

## Easter Newsletter 2013

Mary



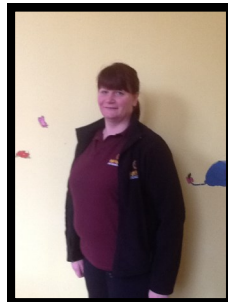
Martina



Diane



Majella



A Big thank you to everyone who supported the Children and Staff on National Pyjama day, it was a great success, The Irish Foundation 'Childrens Hospice Home Care programme' will benefit from your kind sponsorship.  
The amount raised was €200.00

Photos taken with our new I-pad



# Doing all kinds of activities through play

Lily is phoning her Mum



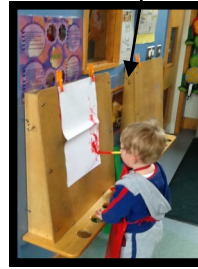
Aimee is drawing her family



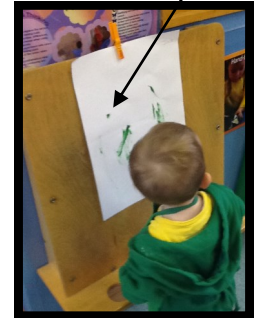
Lauren doing her picture



Darragh painting



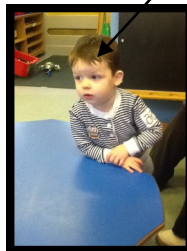
Jack painting



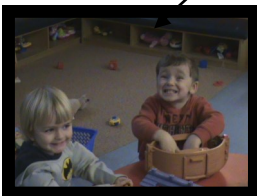
Jack lining up the Animals



Cian is thinking ?



Alan and Tony with Noahs Ark



enjoying drawing



Our Lifelong Reader Programme is going very well and we will continue with this next term. We will also be preparing the Children for moving on to big school, and we do this by encouraging their self-help skills and talking about change etc.

## Stories

The Tiger who came to tea  
 Little Fish that called  
 "Shark"  
 The Gruffalo  
 Monkey Puzzles  
 Mr. Wolves Pancakes  
 Irish Words-Colours Num-  
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## Songs

One finger one thumb keep  
 moving  
 There were ten in the bed  
 Little bunnies  
 Head shoulders knees and  
 toes  
 Peter hammers one hammer  
 etc



The wise old owl tells stories to  
 your kids every day

Learning together through play, enjoying our new extended play area, we will be able to do our planting as the weather gets warmer, our seedlings are nearly ready.



Pancake Tuesday Children taking turns mixing the Pancakes, and enjoyed eating them too, exploring their senses with smell, taste, touch, even sound when all the children went "Ah yummy yummy."

Theme: Exploring and Thinking  
Aim 1 Children will learn about and make sense of the world around them.

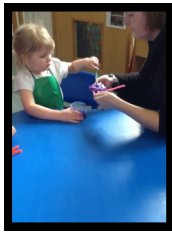
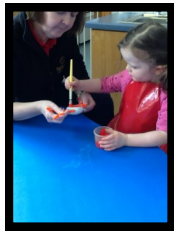
Learning Goal 1 in partnership with the adult children will engage, explore and experiment, and use new physical skills to manipulate materials.



# Story Time with Mr. Wolf's Pancakes



Painting ring holders for their "Mums" for mothers day



Theme :Exploring and Thinking  
 Aim4 Children will develop positive learning dispositions  
 Learning Goal 6 in partnership with the adult children will  
 Act on their curiosity and take risks

Opportunistic moments

Harry the spider visits us



Snow came to them



Eating, is a very important part of the day.



