

## September 2014 Newsletter



As our settling-in period for our new children has slowly dissipated we have introduced your children to the Practical Life exercises which consist of pouring, spooning, polishing, folding, rolling, threading using tweezers and cutting with scissors. All of these help to strengthen the hand muscles. (You can read more about this in your parent handbooks. In sensorial we have introduced the Pink tower, the brown stairs, knobbed and knobless cylinders as well as colour boxes 1 & 2. These exercises encourage children to explore their environment and to discriminate shapes, colours, textures and to categorise. Some have been introduced to the sand paper numbers and are already showing a keen interest!

We explored the different seasons, said goodbye to summer and welcomed in Autumn, discussing Autumn Themes, such as colours, and changes to the leaves on the trees! We have learnt some songs 'Summer Goodbye', 'Hello Song', 'Good Morning Song', 'Into School', 'Wide Awake Eyes', 'The days of the week', the 'Popcorn song', 'Baby in the cradle', 'Twinkle Twinkle' and many more.

We read lots of stories, Dotty can't Sleep, The Owl Babies, The Autumn Poem, What's the Time Maisy Daily Painting and play-dough is freely available to all every day; We have coloured in Autumn leaves both small and large, a hedgehog and created an autumn scene in our scrap book.

We also celebrated some August and September birthdays last month wishing Paddy, Róisín, Dominik, Daniel David James and Jack O'Connor Happy Birthdays! We also had our first visitors to the school, kittens Pepsi & Shirley who were a big hit with the children.

If you haven't yet sent in Passport-sized photographs of your child and a family photograph, please do so as it encourages your child to be more independent and gives them a sense of identity and belonging. **Please label hand-towels** as many children have the same ones (especially the 'character' towels). We would discourage sending in 'Frubes' as they tend to spill easily. **Again, any food containing chocolate/nuts is strictly not permitted as we have some children in school with severe allergies.**

We would be grateful if you could send in any of the following recyclables: old greeting cards, pringles boxes, scraps of wool, old ribbons, waste computer paper (*from your home or office*).

*Eileen & Staff*

