



December Newsletter

December was a month packed with activities for the obvious reason that it is the last month of the year. Our kids were highly expectant, there was no dull moment. These activities went a long way to in honing our social and practical life skills.

Kids Cook continues

Kids Cook continued into December with all the children from Inchicore, Mountview and Fortlawn getting the chance to discover new tastes, textures and smells. All the children really look forward to this time and engage willingly with the ladies from Kids Cook. This month, they tasted different fruits like oranges, lemons and apples while also learning how to cut them using their child friendly knives. They also got to taste jelly and practiced transferring their jelly from the pots into their cups using spoons. December also saw them get use to flour and how it can be made into dough using some milk. They got the chance to roll their dough with rolling pins too. The flour and dough can often end in a mess, with it ending up on their faces and cloths, some of our student even practised letters and numbers skill using the flour. At the end, everyone does their best to tidy up afterwards. Finally, the children got the opportunity to feel the different types of pasta which can be eaten and even got to taste some in a Bolognese sauce, which went down as a treat.

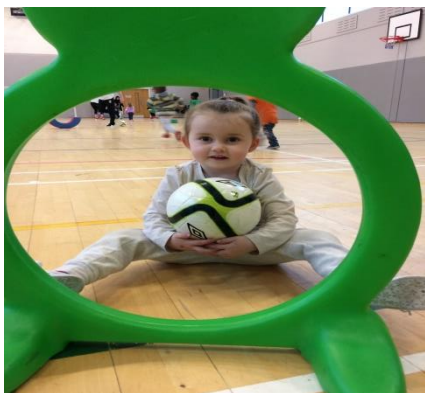




Football Training

Every Wednesday in December saw the children from all three centres team up with the Professional Football Association Ireland (PFA). The PFA crew kindly offered up their time on Wednesdays to help the children hone their skills with a football. From taking penalties, running with the ball at their feet to throwing the ball through hoops, the coaches have provided an engaging and interesting regime for the students. This activity has allowed all the children to express themselves in a different setting with unfamiliar faces which is great for them as they continue to grow and explore new things. It also gave the children the opportunity to release all their energy which can sometimes be a blessing for the teachers.





North Pole Experience

Our students enjoyed a lovely trip to the **North Pole Experience** at the Royal Liver Retail Park. The day consisted of a lovely adventure with various exciting experiences for the children. They began their adventure with meeting **Jack Frost** and taking a ride on the **Coca Cola Kiddie Train at the Snowman Kingdom**, they loved the experience with some children pretending to drive the train.

They went on to have a snowball fight with **frosty the snowman**. They enjoyed a browse at the garden, with lots to see, such as **Rudolf the reindeer and the train sets**, as well as all the little presents nearby. The children and staff alike had lots of fun at the bouncy castles and slide, before heading to meet and **greet Santa**; they all got their very own pictures taken with Santa and a lovely gift to accompany that! The fun didn't stop, with the children enjoying more play time at **bounceland playzone**.

All these activities worked up our appetite, meaning we all got treated to a McDonald's happy meal before heading home.

It was a lovely day for all; the children enjoyed a unique and imaginative experience by visiting **The North Pole Experience**.





HOPE Bake Sale and Family Fun Day

What a pleasant way to end this term with Hope's Bake Sale and Family Fun Day! The children had lots of fun singing Christmas carols with friends and bringing joy to their families and friends. The day had lots to offer for everyone including the bouncy castles which the children took great pleasure in, the henna, face painting and much more! There were lots of homemade cakes and treats leaving everyone feeling satisfied! What a delightful way to end the term. Special thanks to Parents, their families and friends of Hope for donating all the yummy cakes and making a big success of the Bake Sale. A



total of sum of €232.87 was realised at the cake sale. Kudos to everyone.



Our Goodbyes

This end of year, we had a few farewells said to colleagues, our Head teacher at Inchicore, Aisling, our teachers Helena and Antoinette and our student teacher, Marie. Massive thanks for their great work in Hope and Wishing them the very best in their future endeavours



Aisling



Helena



Antoinette



Marie

Fundraising

We would like to extend our appreciation to everyone who has worked tirelessly in fundraising for our school. Special thanks go to Fiona and Ray Haynes, Lydia Bonner , Lindsey Lee, Suzie, Eoin and Leo Geoghegan, Suzanne Lynch , Laxmana Gunta, and Natasha Moore. We would also like to thank all of our parents that donated any old or unwanted clothes, this too helps us to raise the needed funds for our school.