

April Newsletter

Issue 8



HOPE SPECIAL EDITION

We would like to welcome everyone back from the Easter Break. We want to first and foremost say a big thanks to all our dedicated teachers, our amiable parents and all the friends of HOPE who worked relentlessly in making last term a great success. The month of April is a unique month to every one of us in HOPE. This year, it was super special as we joined the whole world in celebrating the tenth annual World Autism Awareness Day. We remain committed to spreading the word across the globe to create more awareness about autism.



Some of the highlights from the WAAD Family Fun Day

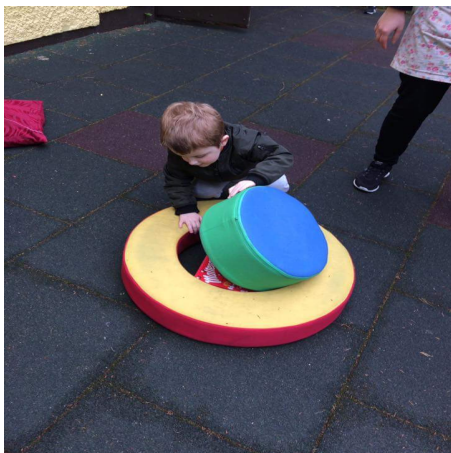


EASTER

The children had great fun learning about Easter in the month of April and we crowned it with wonderful songs presentation to the amazement of parents who came to cheer children on.



It was great fun as the children searched and hunted for Easter eggs.



And of course, the Easter theme and the excitement that came with it couldn't have ended without our amazing Easter prize which was won by one of the parents.



HOPE SPECIAL INTEGRATION PROGRAM

Our specially organised integration program for some of our classes into the mainstream Montessori class has been of great benefit to the children. This integration has helped in improving the children's social

skills, academic performance, enhancing self-esteem, encouraging group activities / team work and preparing them for transitioning to the big school.



HOPE MONTESSORI AUTISM CARE CENTRE – COUNTIES LIMERICK & CORK

Our new class in St. Munchins Community Centre, Limerick is all set and ready to kick off this May, 2017. For more details on enrolment, contact the school Secretary, Tanya Neeson

tanya.neeson@hmacc.com

Watch out for more details on Cork centre.



A 4TH CLASS OPENING IN DUBLIN 15 – MOUNTVIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

A new class is opening in our Dublin 15 Centre this May. Kindly contact the school Secretary,

tanya.neeson@hmacc.com for further information.

SCOILSINEAD PRIMARY & SECONDARY

We are delighted to announce that Griffeen Community College is now accepting expressions of interest for September 2017. Please email your details to info@griffeenc.ie. We will be temporarily accommodated in Kishoge Community College with the permanent site on Balgaddy Road at the junction with Griffeen Road. *Spread the good news around!*

JULY PROVISION

Watch out for the July Provision sanction letter that will be sent to you by The Department of Education. Kindly give a copy of the letter to your Head Teacher or the school Secretary.

END OF 2017 SCHOOL YEAR

The 2016/2017 academic year ends in June for the mainstream Montessori class and July for all our Autism classes. More details will follow as the school year draws to an end.

FREE PRE-SCHOOL (ECCE SCHEME) AVAILABLE IN HOPE



We still have free ECCE places available in our mainstream Montessori class.

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

ECCE CALCULATOR

What is the ECCE Scheme?

The ECCE is a government funded scheme which gives children access to free Pre-school where they are immersed in appropriate programme-based activities from the age of three years until they start primary school.

Participation in the ECCE scheme provides children with their first experience of formal learning and supports and enhances their early

years development. When will my child be eligible for the scheme?

The ECCE scheme is open to children from the age of three years until they attend primary school (If they are not older than 5 ½ years at the end of the preschool year).

Parents can enroll their children at three entry points during the year:

- **September, for children who turn 3 years on or before the 31st August**
- **January, for children who turn 3 years on or before the 31st December**
- **April, for children who turn 3 years on or before the 31st March**

Feel free to contact us for more information on this.

SWIMMING SESSION

Swimming Session continues for the rest of the school year. We would like to use this opportunity to remind parents who have not completed their children's swimming fees to kindly do so. Also, if you still have outstanding to balance for the Kids Cook session, kindly send in your money.

