

## Poppins Post – August September October

### General News

- We would firstly like to wish all the children who are leaving us over the summer to start School or Pre school settings the best of luck. We will miss you all and hope you will come back and visit us soon. Don't forget the Christmas Fayre... pop along to see us and visit Santa while you are here
- We would like to give a warm welcome to all the new children who have recently joined Poppins, we are very excited to see you grow and hope you enjoy your time here.
- As the weather is still a little unpredictable can you ensure that your children come to nursery with water proof coats so that they are prepared for any weather and can still enjoy the outdoors as we do go outside every day. Please can we also remind parents and carers to clearly label these with your child's name to avoid any mix ups.
- If you have not liked our Facebook page then please do. We add photos regularly of the children engaging in different activities so you can see what they have been up to and use it as a means to pass any messages to you all. We ask permission for your child to be on our Facebook page when you first join, if no longer wish your child to be on the page anymore then please let us know.
- Comments and Suggestions - As part of developing our service we always like to collect your views and suggestions and act upon them where possible. If you would like to give us some feedback, recommend an idea you may have or just praise the girls for the work they do with your child then we now have comments and suggestions forms in reception. Please feel free to collect a form and return via the black box on the wall by the menus. You can put your name if you like or forms can remain anonymous.
- Please can we also remind all parents/carers to close both gates to the nursery both on entry and when leaving the nursery in order to maintain security of the premises.
- If you need to change your sessions for any reason or terminate your place at the nursery we require four weeks written notice as stated in our terms and conditions.
- Can we remind all parents, carers, staff and visitors to take great care when driving on the car park.

## Dates For Your diary

### August

- 27<sup>th</sup> August - Nursery closed Bank Holiday

### September

- 3<sup>rd</sup> September Autumn term starts
- 4<sup>th</sup> September Croft schools open.

### October

- 5<sup>th</sup> October Grandparents day (more info to follow)
- 18<sup>th</sup> October- Nursery Photos
- 29<sup>th</sup> October Half term
- 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween Party (Fancy Dress)

## Room News



### Caterpillar Room

#### August

We would like to wish a big happy birthday to Aine, Aiofe & Peter who turn 2 this month! We hope you have a lovely day and enjoy toddler room!

This month the children in caterpillar room are getting very creative in updating their gallery wall, they shall be exploring various methods of mark making through chalking, painting, printing, gluing & sticking etc.

We will also be thinking about holidays as well all take a break and visit some amazing places. The children will be in the sand and water to continue to explore new textures and recreate experiences they have had on their holidays. Also getting the younger ones used to the feel of the sand if they have never sat in it or manipulated it before as it can feel very strange. Children learn through their environment and sensory experiences, such as sand and water, helps to stimulate the brain by sending signals that help strengthen neural pathways. This is so important for all types of learning and the best part is the children love it!

#### September

We would like to wish a big happy birthday to Lucy & Kyra who both turn 2 this month! We hope you have a lovely day!

As we have a number of children approaching the potty training stage, this month we will be focusing on this through an array of carefully planned activities and routines. We will use the bay dolls and potty's in the role play area to develop understanding and build confidence before trying the older children on the potty at regular toileting times throughout the day. In addition to this we will be displaying child friendly toilet training pictures, use associated language and have potty's readily available in the changing area at all times. If any parents are currently attempting toilet training or thinking of doing so please speak to a member of staff so that we can follow your training routine ensuring consistency for your child during this stage of development.

#### October

During October we will be focusing on developing children's language skills; we will be doing this by providing lots of exciting activities that are designed to enhance language skills.

Visual aids will be added into small world/messy play activities to prompt language in play and staff will be predominately focusing on the effective use of language and its development during these activities. Children will be engaging in lots of story times using new books and story sacks which will then be turned into book themed activity trays for children to repeat language heard during story times.

This month we shall also be exploring 'Autumn' looking closely at textures and colours of Autumn objects. Once we have done this we will be displaying our lovely work on a Autumn themed display board.

At the end of October we will be celebrating Halloween and are very excited to take part in lots of spooky spectacular arts and crafts. We will also be holding the annual Poppins Halloween party, where there will be lots of gruesome games and a best dressed competition with prizes!



