



Welcome/Welcome Back

A very big welcome to all of the new children coming into Butterflies this year and a great big welcome back to our children from last season. We look forward to a busy year and it is so much fun to see our children change and grow. For all our newcomers, our newsletter is a place to share current news and past and upcoming events, so if you have anything you think is newsworthy, please use the **submit article** button on the Downloads page on our website. Don't be shy! We may not be able to include everything but we will certainly try. Congratulations to Rachel who is due her baby girl in December and we would like to formally welcome Hazel and Mairead to the team. We would also like to say goodbye to Susan who left us at the beginning of the summer to grow her own business. Check out www.aerialfilming.ie. We wish you all the best in this exciting venture and we miss you at Butterflies!

Reminders

- We have many children and parents to consider so please be on time when picking up and dropping off. It also helps us with our scheduling.
- Weather is turning, so don't forget warm coats or sweaters for outdoor play. This time of year, layers work well! Also, writing your child's name on clothing is advisable.

Another Year

It's been a wonderful summer with so much glorious sunshine and I really hope you all got to enjoy some of it. In Butterflies, we did a lot of our activities outdoors and tried to make the best of the fine weather.

Mornings can be chaotic and we know it can be hard to say goodbye to your little ones, even for a few hours, but it is important that children are dropped off and collected at the correct times to ensure a smooth running service. Lingering is not encouraged as it can have an unsettling effect on your child, especially if they are new to Butterflies. Also, arriving early (by car) at pick up and waiting for your child has been causing traffic flow problems. It would really help us if you could drop off/pick up and go. We wish we had a bigger space for you all to linger and share stories, but we don't and in an effort to prevent frazzled encounters, we would ask you all to adhere to the car park policy.



What's Going On?





Maggie & Lisa

Baby Room

Our baby room has seen a lot of growth over the summer. Our June crawlers are walking and our walkers are interested in running! We also have some new additions to keep us on our toes. Autumn brings about changes outside as well as inside.

Early Learning/Toddler Room

During the month of September I will be introducing the children to pre-Montessori work like beading, puzzles and differentiating colors, shapes & patterns. Each morning, circle time allows us to learn new songs, our numbers and talk about home life. The children become more familiar with each other and this builds confidence. They have all taken a shine to our 'open/shut them' song. Ask them to sing it for you ©



Hazel



Louise Stewart

Pre-Montessori Room

We have all been busy beavers learning our colours. We get to shout them out at the top of our voices. We have also been practicing our nursery rhymes. 'Humpty Dumpty' is not as much fun as 'I'm a little teapot'. We get to do actions with that one. It's like Toddler Keep Fit while we learn our rhymes.

Montessori Rooms

During the month of September the Montessori children will get to know each other, what the expectations are in the Montessori room and the classroom. How to care for yourself and others is the theme of the month. They will start to learn their basic shapes and will learn the correct way to hold their pencil, all in preparation for this time next year!





Louise Hurley & Charmaine





Mairead & Rachel

Busy Bees

Our Busy Bee room was such a success when we introduced it in May that it has become a permanent fixture and along with Rachel, we welcome Mairead to the team. Small concentrated groups are given individual help and attention and most of all, encouragement to try and try again and praise for every success.