



# Christmas Newsletter 2016

## Christmas Play

- The Playschool & Montessori children will perform their play on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016**.
- The Playschool children will (hopefully) perform a couple of songs after the Montessori performance. If all children could please wear a Christmas jumper. Montessori have a list of costumes they might be looking for we will contact you all and put a list of what's required on Facebook please help if you can.
- This all starts at 11am approx. in the National School Hall across from the crèche and will be over by 12noon. Please drop the children to crèche as normal and then make your way to the hall as soon as you are ready.
- There will then be teas & coffees available for parents in the hall after the play and some treats for the children.
- The performance will be recorded by Jim Liston and the DVDs will be available for €10 to buy from him. Please order through Amanda by text 0879259582
- A father of 2 children attending the crèche will provide the sound system. Thank you Fiachra Liston
- All are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

### Costumes list required for Montessori play

- 2 Dads costumes (peak cap & jacket)
- 2 mams (apron, hairnets rollers)
- 4 bunny (ears, white fluffy jumper or bunny onesie)
- Stars (t-shirt with stars on it)
- Bird costume (ideas please)

### Invitation from Banogue National School

Banogue N.S. are delighted to issue an invitation to **Montessori** children to participate in our Christmas show "Beauty and the Beast" on Thursday 15th December at 7p.m. We will arrange for the children to attend rehearsals during Montessori sessions. Further details to follow in a note. Many thanks, Banogue N.S."

## CHRISTMAS - Dates

Montessori & Playschool performance Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in the national School Hall.

### Holidays:

- Montessori, Playschool & After School will finish Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December after service in line with school closures and will return on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
- Full service will close for Christmas holidays at **4pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** 2016 and will return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 for full service. Holiday care is available for Playschool, Montessori and after school on these days but **booking is essential**.

**Santa and Christmas party will happen on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2016.**

## Other news

- Our wonderful cook Ann finished with us last Tuesday as she prepared to undergo knee surgery in Croom hospital on Thursday last. Delighted to say all went well and Ann is home from hospital recovering nicely. Ann will be out for a few months and we all miss her and wish her a speedy recovery xx we have a lovely stand in cook Claire so no need to worry if children will be fed 😊
- Linda O'Callaghan (Afterschool) finished with us to prepare for her new baby. We wish Linda all the best as she waits on the arrival of her new bundle.
- Mariana O'Connor will return from maternity leave in January 2017 and I would like to thank Kaylee for the wonderful job she did as playschool leader during Marianas Maternity leave.

### Parents' news

- We would also like to include news from our families in future newsletters. Any parents who are interested in including their news simply text or email me please.



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## Fashion Show fundraiser

The fashion show was a huge success and was very well supported by so many people and all here at the crèche are so delighted with the support the event received. It was a great night and this is due to all the hard work of the Parents council of Banogue National school especially the very talented fashionista Asta Lee and professional organisation of Aileen Boome.

The grand total of €12,038 was raised after costs (which were minimal) were taken off. This is being divided between crèche & school so the crèche will get €6,019.00. This has already been used to pay for getting the playground repaired and power washed. Materials have also been purchased for the different areas.

*Thank you all so much for your support*



## Curriculum

Current curriculum plans are all about getting ready for Christmas and following the interests of the children. Also following on from Healthy Start training that Breda and Elaine recently attended the full service are focussing on healthy eating and promoting physical health. There will be a fruit of the week and a veg of the week for the children to experience and try out. We are also looking at ways of getting outdoors more regularly and Joey (Heidi's dad) is very kindly helping us to get our back area into a nice shape for the children to plant and do some gardening in.

*As always all suggestions are very welcome and if you have any queries concerns or issues please don't hesitate to contact us.*



## *Points to note:*

- *Crèche fees increase will come into effect in January 2017.*
- *Policies & procedures have been updated in line with new regulations and are available from crèche on request. We hope to circulate a policy a week from January to all.*
- *Please remember to ensure children wear old clothes to crèche as we love to allow participation in messy activities.*
- *Huge thanks to all for your support over the year. It is gratefully appreciated.*

*Merry Christmas*

*From all the Childcare Team*