

Newsletter November 2017

Pumpkin Parade

The children and staff dressed up in their Halloween costumes on Friday 27th October and took part in a Pumpkin Parade in support of Down Syndrome Carlow.

We were delighted to see so many parents, grandparents and guardians come along to join in. Even the weather cooperated and sent us a lovely fog to walk in.

A total of 175 euro was raised. Thank you for your continued support.



Community News:

The Christmas Lights will be turned on at The Croppy Graves on Friday 1st December @ 6.00pm. Everyone is welcome. There will be singing from local choirs, dancing by Dargan School of Dance, refreshments and treats for the children including a visit from Santa.



Latest News:

Website:

Please log on to www.graiguecullenpcc.ie for all the latest news on Preschool, Afterschool and Camps.

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary:

Christmas Market: Friday 1st December. All monies raised will be donated to Holy Angels Day Care Centre.

Christmas Nativity: Friday 15th December in St Fiacc's Hall at 10.30 am

Closing Dates for

Christmas: 12pm Friday 22nd December 2017

Open: 9am Monday 8th January 2018

Free Triple P Parenting Programme for Parents of Children 2-10 years.

Start Date: Wednesday 17th January 2018.

Time: 10.30-12.30pm

Venue: Graiguecullen Parish Childcare Centre CLG.

Booking is Essential

To book a place call to the GPCC office or ring 059 9137105 or 085 1155646 or visit Triple P website

www.triplep-staypositive.net

ROOM 1

ECCE Year 2

We, in Room 1 have been very active this month. We were outdoors on a regular basis in various learning experiences: In the playground; playing dodgeball, Granny Granny who has the ball, baskets and searching for clues as a pretend robber took some toys from our room.



The children also participated in a variety of experiments for National Science Week. Experiments such as making a milk rainbow, making plastic from very basic ingredients, creating a rainbow using washing up liquid, a sock and a plastic bottle and making slime.



Throughout the preparation and while carrying out each experiment the children were introduced to new vocabulary, words such as; combine, interact, fuse and bond.

ROOM 2

ECCE Year 2

We have been exploring the world of Dinosaurs. We searched the Internet to see a variety of species, before venturing outside to carry out our own search using the binoculars and magnifying glasses.



We made dinosaur footprints in playdough. We created fossils made from salt dough. Once the dough had hardened we hid them in the sand tray.



We used toothbrushes and small paintbrushes as we searched to find the fossils. We were introduced to new vocabulary, words such as extinct, archaeologists, Tyrannosaurus Rex, Diplodocus and Triceratops.

For National Science Week, the children carried out experiments that encouraged them to think 'how does that work'? We made a volcano from a plastic bottle and papier- mache. On Friday the children experienced the volcano 'erupting'.



Other experiments that we carried out were: a mixing of colours using jars, kitchen towel and food colouring. We placed some water in three different jars. Kitchen towel was placed in one and fed through to the subsequent jars. We added drops of food colouring to the water and watched as the colours merged together.

ROOM 3

Junior Preschool and ECCE Year 1

Happy birthday to Beth

Welcome to Darragh and Chantelle



We have been busy practicing our Christmas songs, while enjoying playing lots of different instruments such as shakers, tambourines, triangles and a guitar.



As part of National Science Week, we had the opportunity to take part in many activities such as making magic paint and mixing colours together.

We have been learning about windy weather. We used a toy washing machine, real life empty washing cartons to wash the dolls clothes and then hung them on a clothes line that we had made outside. Later during the morning, we went outside to see if the wind had dried them.



ROOM 4

ECCE Year 1

This month the children have been learning about the season of Winter. We discussed animals that hibernate and went in search for them on our outdoor walks. We gathered leaves and carried out some leaf rubbing when we returned to our room. We made our own hedgehogs using paper, paint, sponges, brushes and small sticks.



Outside our room we have a large tree, we decided to make birdfeeders using Cheerios and pipe cleaners. The children enjoyed the story 'We're going on a bear hunt'. During an outdoor walk the children used binoculars on our outdoor bear hunt. We found him hiding near the shed.



For National Science Week we made Dinosaur eggs. We used baking soda, water food colouring and dinosaurs. We mixed the ingredients together and moulded it around a small dinosaur. We left the egg shape overnight in the freezer. The following day we used plastic syringes and white vinegar to crack the egg to see what was inside.





Christmas Songs

JINGLE BELLS

Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
On a one horse open sleigh
Jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
On a one horse open sleigh

TWINKLE LITTLE STAR

Twinkle, twinkle, little star
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle, twinkle, little star
How I wonder what you are.

WHEN SANTA GOT STUCK UP THE CHIMNEY

When Santa got stuck up the chimney,
He began to shout,
You girls and boys,
Won't get any toys,
If you don't pull me out.
My beard is black and there's soot in my sack,
My nose's is tickling too!
When Santa got stuck up the chimney,
Achoo. Achoo. Achoo.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

EVERYONE

Snow is fallin'
All around me
Children playin'
Having fun
It's the season
For love and understanding
Merry Christmas everyone

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a happy New Year

SANTA, WE LOVE YOU

(to the tune of Grandma, we love you)
Santa, we love you
Santa, we do
Now it is December
And we think of you
And one day when it's winter.
We'll look up and say
Here comes the snow again

Just for fun



Who is the face
behind the
mask???????