

MAUREEN'S Preschool Christmas News

Maureen, Barbara, Sam and Lyndsey would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas 2016 and a Joyful New Year.



We hope that all of our children in the Preschool have a fantastic holiday and that you all have a wonderful family occasion.

Winter Curriculum

We are currently working on our winter curriculum e.g. stories, festivals, nature, junk art, songs and rhymes. "Gaeilge" continues to feature on the curriculum. We have a new Irish word of the week, concentrating on Christmas words. They also continue to learn numbers, colours and alphabet.

Preparing for Xmas

Proud children after making their Santa handprints (on the left).

Some of the children posting their Preschool letters in Santa's Post Box (on the right).

Our Preschool at Christmas Time



We recently were inspected by the Department of Education to ensure that the Preschool operates at an acceptable standard in terms of support for the childrens' learning and development, the quality of the childrens' learning experiences and achievements and also the quality of management and leadership for learning. Our preschool received all ratings of excellent and very good. The report is available in the Preschool. If you would like a copy please ask me.



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During crafts, the children are preparing Santa Boots, clay decorations (Santa, Rudolf, Christmas Tree and Snowman - see opposite) to hang on their tree (tip - if you store these after Christmas in a warm place they will last for many years). We also made a Christmas tree using the children's handprints



Your child continues to work on their yearly book (filled by now with Halloween and Autumn crafts). Their work now mainly features Winter, They will bring this book home at the end of the Preschool year. 1 of 3 formal observation of your child's development has already been taken. You will have received a copy of this observation. If there is any cause for concern, we will immediately alert you.

Our story time leading up to Christmas will include:
"The Nativity"
"Santa's Suit"
"Santa Needs a Wee"
"Shush Don't Wake the Children".



Our Trip to Santa on December 7th



- Before Christmas we:
- Installed Santa's cameras that he sent to the Preschool. Santa keeps an eye on the camera making sure they are happy
 - Visited Santa and McDonalds
 - Have a disco on 21st
 - Present the children with Santa boots/chocolates



Thank you for your great support for the Team Hope appeal. Our Preschool provided 37 separate Christmas parcels for children in deprived countries.

We fill the Advent Calendar each year with a Golden Chocolate Coin. Each day **one** child receives one as a countdown to Xmas. Every child receives one but must be patient as their turn **WILL** come on one of the days.



Xmas Dates to Note

7th December: Went on Trip to Santa
21st December: Christmas Party/Disco
21st December: Christmas Holiday
9th January: Preschool Reopens

