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'Bright Beginnings' Newsletter Halloween Edition 2013



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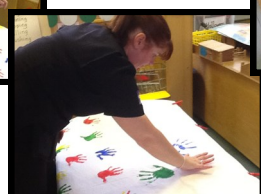


Diane



Wish you all a Happy Halloween

Children and Staff in "Bright Beginnings" Preparing Banner for Toddle to Library, Goodbye VEC Hello ETB
Mrs Eileen McGettigan and Students from Mulroy College will join us in the Centre to Celebrate the Change,



Children get to know each other

Welcome to our new children

Ashling and Matthew Cullen

Ultan and Daithi Casey

Oliver and Nancy McCarthy

Cian Sweeney

Autumn Friel

Noah Friel

Holly Irwin

Amy Hunter

And welcome back to:

Shaun Patrick Begley

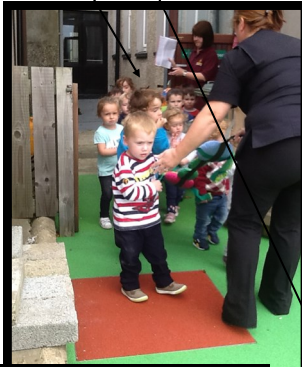
Aimee and Bella Iwawnek

Michael and Conor Shields

Darragh Boyce

Our first Fire drill in the new term. Themes:

Well-being and Identity and Belonging



Fun Fun Fun with stories

Room on the Broom

Little Rabbit Foo Foo

On your Potty

We're going on a bear hunt

Please be quiet

Tiger who came to tea

Meg and Mog

Five little ducks

Speckled frogs

Little bunnies

Twinkle Twinkle little star

Bob the builder

Head shoulders knees and toes

Ceann, guaili, gluin is cos

Lamh lamh eile, a haon, a do



The wise old owl tells stories to your
Children every day

Little bunnies/Story Time



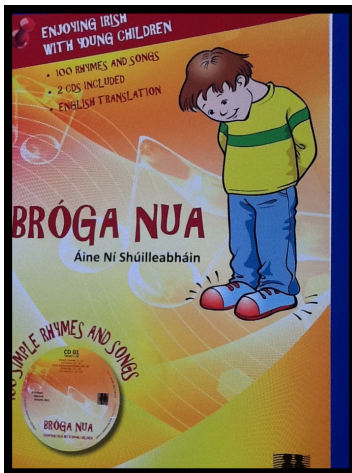
Carving the Pumpkin, this is dangerous work, so children look on, and give directions to Majella, and a helping hand too.



Daily Routines and Activities



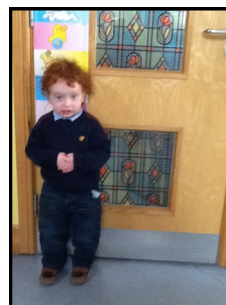
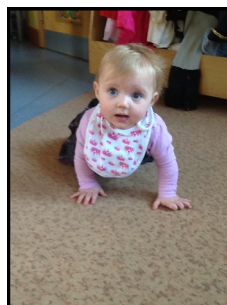
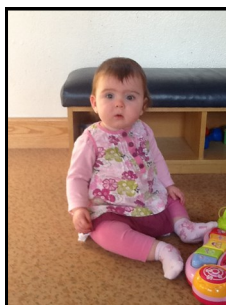
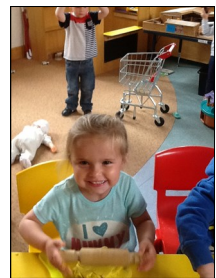
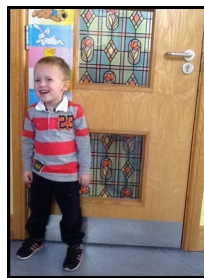
"Broga nua" Irish Songs and Rhymes introduced to the Children



Theme:
Communicating



Boys and Girls settling in to their new environment and getting to know the Staff who care for them, and staff get to know them



Outdoor Play



"Active learning" involves Children learning by doing things

Nancy experimenting with shapes



Budding young Artists



Practicing their fine motor skills



Bella going shopping



Construction work going on here



Nancy enjoying lunch



Aimee with her book



Aimee Taking
Baby shopping



Sand play



Noah painting



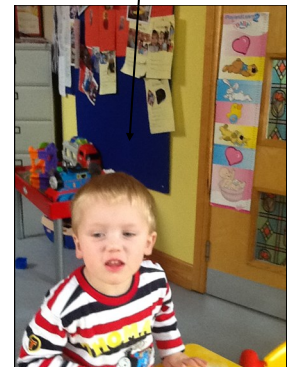
Dressing up time for Shaun Aimee and Bella



Cian playing with
Playdough, not sure if I
want my picture taken?



