



HIGH KIRK COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP NEWSLETTER MAY 2019

The theme in **April** was “New Beginnings/Easter” and the children enjoyed their visit to Ballymena Library and meeting Angela again. With the drier weather, although still cold, outdoor activities were greeted with great zeal.

The children will be taking home sunflower seeds this week. To encourage young horticulturists we would ask you to water and care for these seeds. There is a competition to see who can grow the tallest sunflower. Later in June we will ask for a picture and to measure your sunflower.

The transition to our theme Mini Beasts seamlessly moved forward with children this week and the children are already starting to collect mini beasts. (Don't you just love it when your child brings their treasured find home?)

Closed – Monday 6th May 2019

Theme – Mini Beasts/Sports

Colour – Purple

Shape - Revisiting shapes

Visit – Tuesday 14th May 2019 Party Animals

Sports Day – Friday 24th May 2019 @ 10.45. Early closure 11.30

Closed – Monday 27th May 2019

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Pre-school contributions are due again. Outstanding fees to be paid this month. Please place in an envelope with your child's name and payment clearly displayed.

Sports Interest Table

We would appreciate **sporting equipment** for our interest table this month. Once again we thank you in anticipation for supplying items for the interest table. Your child will be practicing for our Sports Day, on Friday 1st June 2018, during the month of May.

Nature Table

We would appreciate contributions of plants, herbs or items collected from walks.

Lending Library

This valued resource aids children's listening skills, sequencing and awareness that the printed word has meaning. We highly recommend that parents/carers assist their child in choosing a book, taking time to read and discuss the pictures. Recall and sequencing of events can be developed by asking your child what the book was about. These discussions will also assist in the development of your child's vocabulary. **Please return any outstanding books.**

June Outing

Outing this year is to Carnfunnock on **Friday 7th June 2019**. One adult and child attending playgroup can be accommodated on transport supplied by Etherson Travel. The fee for this outing is £12.00 and includes return travel, two turns on the train and face painting for children attending the playgroup. **Information is attached.**

Social Services Inspection

High Kirk Community Playgroup is annually inspected and this was held on Tuesday 9th April 2019. Social Services sent parents/carers questionnaires. We would like to thank all those who completed these questionnaires and returned them.

Dental Hygiene

Children continue to participate in our dental hygiene awareness. Each child will receive a new toothbrush this month to encourage them to continue with this programme.

Dates for your Diary

Closed Monday 6th May 2019

Closed Monday 27th May 2019