Poor Darragh got tired,

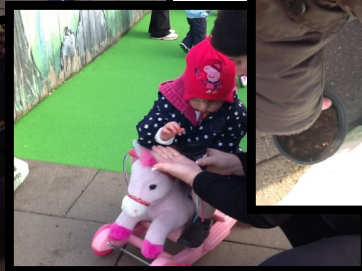
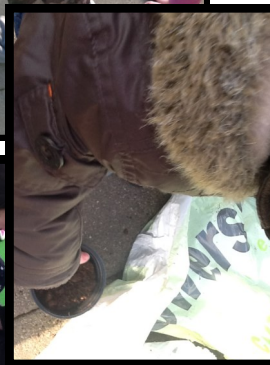
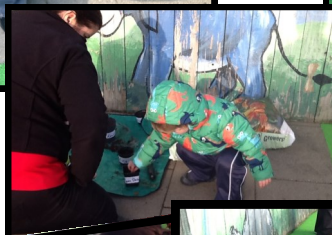
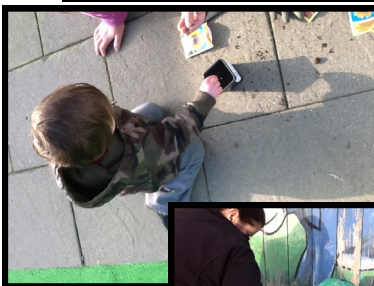
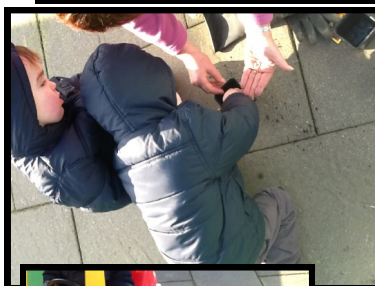
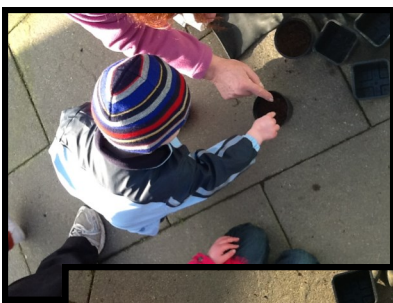
Theme Well-Being

Aim 2 Children will be healthy and fit as can be.  
Learning Goal 6 Develop positive attitudes to nutrition, hygiene, and routine

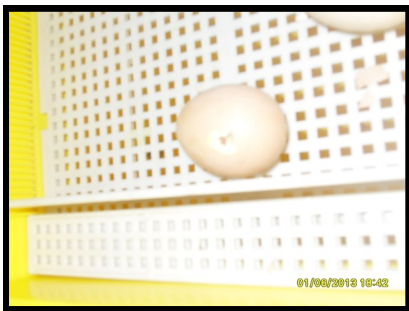


Planting our Sunflowers and cress and caring for same

Theme : Exploring and thinking  
Aim 1 Children will make sense of the world around them.  
Learning Goal 4 Children Learn about the natural environment and their own responsibility as carers

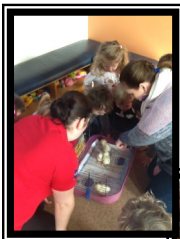
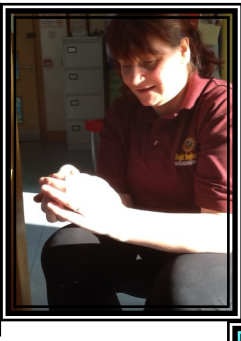


Tony and Shaun share a story of their four New Chicks  
All Four Themes of Aistear were explored here  
Communicating, Well-Being, Exploring and Thinking and Identity and Belonging





Shaun and Tony's Mum brings the New Chicks in to let the Children see them



All about me, has been very successful and was of great benefit to our children and staff over the last year, each child explained about the special people and pets in their lives, therefore we were able to connect with this, so that every child could feel special, and have a good sense of self-worth.

## Story time : All about Me

## Theme: Identity and Belonging

Aim 1 Children will have a strong self-identity

Learning Goal 2 in partnership with the adult children will appreciate features that makes a person special.

Aim 2 Children will have a sense of group identity

Goal 2 in partnership with the adult children will know that members of their family and community are welcomed.



Children doing their Monthly Fire Drill, and having a group discussion about it afterwards.



Theme Exploring and Thinking Aim 2 Children will use skills and strategies for learning about their world.  
Goal 1 Children will make connections between new learning and what they already know  
Goal 5 Children will collaborate with others to share interests and to solve problems  
Goal 6 Children will use their creativity and imagination to solve problems

Conor or is it Michael?