Oliver joining in at
Playdough



Amy rolling out her
dough



Nancy exploring and
Thinking!



Autumn exploring



Daithi and Ultan, so hard to tell
the difference?



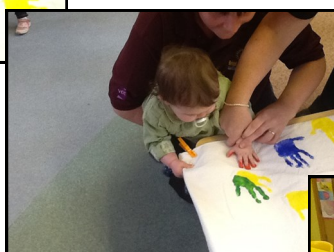
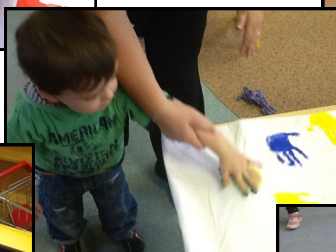
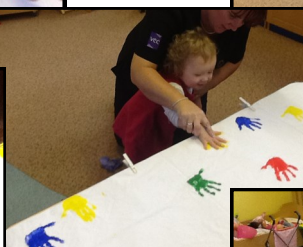
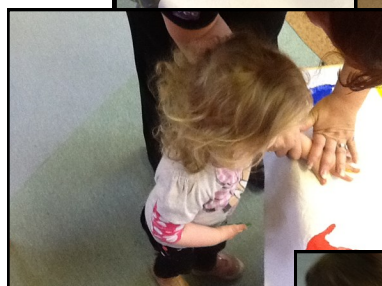
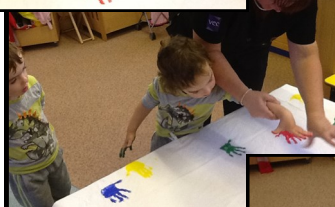
Checking to see if Horse chestnuts, are viable



Having fun



Children doing their handprints for Banner to mark etb week



Communicating and Exploring and Thinking going on here

Aimee, Bella Cian Daithi with carved pumpkin



Shaun having a good look.



Michael and Conor showing off the Pumpkin



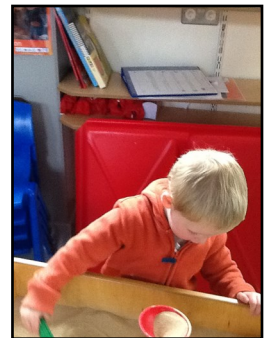
Darragh gets to hold too!



What is Noah up to?



This is Darragh for sure!



Oh dear, we've got two sets of identical twins, very confusing?



The first term in "Bright Beginnings" went very well, as you know we follow the four themes of Aistear, as well as the Siolta standards, it is designed for use in all early Childhood Care and Education settings including the Home, Crèche, Nursery, Play-schools, Nainorai, and junior infant classes. Early learning and development is presented in four inter -connected themes in Aistear.

1. Well Being
2. Identity and Belonging
3. Communicating
4. Exploring and Thinking

All four themes contain a section which outlines sample Learning Opportunities according to three wide age groups, Babies, Toddlers and Young Children.

Healthy Eating is promoted in our setting so just a reminder to look at healthy options, and we will be doing a Project, so we will be looking for your support. We are also going to promote the Lifelong Readers Programme, we will fill you in on this, at a later date. At the moment we are doing the "All About Me" and we would like any parent who has not brought their sheet /photos back for this, could you do so, as, we are trying to discuss same with children. "Very important to promote their Well-Being and Identity and Belonging .

Thank you all for your continuous support. Your children come first with us, so please let us know if you are concerned about anything, and we will do our best to support you. Hope you all have a very happy time here in the Adult Education Centre, and in "Bright Beginnings".



Happy Halloween! Enjoy your break.
From:



Christmas Newsletter

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