place around the Nursery and in the local woodlands e.g.; the colours of the leaves, the different shaped leaves falling off the trees, conkers etc. Encourage your child to identify and name cones, acorns and conkers. Talk with your child about animals that are getting ready for winter. In autumn the weather is getting colder and we wear warmer clothes. Tell your child about the things you enjoyed as a child in autumn. Perhaps you enjoyed watching bonfires, playing with conkers on strings or flying a kite. Talk to your child about the fun side of Halloween, dressing up and wearing masks, fireworks and firework safety.

Dates for Your Diary



Week beginning 16th October: Maths Week Ireland

Tuesday and Wednesday 17th and 18th October: Photographer

Friday 20th October: Jo Jingles

Thursday 26th October: October birthday party

Friday 27th October: Hallowe'en fancy dress party. Last day of school before Hallowe'en break

Monday 6th November: School reopens to children

Friday 10th November: Parent and child THRiVE Nursery Rhyme Event with Moo Music.

Monday 27th November: Parent Teacher Meetings

Nursery Fund



Thank you for your continued support of our Nursery fund. Nursery fund is used to pay for snack, replenishable resources such as playdough, birthday cupcakes, photographs (which will be sent home in your child's portfolio at the end of the year), additional topic resources and to provide 'Jo Jingles' music sessions for the children among other things.

If You Can....



We are grateful for your continued support.

If you could continue to bring in natural autumnal items such as leaves, pine cones, acorns and conkers that would be a great help.

We also welcome donations of tissues and old photo frames (to be used in this month's learning activities).

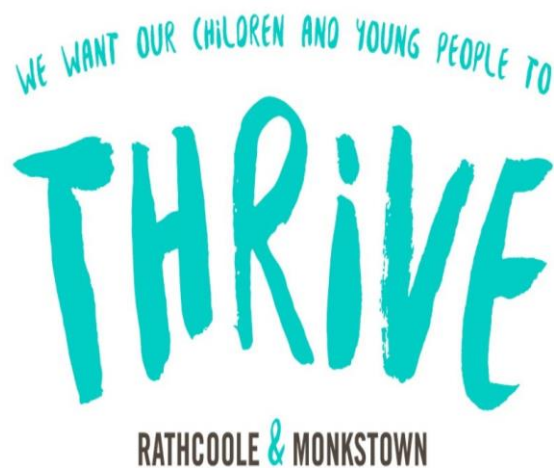
St James's PS & NU Value of the Month



In St James's Primary School and Nursery Unit we focus on a different value every month. This month we are focusing on kindness. At the end of the month one child from each class will be awarded a special kindness certificate.

You may want to talk with your child about what kindness is.

Kindness in Nursery can be ... sharing toys, using kind words and playing with all friends in Nurser.y.



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.

Our Nursery children have settled so well into their new classes and are enjoying finding out new things.

We can be healthy and well.

The children are now staying for lunches and dinners. They are enjoying eating healthy meals at snack and dinner time.

We can be connected.

It is lovely to see the strong friendships forming between our children.

We would like to thank you for attending our curriculum meeting and look

Change of clothes



Please help us by ensuring your child has a full change of clothes kept in the Nursery; this is essential as accidents can happen, even if this is just getting wet at the water tray.

It is also necessary for you to label all items of your child's uniform (including coats and bags) as this helps us to avoid confusion.

Please ensure your child brings a coat every day as we will be playing outside. If your child does not already have welly boots in nursery please send a pair.

Jewellery

For health and safety reasons, it is Nursery policy that jewellery (including stud earrings) is **not** worn in Nursery.

October Songs and Rhymes



Autumn Leaves

Orange leaves are falling down,
Spinning, spinning all around,
Floating by without a sound,
So catch them if you can.

Yellow leaves are falling down,
Spinning, spinning all around,
Floating by without a sound,
So catch them if you can.

Golden leaves are falling down,
Spinning, spinning all around,
Floating by without a sound,
So catch them if you can.

Red leaves are falling down,

Spinning, spinning all around,
Floating by without a sound,
So catch them if you can.

Autumn leaves are falling down,
Spinning, spinning all around,
Floating by without a sound,
So catch them if you can.



Pumpkin Head

Sitting in the window, pumpkin head,
Circles for your eyes,
And a funny triangle nose,
And a flickering light inside.
You're a funny old orange pumpkin head

Sitting in the window, pumpkin head,
Circles for your eyes,
And a funny rectangle mouth,
And a flickering light inside.
You're a funny old orange pumpkin head



Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate

The first one said "Oh my it's getting late."

The second one said "There are witches in the air!"

The third one said "But we don't care!"

The fourth one said "Let's run and run and run!"

The fifth one said "I'm ready for some fun."

Oooooooooooooo went the wind and out went the light

And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