This looks like fun



Lauren stacking her blocks



This playing is hard work, and got just too much for Jack, so he had a little nap.



Lily enjoying her jigsaw



Michael building blocks



Cian doing his jigsaw



Bella making sure she sees everything



Lily dressed up



Lauren and Karen With woody and buzz

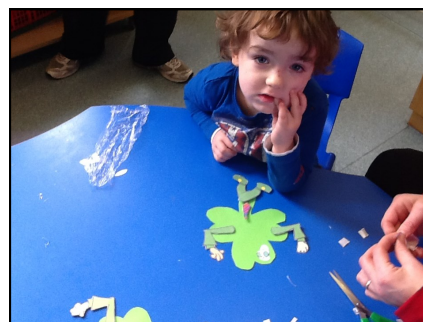


Aimee getting a little tired?



# Concentrating on their St.Patrick's Day activities.

Theme :Communicating Aim 4 Children will express themselves creatively and imaginatively. Learning goal 2 children will express themselves through the visual arts



Outdoor Play/our lovely new soft play surface

Theme Well-Being Aim 2 Children will **be** healthy and fit as they can be.  
Goal 1 in partnership with the adult the Children will gain increasing control and co-ordination  
Goal 5 in partnership with the adult Children will show good judgement when taking risks



We are lucky to have Claire in on Friday for work Experience, she is here entertaining some of the children. "Claire is student in Mulroy College"



Theme: Communicating

Aim 1 Children will use non-verbal communication skills

Goal 1 Children will use a range of body movements facial expressions, and early vocalisations and share information

Goal 4 Children understand and respect that some people will rely on non-verbal communication



Our Winter poster, look at the teamwork here

Theme: Identity and Belonging

Aim 4 Children will see themselves as capable learners  
Goal 3 Children will show increasing self-assurance in directing their own learning



The boys are babysitting today, Shaun is having bother getting his baby into the shopping trolley, careful Shaun, while Cian is going to lidl



Tony is putting his baby to



Shaun's baby is climbing up the wall



Conor and Michael thinking,



# Exploring and Thinking

Aim 1 Children will make sense of the world around them

Goal 1 Children will explore their environment and use new physical skills

Goal 6 Children will understand concepts such as capacity, size, measuring, full, empty, sorting etc



jigsaws



Sand play





Cutting out Activity

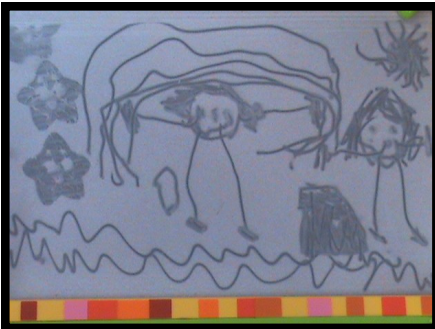


Having fun with blocks



Lauren explains her art work to Martina

Lily, Lauren, Megan and Ryan



Karen is painting Tony's Hands





Pyjama Day  
 "Bright Beginnings"  
 Children had Toast, Muffins and  
 pancakes in bed  
 €200.00 was raised for  
 'Childrens Hospice Homecare  
 Programme'



Cian shared his beautiful daffodils with us all, Thank you Cian



Lily makes Majella a lovely heart, Majella says "Thank you Lily"



Our Class of 2013



Making some Easter goodies, We think someone has started to eat already!



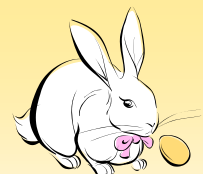
Our Birthday boys and girls over the last term



Our thanks to Hannah Nadaf on Jobbridge programme and Aisling Muray on a six week work-placement from LYIT. Good luck to Diane in her studies on the Degree Programme in LYIT.



Happy Easter! Enjoy your break.  
From:



## Summer Newsletter

Please do not hesitate to contact a staff member if you would like to contribute anything to our Summer Newsletter