## Butterfly Room

### August

A big happy birthday to Seb, Harley & Emma who all turn 3 this month! Have a great day guys, we hope you all enjoy pre-school!

During August the butterfly room will be focusing on the children's mark making/writing skills; this will be done through various exciting and new activities. Children will be using mark making tools and card board boxes to develop both imagination and mark making skills, they will be given opportunities to create own unique play scenes in creative way. In addition to this the children will be looking at more creative ways of mark making that provide lots of other learning opportunities ; they will be exploring different types of fruit and using them as mark making tools that will all create new and different shapes, patterns and designs.

## September

Wishing a very warm welcome back to some of our toddlers who have been off over the summer holidays, we cannot wait to hear all about your adventures!

As we enter the Autumn term we will be exploring the change of season by investigating change outdoors. We are looking forward to going on an autumn walk in search for signs of change and will be looking closely at autumn colours.

As we have had a holiday themed role play area over summer we will be changing this back into a traditional home corner with lots of mathematical elements and opportunities added in. For example the home corner will be home to everyday objects used that can enhance mathematical concepts i.e. jugs, measuring cups, food scales, real foods, shopping lists, labels, cooking instructions and ingredients, timers ect. Staff will play with and alongside children in this area and develop mathematical understanding.

## October

We would like to wish a big happy birthday to Isaac, Amelia, and Logan who all turn 3 this month! We hope you enjoy Preschool.

The toddlers will be embracing the beautiful Autumn weather this month and will be getting very messy in our mud kitchen, children will be using this month as a prime opportunity to explore seasonal changes, natural objects through an array of outdoor activities such as den building, shape hunting, texture trays, forest school sessions, listening walks ect.

At the end of the month the children will be getting gruesome with lots of exciting Halloween themed activities on offer, these include pumpkin carving, spooky biscuit making, exploring slime, witch hunting etc and to top it off a all round spook fest party.



## Ladybird Room

## August

During August we shall be exploring ICT/media and materials and engaging in some inventive ways of developing the children's ICT skills; these include using bee bots, electronic scales during measuring and cooking activities, role playing with dolls and electric thermometers and going on a 'gold hunt' using metal detectors.

As many of the children are due to go on holiday this month we are using this time as a prime opportunity to develop the children language skills and knowledge and understanding of the world. This term we will be dedicating 2 weeks to talking and learning all about different people and communities around us. We will be going on local trips out into the community to develop our knowledge and will invite in a select few people to talk about their professions in the community.

We will do this by creating a travel agents role play area including flight maps, plans, travel books, destination cards, boarding passes ect all resources used to extend learning and provide opportunity to talk about personal experiences, thus develop language skills.

## **September**

Firstly we would like to welcome all the children back after their summer break! We hope you had a fantastic summer and we are excited to hear all about it. Furthermore we would like to welcome all of the children who have joined the lady bird room at Poppins this September and we cannot wait to get to know you all!

This month will be largely focusing on establishing and developing good communication/language skills and embedding good routines within the room. The children will be engaging in some fantastic and imaginative circle time activities which will be designed to provide lots of opportunities to develop good communication/language skills in an exciting way. Registration time will be used as a time to talk about routines and rules of the room; children will discuss and develop personal, social and emotional understanding of themselves and others around them.

As the autumn term starts we will be focusing closely on developing an understanding of 'Autumn' through an array of exciting activities such as autumn walks, leaf printing, collages etc.

## **October**

This month we will be talking and learning all about different people and communities around us. We will be going on local trips out into the community to develop our knowledge and understanding of the world and will be speaking to a select few professionals in the community about their roles and responsibilities.

From our experiences we will use our own work, photographs and captions to create a display on people and communities that the children can be proud of and reflect and extend upon their knowledge.

October will be a spooky month for our Preschoolers, we shall be celebrating Halloween in style at our Halloween party where will be going on a Halloween hunt, carving pumpkins, making slime and many more exciting activities.

**Our literacy focus is:**

- Listens to and joins in with stories and poems, one to one and also in small groups.
- Beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured.
- Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall.

We are hoping to have a visit to the library bus so the children can choose some stories of their own to look at in the setting. Introducing the new and younger children to the structure of stories and how we look at and handle books correctly.

**Our numeracy focus is:**

- Shapes - naming selecting and finding shapes confidently in our environment.