



Year 2 September Newsletter 2020



Our Class Motto is: "Have a go!"
"Clean Hands are Happy Hands!"
"Bee Wise, Sanitise!"



Welcome!

A very warm welcome back to all our Year 2 children! It has been so lovely to see all our Year 2 children back in school safe and sound.

Please God, the uncertainties related to Covid-19 will settle down soon, as we are all praying for and looking forward to the year ahead, full of exciting learning and fun!

As Year 2 are the older children in our class now, I ask that you talk to your child about the need for a greater **sense of responsibility** that will be asked and expected of them as we progress through the year.

Year 2 Topic Work

- All about Me
- Our Golden Rules
- Getting to know each other
- Our monthly value of 'Kindness'
- Working with Others
- Our Class Routines

Literacy

- Revision of Initial Sounds/Word Building
- Develop Key Words knowledge.
- Developing early reading skills.

Number & Data

Handling

- Counting orally to 20
- Numbers before, after and in between up to 15
- Revising addition
- Read, write and count numbers up to 12.
- Making simple pictograms.

How you can help at home!

* Talk to your child about the meaning of **kindness** - how can we show kindness to our friends and family and teacher.

* Ask your child if they can name any of their new class mates. Tell your child why **their name** was given to them - are they named after a grandparent?, an auntie? etc. This will help with class discussions later.

*Talk to your child about the importance of washing their hands & when to do so, eg; before meals, after they use the toilet, after the blow their nose & talk to your child about sanitising their hands, the importance of flushing the toilet and general good habits of **hygiene**.



Using the Computer

The children have access to the computer / Ipad during our play activities each morning.

If you have a computer at home, encourage your child to use it to play games, find out information or to enhance their learning. There are some really useful websites that provide age appropriate activities for children in early years. Here are a few for you to try:

www.cbeebies.co.uk

www.underfives.co.uk

www.thekidzpage.com

New Drop-Off Routine

Please leave your child off at our pedestrian gate, where Mrs. McGarvey will supervise. Your child will walk around to the mobile, where Mrs Mulryan will take their temperature then on into the cloakroom where Mrs Taggart will direct your child to sanitise their hands, before entering the classroom. Please adhere to these new routines.

SNACK TIME!

Milk or water is available for each child to drink during snack time. Please only send in either fruit OR bread based snack, in a plastic sandwich bag only. Please write child's name on banana skin, orange peel.

No snack pots please.

September Birthdays!



Happy Birthday to **Lucia McKenna** who will be **6** on the 15th and to **Caragh McCarroll** who will be **6** on the 27th of September!



Red Reading Bags

Please place your child's snack inside their red reading bag each morning. This will help develop their organisational skills and will speed up our snack routine. Due to Covid-19 guidelines, we ask that you refrain from sending a school bag/rucksack into school. I understand that, on occasion, your child may need a change of clothes for after-schools. On these occasions, please leave your child's rucksack over in Eskra Playtime in the morning. Thank You.



ONE KIND WORD can change someone's entire day

The Golden Rule

